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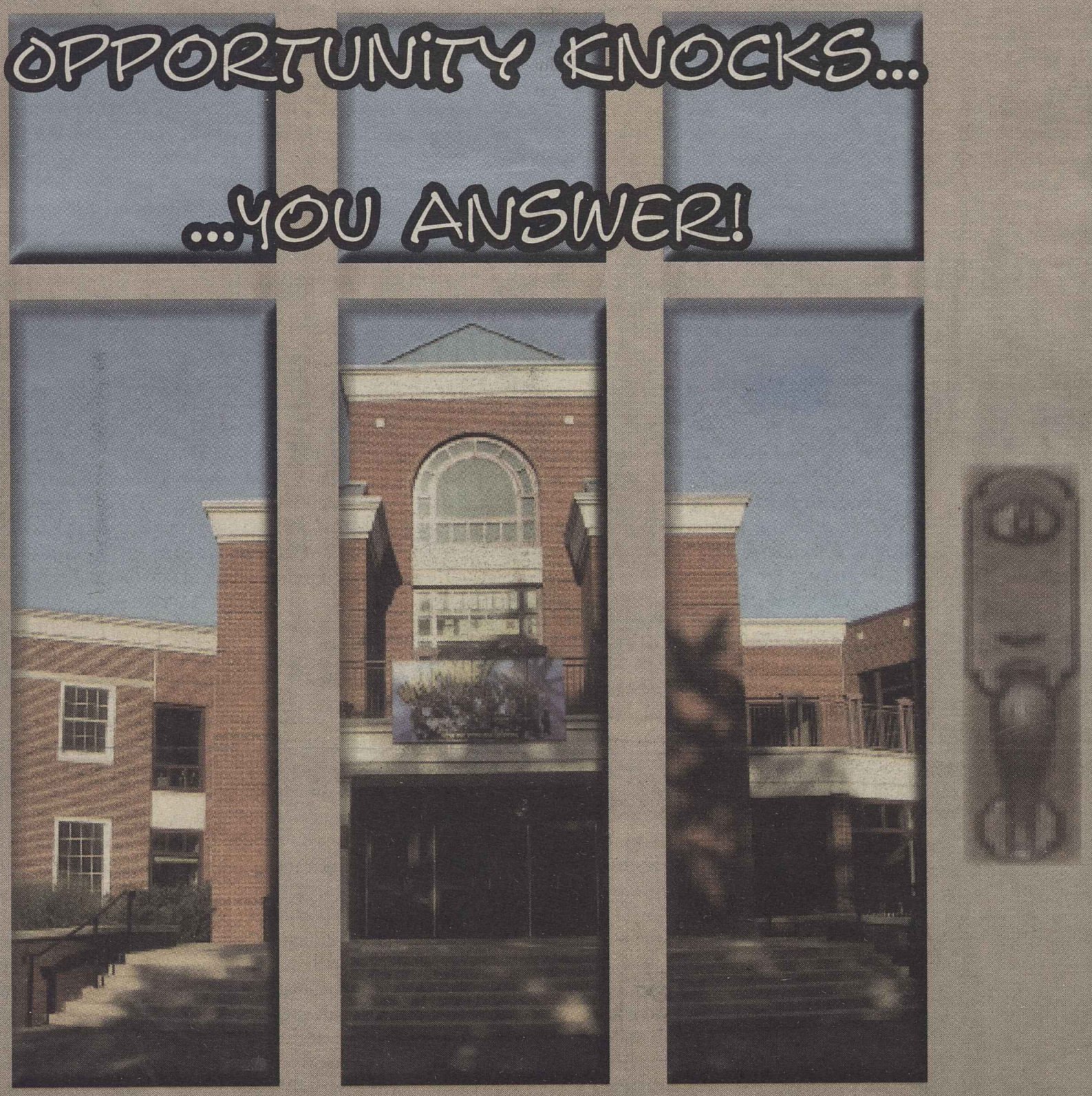

Class of 2012 arrives to open arms, eager Peer Mentors

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Not long ago, all of us were in your shoes. It's orientation time, and all 517 first-years are acquainting themselves with the E-town way and leaving their old lives behind. It's a unique time because opportunity knocked and you, the first-years, are answering by hitting E-town with full force and fresh blood. It's an important time, since it is not only the Peer Mentors' responsibility, but everybody's opportunity, to help your transition go smoothly as we welcome you with open arms.

During orientation and throughout the fall, the first-year class is split into groups of 15 or 16 with the guidance of two or three Peer Mentors and a first-year advisor. Your first few weeks here are spent getting to know the rest of your peer group. As Peer Mentors, we show you what opportunities are available to match your individual interests.

"It's great to be part of a program that has so much of an impact on first-year students," Hope Salisbury, a new Peer Mentor, said. "It's nice to know that we're helping them feel comfortable and get situated."

As Peer Mentors, it is our hope that everyone on campus understands our role and appreciates our desire to help you adjust to the college life successfully. Our orientation program is designed to give you a taste of college life through events hosted by Student Senate, SWEET, the Chaplain's Office, the Campus Residence Association

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Career selection leaves room for experimentation

Jane K. Nini
Director of Career Services

It happens to most high school graduates. After learning what colleges you are considering, someone asks you the question, "What do you plan on majoring in?" For some students, the single worst question could be, "So what career do you plan on pursuing?" For crying out loud! You've just finished high school; can you really be expected to plan your entire life?

Not to worry. Take a deep breath and relax. You do not have to plan for the rest of your life. You probably won't be stuck in the same job forever, so consider a few facts. Linda Tobash in E-Journal USA states, "Nearly two-thirds of undergraduate students in the United States change majors before graduating and might consider up to four or five majors before finally deciding on one," (*www.usinfo.state.gov/journals*). American workers average three to five careers (not just jobs) in their life, and some statistics indicate that young adults will have nine jobs by the time they reach the age of 32 (U.S. Department of Labor, *www.NACEWEB.org*).

Before the whole process of career development becomes overwhelming, remind yourself that you don't have to declare a major right away. If you have a specific major in mind, talk to your advisor to make sure you are taking the right classes to finish on time. There are some careers that require a specific major such as teaching, occupational therapy, engineering and social work. However, not all majors and career fields are that clear cut, so think about your major as one aspect of your career preparation.

To fully describe major selection and the career development process would take a book, so this article will focus on giving you some starting steps.

To explore a major start by using your core classes to discover several areas of interest. When you find courses that you really enjoy, talk to faculty in that major. Ask them what the courses are like, what types of challenges students face and what strengths help them become successful. Talk with upperclass students and find out what factors made them select this major. Can you relate to the reasons for their decision? If there is a student club connected to the major you are considering, start attending meetings. This will be a great way to hear about the major and career field in more detail. Explore what alumni in this major are doing. Alumni Relations has developed a list of alumni who are willing to talk with you. Career Services can provide you with the contact information. Finally, look at the major exploration information found on the Career Services web site, *www2.etown.edu/career*.

But deciding on a major does not determine your career. Deciding on a career field generally involves several key components – your interests or passions, your life values and your strengths. Start by thinking about the jobs you have had, your accomplishments, volunteer experiences and your interest areas. Do you notice any recurring themes? What types of activities do you like and dislike? Are there any jobs that you had heard about that really fascinate you? Think about what you would do if you didn't have to work. Taking a career inventory (available in Career Services) can also give you helpful information about your interests and the work world. Once you have an idea of your interests, skills and values, you will want to research options in the work world that allow you to be true to yourself. Perfect jobs do not exist, but spending some time reflecting on what you truly want in a career (and your life) will pay off big dividends in job satisfaction.

Once you have identified a tentative career direction, get experience either through a summer or part-time job, volunteer experience, internship or research opportunity. Additionally, get deeply involved in key student activities that reflect your interests. This involvement will help you build your resume and/or prepare you for graduate school. Begin to network with individuals in your area of interest. Connecting with others in your career field will a tremendous benefit to your career development. Finally, learn the skills needed to conduct your job search. Start recording activities and accomplishments throughout your education so that you will be ready to write your resume or prepare for interviews.

Your career development is dynamic. Expect changes, so make a lifelong habit of professional development and personal reflection to help you thrive.

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Residence Life plans for new academic year

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Welcome back to campus! While the summer months provide us in the Office of Residence Life with some time to prepare for the upcoming year, the campus is not the same without the energy and excitement of our students!

Throughout the year we are going to be looking for your input about future residential facilities and renovations. In September, we will have an architectural consultant, Tom Hier, on campus meeting with students, faculty and staff to talk about what we need and want from our residential facilities.

I hope that many of you will participate in this process. Keep checking Campus News or talk to your RA to get more information about how you can participate.

We have a great group of RAs this year. They returned early to campus for training in August and have been working hard to plan for an exciting year. I have enjoyed getting to know all of them and seeing them work together as a team.

We are planning opportunities for our residential students including screening the presidential debates, Battle of the Buildings and a trip to hear Doris Kearns Goodwin and David McCullough speak about the upcoming presidential election.

We have two new professional staff members to welcome to our office and to the campus, Mario Rapetti and Patrick Dronek. Rapetti is serving as the assistant director of Residence Life. He received a B.S. in Biology from Ramapo College and an M.A. in Student Affairs Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has worked as a residence hall director at Stony Brook State University and as an area coordinator at Appalachian State and Illinois State Universities. Most recently, he served as a residence director for Semester at Sea, during which time he traveled around the world.

We are also very pleased to welcome Patrick Dronek to Etown as the area coordinator for Brinser, the Vera Hackman Apartments and the Schreiber Quadrangle. He received a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Tampa and has most recently been working as a residence director for Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado.

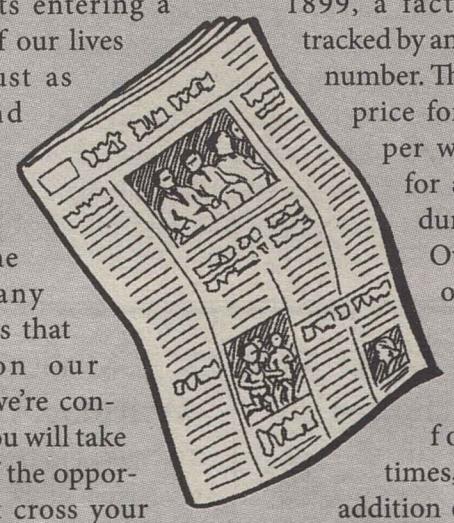
Etownian Editors welcome class of 2012

Letter from the Editors

Can you believe it? This day of new beginnings is finally here! We're sure that while you may be apprehensive, you're equally as excited to become a member of the Elizabethtown College Community. We at the Etownian, Elizabethtown College's Student Newspaper, would like to extend our warmest welcome and assure you that you've made a great decision by choosing Elizabethtown.

The talented and accomplished student body of Elizabethtown is a reflection of the superior opportunities available to you as you enter this College.

Not long ago, we were first-year students entering a new phase of our lives and were just as anxious and excited as you must be. We have answered the calls of many opportunities that knocked on our doors, and we're confident that you will take advantage of the opportunities that cross your path. You will be surprised at how many chances you will have to excel and at the personal growth you will experience over the next four years.



The Etownian was formed when the College opened in 1899, a fact that can be tracked by an issue's volume number. The subscription price for the newspaper was one dollar for an entire year during the 1950s. Over the course of many years, the Etownian has changed shape and form many times, including the addition of color in the late 1990s. We at the Etownian believe in free speech and want to provide information in a clear and unbiased way. If any member of the College Community wishes to contribute to the paper, we encourage you to send letters to the Etownian, attend a brainstorm session held in the Tower Room in the BSC every Monday at 4 p.m., become a staff writer or apply for positions, all of which you can do by sending an e-mail to *editor@etown.edu*.

Again, we want to welcome you to Elizabethtown College, and we want to encourage you to try new things and take advantage of the opportunities that knock on your door. We promise you won't regret it!

Jen, Shaleen & Jamie
Your Editors

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Peer Mentors extend greetings to first-years

and the Office of Student Activities, among others.

Some of the main orientation activities include the Root Beer Luau, Campaign and, of course, the First-Year Walk.

The First-Year Walk is an E-town tradition run by Student Senate, during which first-year students have an opportunity to get to know their peers and the community.

Local business owners publicize their businesses and provide water with a sip of encouragement. Senior Senators and Peer Mentors cheer on the new members of the E-town family from the sidelines.

Ultimately, the Peer Mentors want to be a support system, not just an avenue for activities.

"We have a ton of fun, but we're serious about the responsibility we've been given," Matt Torresani, junior Peer Mentor, said. "It's good for the parents to know that they've left their kids in capable hands."

The program has been in existence for a number of years and continues to develop as each set of new Peer Mentors is chosen.

"I've been lucky enough to be a Peer Mentor for three years, and I've seen it grow into an incredible program with so much potential for helping future first-years," Kristi Warner, senior Peer Mentor Trainer, said.

"It's such a great opportunity to know that we have a key role in the first-year students' transition to college, especially since we've gone through the same thing and have learned by experience."

The group as a whole has been anxiously anticipating your arrival.

"Orientation is so fun; I love it!" Amanda Calabrese, first-year Peer Mentor said. "I'm really excited about everything that's going to happen over the next couple of days!"

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Various student groups enhance opportunity

Toni M. Kupchella
Director of Student Activities and Campus Center

Welcome to Elizabethtown College! We at the Office of Student Activities encourage all students to explore this academic, residential and social community and to get involved in shaping what will most likely be an amazing four years.

Your opportunities to get involved are so varied that you will have no trouble finding activities that fit your level of involvement. So, whether you want to commit 10 hours a week or 10 hours a month to being involved in the campus community, you'll have the opportunity to find your niche at Elizabethtown College.

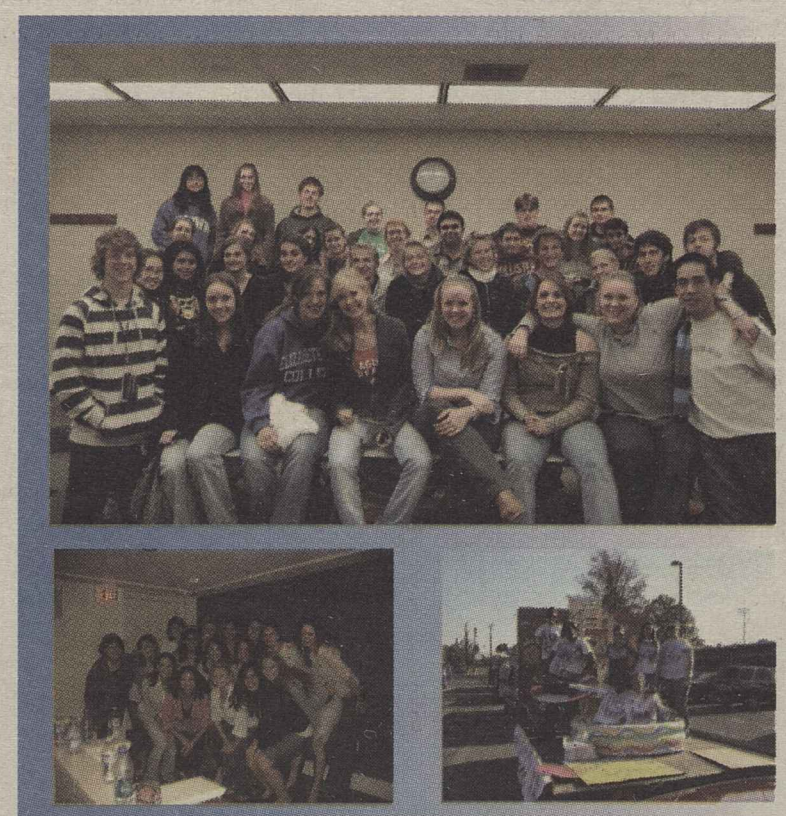
Among the best ways to get involved is through joining a student group. Etown has approximately 70 student groups, ranging from academic groups to programming groups to performance groups.

Your first opportunity to see the majority of these groups will be at the Student Involvement Fair on Tuesday, September 2nd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Brinser Field. This will be your "one stop shop" to meet the members of these groups as well as to be introduced to their diverse missions and expectations of membership.

Students can enhance their contribution to the community by developing their leadership skills while exploring the themes of life meaning, ethics, spirituality, vocation and life choices in the Called to Lead program.

This à la carte program created by the Chaplain's Office and the Office of Student Activities allows students to take their involvement to the next level and work toward certification in Called to Lead: Life Choices, Spirituality and Leadership.

Elizabethtown College offers many outlets for your creativity, time and talents. Where we are today is the direct result of the students who came before you; so where would you like us to be in four years? The Office of Student Activities welcomes you to this community and hopes that you get actively involved.



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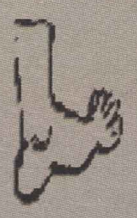

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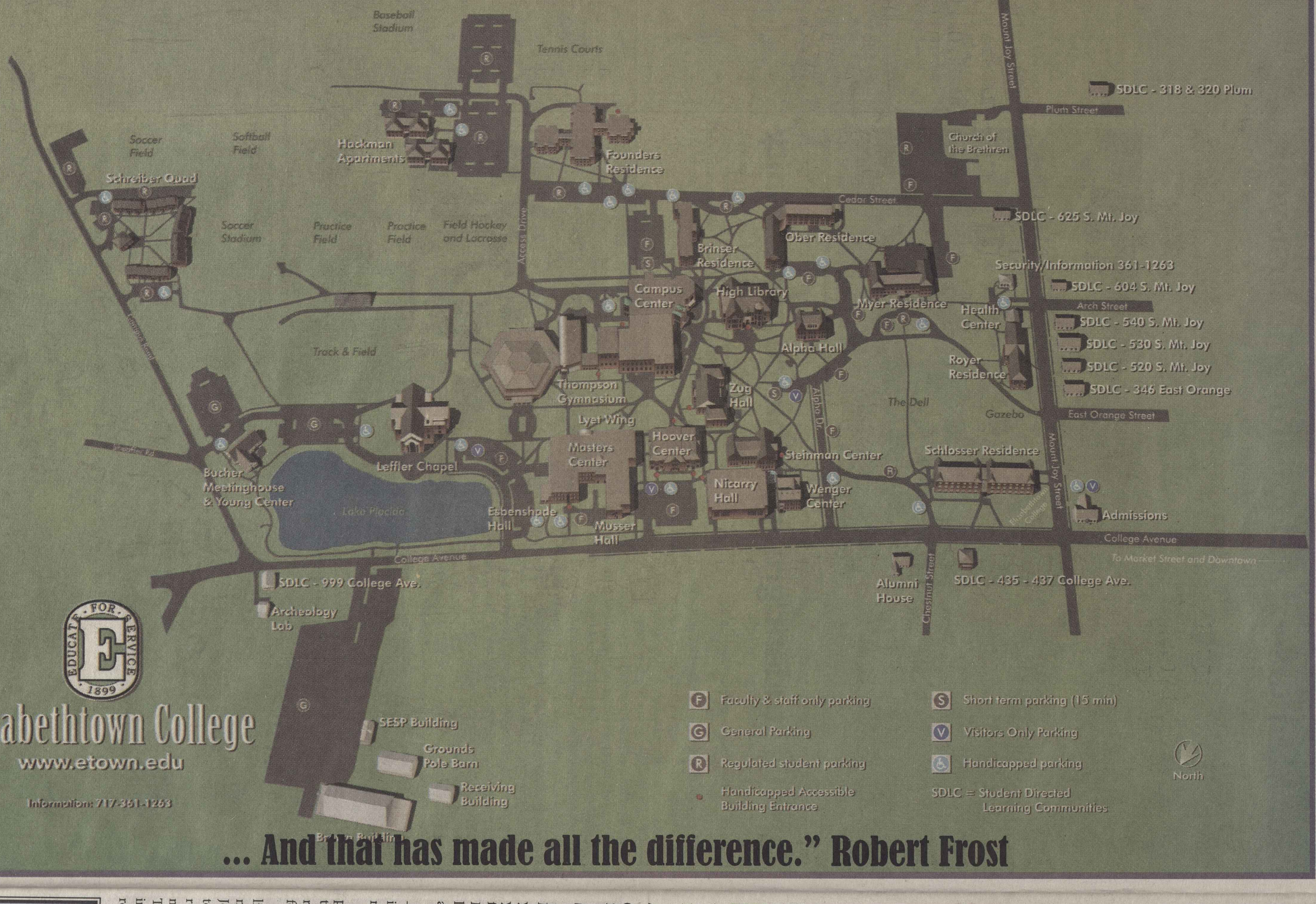

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First-year Induction, Convocation welcome class of 2012

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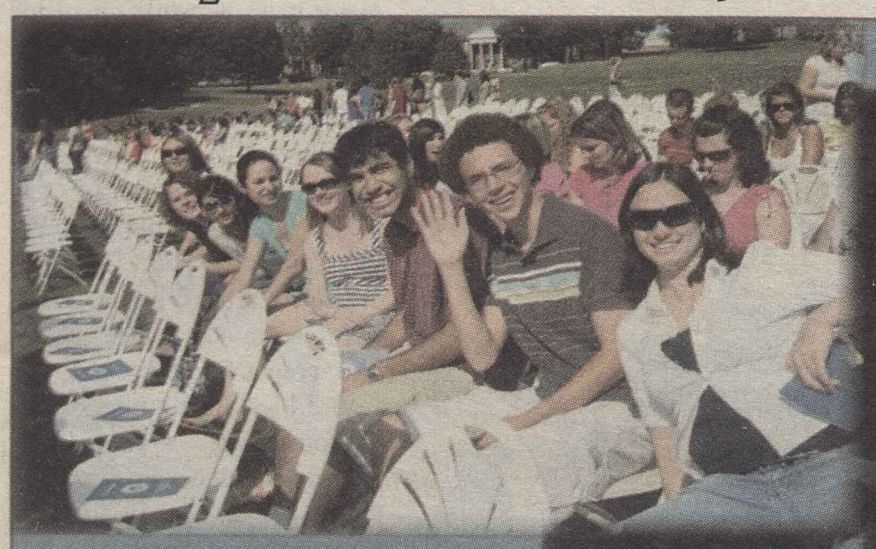

Above: Peer Group HD gets ready for Convocation, the official start of the academic year. College scholars as well as promoted and tenured professors are honored at this ceremony.

Right: The class of 2012 awaits their induction into Elizabethtown College.

in the nation

Amethyst Initiative argues for lowered drinking age

Craig H. Meaney
Staff Writer

The minute you turn 18, you can venture to the local gas station to buy scratch-off lottery tickets or Marlboro cigarettes. Once you're 18, you can exercise your right to vote for the politician that best represents your beliefs and interests. Certified as "adult," you can fight and die in a war and "get served" with jury duty. Many 18-year-olds transition from high school to college, where they are given new responsibilities, freedoms and privileges.

Here at Elizabethtown — and throughout the nation — young and aspiring college students are welcomed into adulthood with open arms, but told that they are not yet mature enough to drink alcohol.

Enacted in July 2008, the Amethyst Initiative is comprised of 129 college presidents and chancellors lobbying to re-evaluate the current drinking age. President Long has recently joined this initiative, and in doing so, is speaking for many of the students here at Elizabethtown.

The Amethyst Initiative was spurred by the Annapolis group, a meeting of 120 liberal arts colleges. At the meeting, President Emeritus of Middleburg College John McCardell presented his view of the drinking age to associates. Discovering their little-known desire to revive the drinking age debate, the presidents at the meeting decided to raise awareness and take charge. Their primary goal is to prevent dangerous binge drinking on and off college campuses and teach youth what responsible drinking really is.

Controversial to a tee, the prohibition-old debate has spilled over in high schools, conferences and even here at Elizabethtown.

"My view is that if you're allowed to serve your country in the military, you should be allowed to have a drink," Matthew Freedman, a first-year student, argued. "Being 21 or not being 21 does not stop most people from drinking."

Sara Richards-Oliver, Area Coordinator for the dorms Ober, Myer and Schlosser, has dealt with alcohol-related issues throughout her career. When approached with the idea of lowering the drinking age, she offered her thoughts.

"It is hard to control alcohol on campus. Potentially, lowering the drinking age could make it more difficult to intervene when a student has an issue with alcohol," Richards-Oliver said.

Increased amounts of alcohol on college campuses may prevent counselors and other officials from reaching those students with addiction issues.

According to Richards-Oliver, the positive aspects of a lower drinking age on campus are evident.

"Lowering the drinking age would allow Resident Assistants and concerned parties to discuss responsible drinking with minors without advocating the underage use of alcohol," she said. With the ability to inform students on responsible drinking, figures around campus may be given the opportunity to teach moderation instead of using scare tactics to prevent abuse.

Given the negative and positive effects that changing the drinking age may have on residential life here at Etown, there still remains a number of hurdles for those in support of the Amethyst Initiative.

The National Minimum Drinking Act, passed by congress in 1984, has prevented further debate about the impact of the drinking age. The act provides a ten percent reduction in federal funding for highways and roads for those states that set their drinking age below 21, which further reduces ambition to debate the drinking age among elected officials. The Amethyst Initiative is lobbying to re-evaluate the validity of this act, and asks us to examine the cost of silence.

Aside from the National Minimum Drinking Act, organizations such as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) are standing in the way of the Amethyst Initiative and argue that the 21 Minimum Legal Drinking Age has saved an "estimated 25,000 lives." MADD believes that lowering the drinking age would increase the number of alcohol related automobile accidents and deaths.

The result of a lower drinking age is largely speculative. Some believe that reducing the age would revoke part of the desire for under-aged students to drink excessively; while alcohol may be a forbidden fruit for some, it may be an escape from reality for others. This idea manifests itself in cultures throughout the world, where drinking age varies.

With the help of President Long and many others, the Amethyst Initiative will continue to accumulate signatories and present its views, which embody moderation, invention and collective debate.

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Peer Mentors and RAs help first-years adjust to Etown.

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news in brief

Polls received during the end of August portray voters hesitant to commit to Obama's campaign. Media and voters alike are speculating why.

Inconsistency within Obama's foreign policies may be part of the reason why so many Americans will not consign to his cause. Obama supports diplomacy with China, Russia and Europe, and has shown inconsistent thoughts on the events within Iran and Iraq.

As political stepping stones are turned, Obama's fate will be determined.

A new statute to take measurements of weight and body mass index (BMI) is soon to be in place in New York. A mandatory health certificate will require all students to be measured in order to attend school.

New York schools are instituting the measurements with hopes that BMI reporting will also one day occur in Arkansas, Texas, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and a number of other states.

The statistics are confidential, and professionals believe that will play a major role as educators promote healthy minds as well as healthy bodies.

An elephant at Ueno Zoo in Tokyo has put her elaborate memory to the test, scoring 87 percent on a math test.

The elephant was observed by behavioral psychologist Naoko Irie, as it watched apples being dropped into buckets, choosing the one with the greatest amount afterwards.

A series of arithmetic tests followed, eventually concluding that a number of elephants retained the ability to compare numbers as close as five and six.

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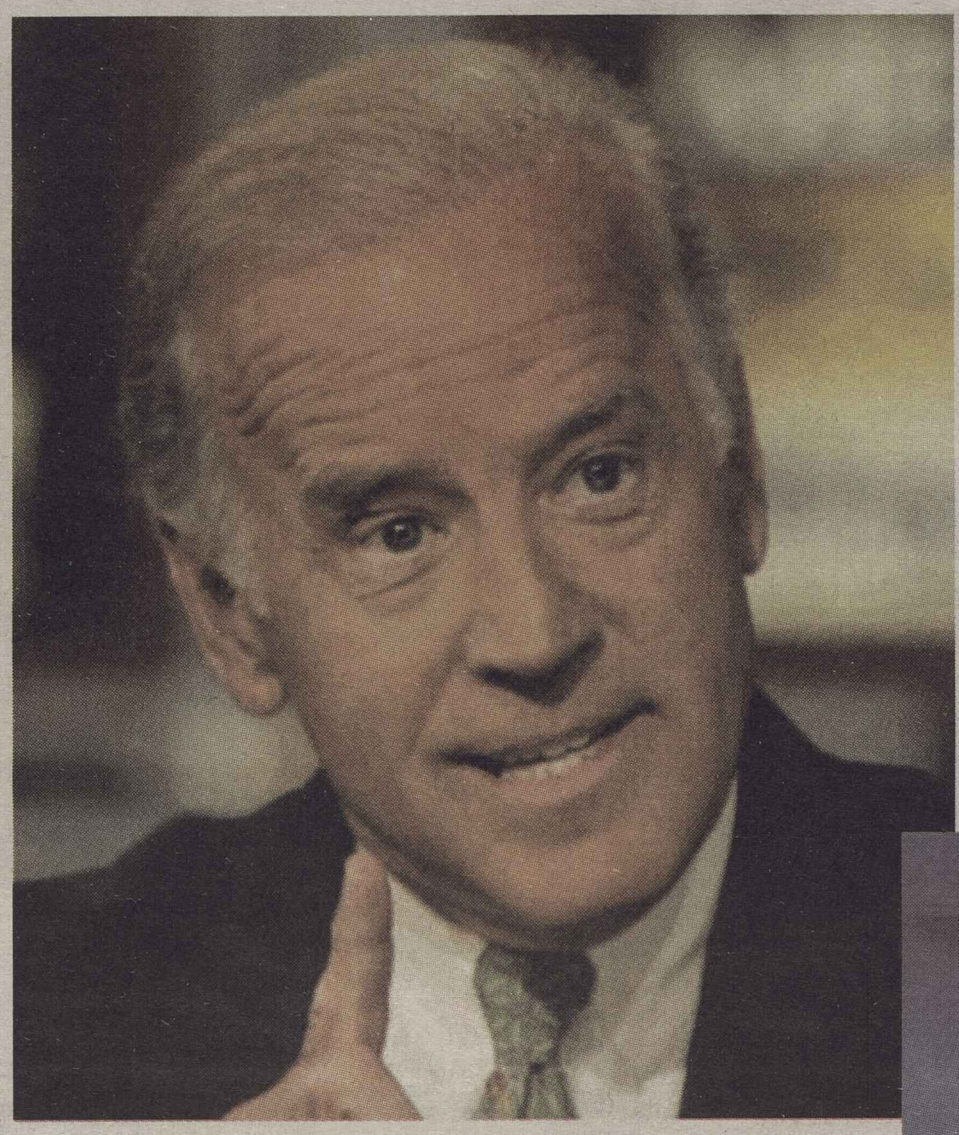
in the nation

Biden, Palin chosen as 2008 VP candidates

Jameson C. Rohrer
Staff Writer

Senator John McCain announced his vice presidential candidate Friday, completing the Republican ticket. He chose Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska and mother of five, to counter Obama's August 23 pick of Delaware's Senator Joe Biden.

Palin, 40, defines herself as a family woman and, much like McCain, a bipartisan reformer. Only two years into her term, Palin removed networks of corruption and misappropriation, much of it among her own party. However, rumors of scandal and nepotism have recently surfaced: a legal but allegedly unfounded firing of her Public Safety Commissioner.



Eight years after placing second in the 1984 Miss Alaska pageant, Palin began her political career on the city council of Wasilla, Alaska, population 8,000. In 1996 she became mayor and immediately targeted waste and vice within her government.

Contrastingly, Biden represents a significant resource of both domestic and international experience. Biden became a senator at age 30, the minimum age required by law, and was the fifth-youngest senator in US history. Currently, he is serving his sixth consecutive term and chairs the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Born in Scranton, Pa., the senator stands as an outspoken opponent of the Iraq War (despite initially voting for it) and has demonstrated significant interest in foreign policy, crime prevention and civil liberties.

Originally a presidential candidate in this election, Biden's speech at the Democratic National Convention stressed extreme faith in the potential of his running-mate. He dedicated his first words at the DNC to his family, to the Clintons, to the troops and to his state. Biden pledged his attention "to every American that is trying to do the right thing," promising to actively fight poverty and to share "the dignity of work."

Palin and Biden alike have been considered a long shot both by lead political analysts and by online gambling sites (such as Ladbrokes and Paddy Power), their odds of selection standing at 8:1. The highest-profile Democratic VP candidates (Evan Bayh, Tim Kaine and Kathleen Sebelius) and Republicans (Mitt Romney and Tim Pawlenty) were all governors with reliable reputations in swing states.

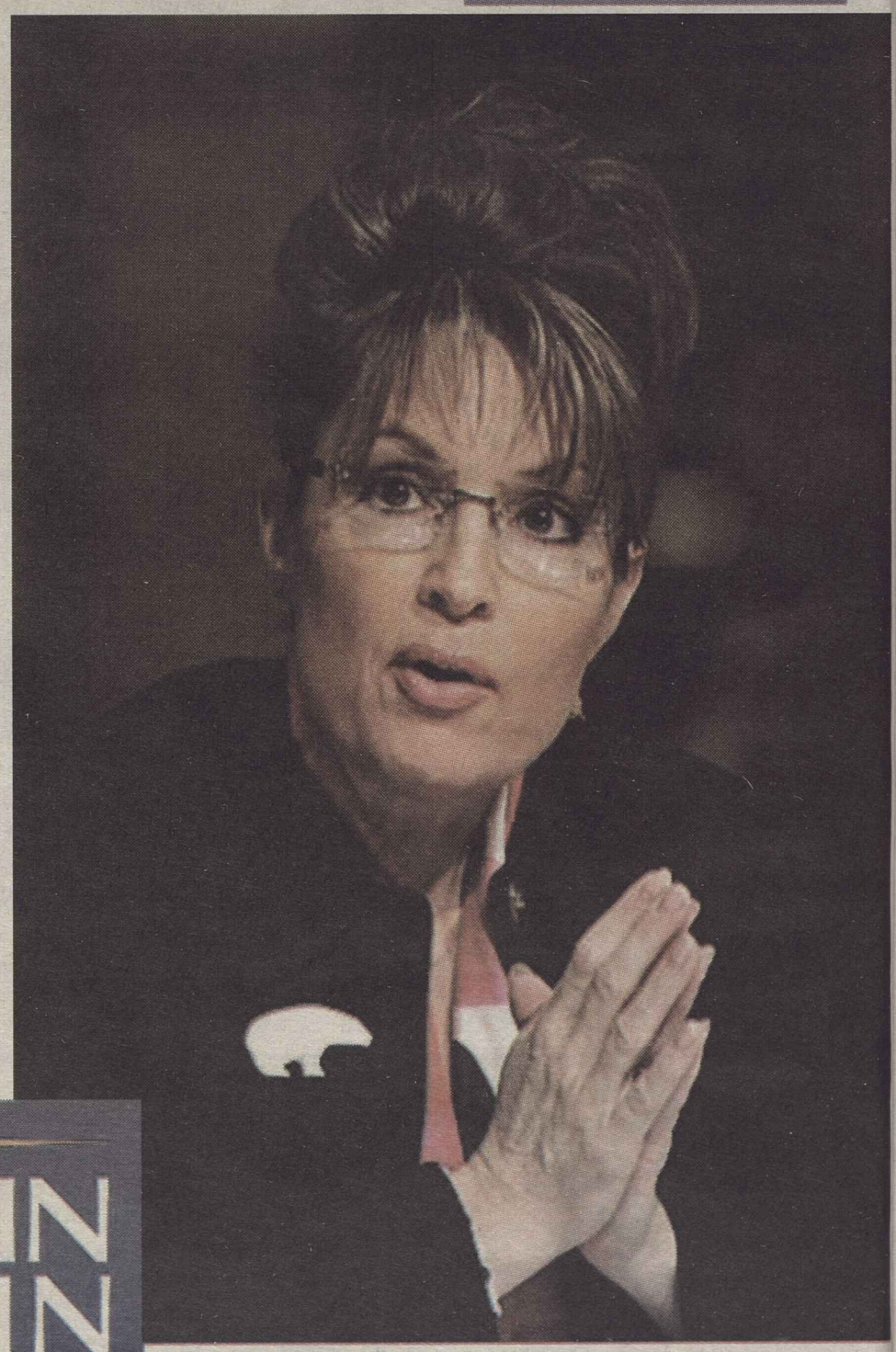
By selecting partners representative of electorally insignificant states, Obama and McCain sought to shore up perceived campaign weaknesses and to galvanize the fundamental bases of their respective parties.

News of McCain's choice escaped several hours early when a chartered Alaskan flight landed in Dayton. Palin, along with members of her family, was spotted on the tarmac several thousand miles away from her state.

The GOP, aided by at least one major news network, circulated stories placing her both back in Alaska and at the "unveiling" of the 49th state quarter. Senior Republican officials confirmed McCain's choice later that morning.

The announcement of Palin's candidacy came less than 24 hours after Obama's DNC nomination acceptance speech. The acceptance, which reached a record-breaking number of 38.4 million viewers, was immediately buried on most news networks by stories of the Alaskan governor both present and past.

A CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll maintained that "the race for the White House remains even" and that the selection of Palin effectively neutralized any spike of public opinion after the convention.



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on campus

Res Life bans hallway drying racks, creates new housing

Rachel L. Jesten
Staff Writer

The hallways are abuzz with talk of changes from Residence Life. While some incoming students are unaware of these adjustments, many of them are feeling the effects.

To accommodate more students using the limited amount of space available, Schlosser has instituted two-room triples – one for three beds and dressers, and one for desks.

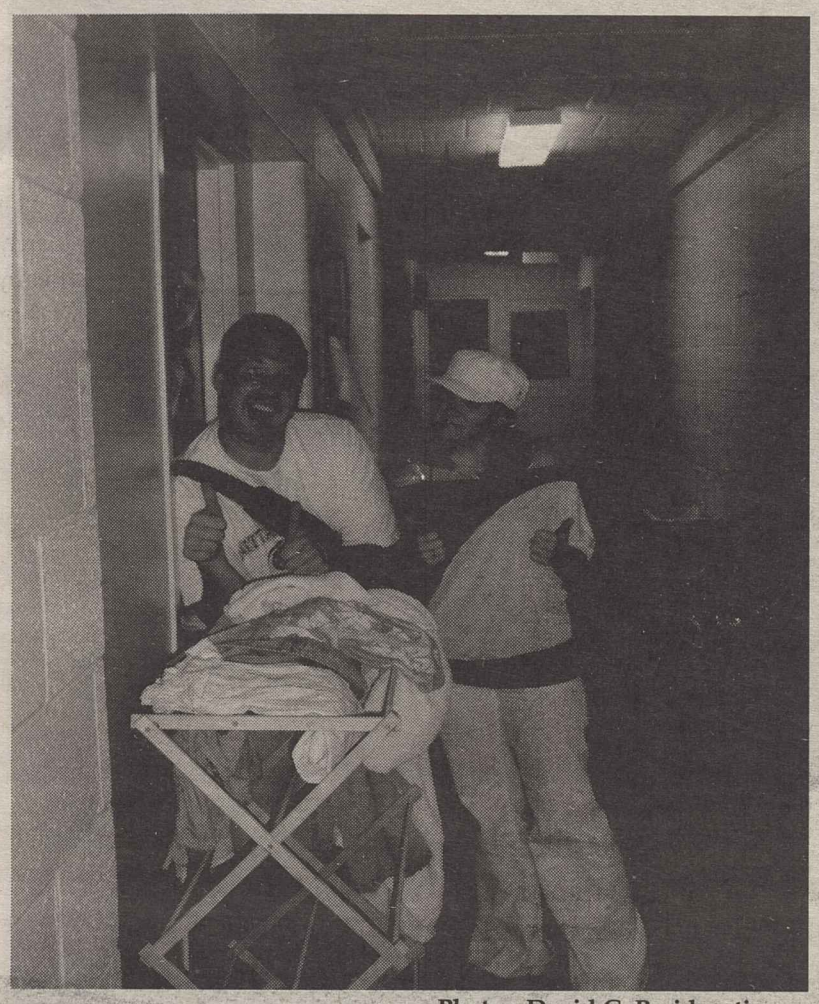
"For people to live in the dorms, [they] need to have windows in case of a fire," Allison Bridgeman, director of Residence Life, said. "The study room is very good because the kids can get away from roommates, and they have more place to put their stuff."

But for some students, calling the extra room a private study doesn't make it more convenient.

"I would like to be in a double because it is smaller and I can't study in the study room," first-year Kristen Chaney said.

Others, like first-year Autumn Phillips, have adapted more favorably.

"I like having a study," she said. "We made our second room into a living room – our TV and futon are in there; it's nice."



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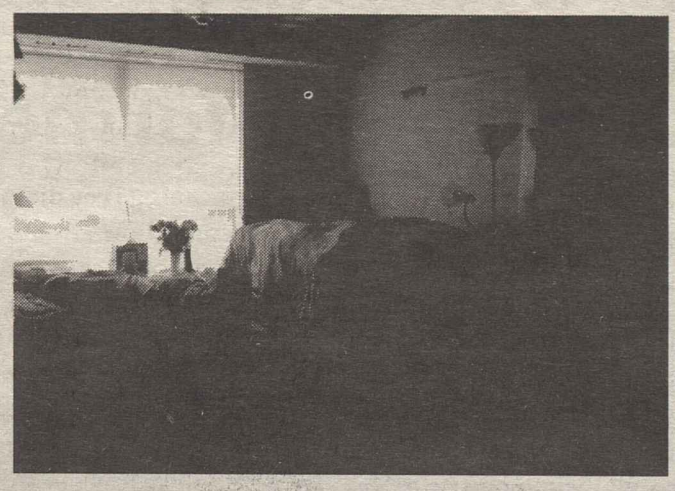
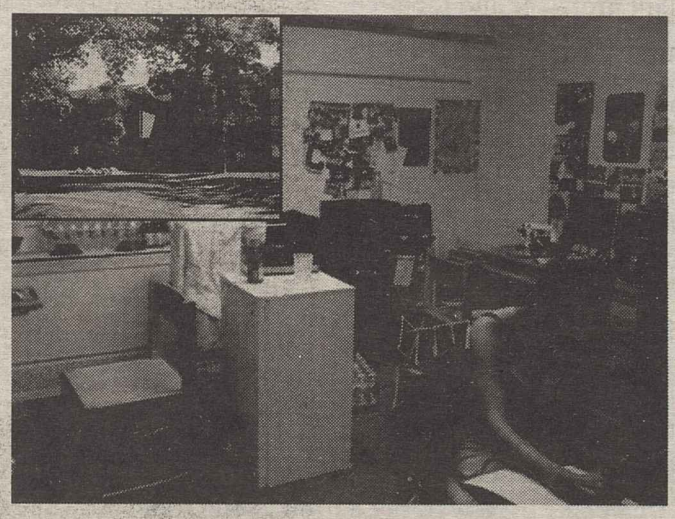


Students are forced to contend with additionally cramped living arrangements due to the new drying rack regulation.



Also new to campus housing this fall is a ban on drying racks stationed in hallways.

"In case of a fire, the student would not be able to leave as fast with racks in the way," Bridgeman said. There were also complaints of racks being tampered with and of clothing that seemingly disappeared.

While most students understand the new safety regulation, it still does create a minor inconvenience.

"There's no space in the middle of the room for three drying racks," first-year student Rachael Thorn said.

Others have adjusted to the change by sharing racks or buying special racks that will hang on the door.

Though the new policies have created a hiccup in the lives of some students, Bridgeman assures the campus community that no unnecessary measures will ever be taken.

"The rules changed because of the fire code," she said. "There will not be many dramatic changes [in the future], only ones that will improve the safety of students."

on campus

Academic year kicks off

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

The first recorded Convocation at Elizabethtown was back in the early 1900s, when *The Etownian* was *Our College Times* and Ober, Myer and Schlosser were professors, not dorms. It was before the first telephone was installed on campus and when tuition was $1 per week, per course. Since then, the College has made great strides, academically and monetarily, and thus the annual Convocation has also benefited.

This year the Convocation began with a processional including the college scholars (juniors and seniors maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA) and faculty.

"I was kind of surprised actually," Mike Azzalina, one of the scholars congratulated at Convocation, said. "I didn't know the requirements, but it's an honor to be recognized."

There were also many influential speeches by alumni, faculty and President Long. Long, who is in his thirteenth year as president at Elizabethtown, was ecstatic at how well Convocation carried out.

"I was astonished by the amount of scholars and the great academic achievements they displayed. In fact, some teachers are worried about the sudden grade inflation," President Long said after Convocation. He has also been very happy with the new class and the year so far.

"We've had a great start. The students are showing great spirit and energy, and we have a great quality faculty and student body here," he said.

The Convocation was not only a big welcome mat for the incoming first-year students or a congratulatory assembly for the scholars, but it was also a time to recognize all the faculty members who were promoted over the summer. There were many newly tenured teachers, and some were promoted to the professor or associate professor positions.

"Our teachers give everyone a first class education. [They] are experts, are highly talented and really put their heart and soul into their work, displaying their Etown ethics," President Long said about his staff. Following the Convocation was a campus-wide picnic in the Dell, catered by Dining Services. It was also a time for the scholars, their parents and friends to congratulate one another and look forward to the year ahead, as well as a time for first-years to meet new classmates.

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new faculty preview

Bio dept. welcomes former adjunct Dr. David Bowne

Rachel A. Marsteller
Features Editor

As the year begins, the Elizabethtown College community welcomes both new students and new faculty. This year there are quite a few new additions to the faculty and staff to welcome. These highly accomplished individuals will only add to the valuable learning experience by bringing their expertise to the students of the college.

Dr. David Bowne, who was previously an adjunct professor, is now the assistant professor of biology. He was a visiting assistant professor and research associate at Franklin and Marshall College located in Lancaster, Pa. and University of Richmond, Virginia for the past four years.

"Securing a tenure-track position at a great college like Elizabethtown is a two-way street – the College picked me as much or more as it was me picking the college", Bowne said about his recent offer to join the biology department here. "Since I previously taught as an adjunct here, I knew first-hand of the close relationship between faculty and students in the biology department, and that's an atmosphere that I wanted to join."

Bowne holds a bachelor's degree in natural resource management from Rutgers University in New Jersey, a master's degree in conservation ecology and sustainable development from the University of Georgia and a doctorate in environmental sciences with a concentration in ecology, from the University of Virginia.

Bowne has quite a few research projects in the works. Currently he is working to apply the ecological theory of the insurgency in Iraq to measure the progress of the war. As demonstrated, it is becoming increasingly difficult to measure the progress in Iraq.

"People in the military, government, media and academia have devised various metrics as a means to measure progress. Almost all of these metrics were aspatial, meaning they did not take into account how circumstances varied geographically over Iraq … I decided to develop a simple metric that incorporated the spatial and temporal dimensions," Bowne said.

This metric is based off of an ecological theory known as metapopulation. His research was published in "Defense and Security Analysis", an international defense journal. Bowne is looking for undergraduate researchers to help update and refine his analysis of the situation in Iraq.

One of his longest ongoing projects, which is now in its 10th year, is looking at the spatial population of the eastern painted turtle in Northern Virginia. For the past 10 years, he spent the first week of June studying the turtles.

"Turtles live a very long time, which necessitates studying them for a long time," Bowne said.

All of these projects are ongoing and still need further research. Bowne is always looking to students for help him with his research and conducting some research of their own. Please contact him if you are interested in any of his projects.

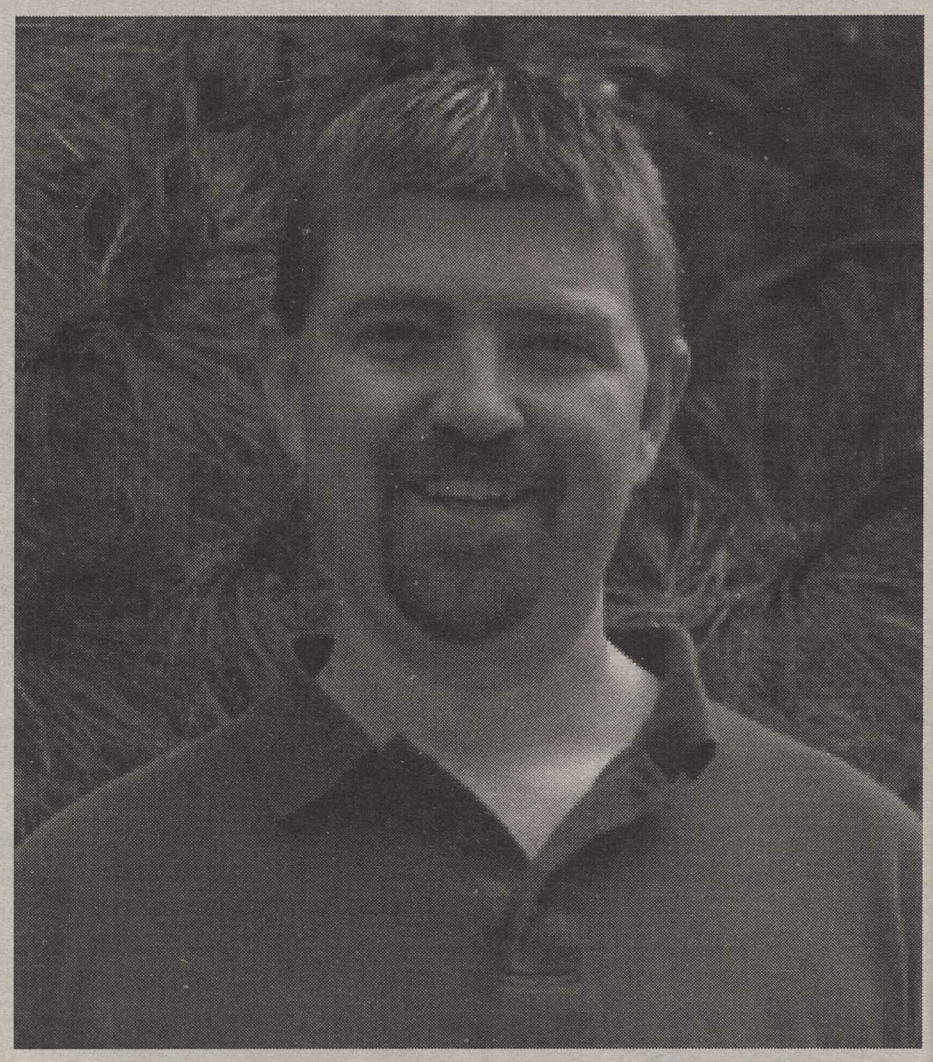


Photo: Campus News
Dr. David Bowne has become the assistant professor of biology.

He is currently teaching Introduction to Biology and General Ecology Lecture and Lab. In the spring, he will be teaching a Living in the Environment course.

"My approach to education is very interdisciplinary", he said, "I love to think about connections between different disciplines and how we can learn from each other. And so while I am very much a biologist, I hope to work with students and faculty in other disciplines on projects of mutual interest. Any student is always welcome to stop by my office for a chat."

If anyone is interested in Bowne's research, please contact Bowne.

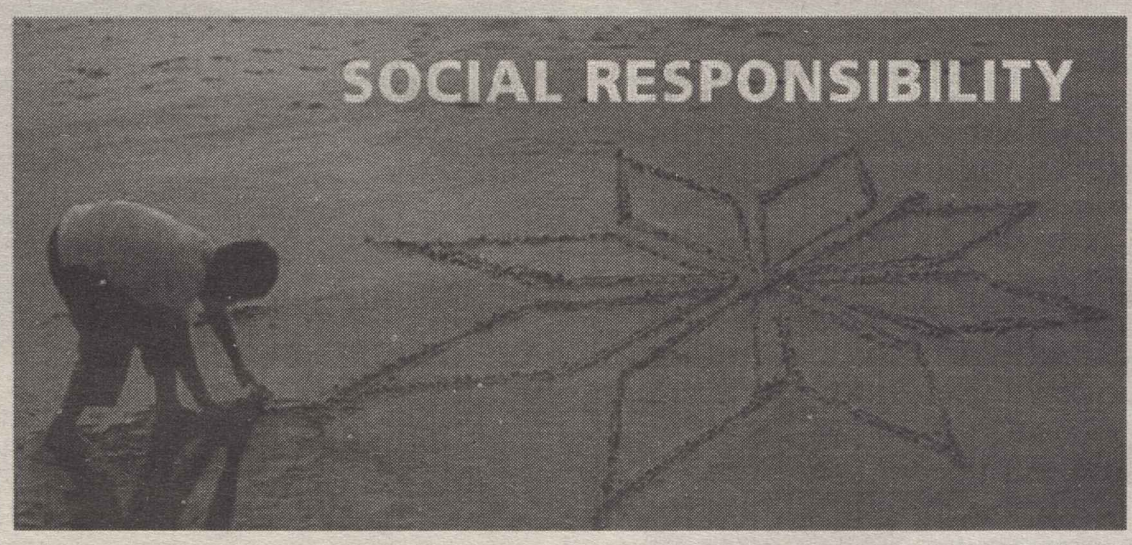
faculty news

Dr. Ciocirlan publishes article, other works in progress

Alysa D. Poindexter
Staff Writer

Inspired by the existing Family Business Center here at Elizabethtown College and a pre-existing interest in social responsibility since she was a PhD student, Dr. Cristina Ciocirlan has had her article, titled "Analyzing the Social Responsibility of Small, Family-Owned Businesses," published in the "Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship".

Ciocirlan is the assistant professor of management in the business department at Etown with a B.A. in marketing from Babes-Bolyai University in Romania, an M.A. in economics from Central European University and a Ph.D. in public administration from Penn State Harrisburg.



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Her third work to be published in a journal, Ciocirlan says "it feels great to have my work make it to publication."

Her other works include a co-authored publication on Climate Policy published in the "European Journal of Law and Economics", which was a part of her dissertation and a publication in the "Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis" (JCPA) on renewable energy.

The article itself expands on the ideas of Social Responsibility (SR) among small family-owned businesses. SR is the notion that every business should have "an obligation to society beyond what is required by law," Ciocirlan said.

For example, many of these businesses go above and beyond law requirements by doing things such as donating to charities and giving to public schools.

It also examines existing literature other researchers have written and it also looks at gaps in research where SR is not studied enough.

According to Ciocirlan, these gaps in research raise questions as to why some businesses "fail to engage in social responsibility." She asks, "What can the government do to stimulate social responsibility?"

Research fails to show other factors of SR such as employee satisfaction in a SR environment or vice versa. Ciocirlan says there seems to be a "geographical bias" in the research, as there isn't too much research available here in the U.S., but plenty has been done in Europe and other countries.

When it comes to actual research, Ciocirlan says with a laugh, "women are more interested in such topics than men." There are many theories floating around about the lack of SR, and hopefully one day the current gaps in literature and other research will be resolved.

In order for Ciocirlan to have her article published, she went through a specific process of submission. She sent her work to the editor and the editor subsequently gave it to blind reviewers who looked at her work without any background knowledge on her. They then made suggestions and small changes on format and font. Once she resubmitted her article with the corrections, it wasn't long before she found out it had, in fact, been approved.

In comparison with other articles she has published, publication occurred very swiftly; it was submitted in May and she received her reply in August. Currently, Ciocirlan is waiting on a few other works to be approved by journals.

With one accomplishment after the next, Dr. Ciocirlan is to be recognized here at Elizabethtown College. With valid arguments made throughout the article, hopefully an increase in SR will be achieved and become a topic of discussion in the U.S.

on campus

Students among 200 worldwide to attend Forum in D.C.

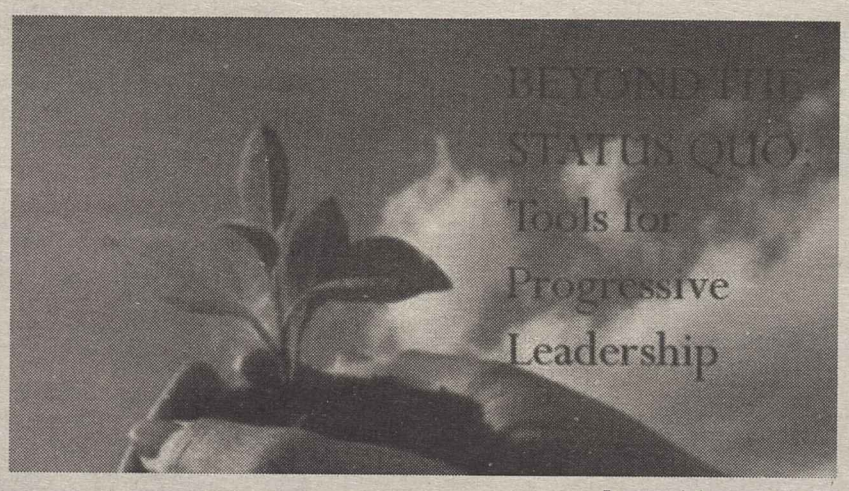
Anna Menedjian
Guest Writer

Two Elizabethtown College students graduated senior William Hamilton and junior Meghan Hughes were among 200 students selected across the world to participate in a Good Governance Forum at the World Bank in Washington, DC this July 8-11. Hamilton and Hughes were chosen to attend the Forum after a highly competitive international selection process.

"I am very pleased that Bill Hamilton and Meghan Hughes were able to attend the GlobalForum at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in July 2008," Dr. Hossein Varamini said. "Attending this program gave them the opportunity to apply what they have learned in their classes at Etown to deal with some of the major challenges of the world economy and work with other young professionals to examine innovative solutions for these problems. The Forum also allowed them to interact with fellow students, business leaders and the World Bank officials to more fully take advantage of this global networking opportunity. I hope some of our other students could participate in the next year's Global Forum program."

Chosen by Athgo, a non-profit organization of the UN Global Compact that trains 18-32 year-old budding diplomats and social entrepreneurs across the world, Hamilton and Hughes attended the Forum, where students and young professionals explored the effects of good governance and capacity building on economic development for a sustainable future.

The Forum began with an overview of the World Bank's structure and its ongoing efforts to create "A World Free of Poverty." Speakers also addressed the positive effects that good governance and transparency have on establishing the groundwork for sustainable economic development while at the same time examining the deleterious implications of corruption on the overall process.



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Among the Forum's key scheduled speakers was the owner of Kieloch Consulting, Bruce Kieloch, and the program officer of the Coordination Sector for External Relations at WIPO, Caroline Schwab.

This highly interactive Global Forum included World Bank representatives, Ambassadors, Corporate Executives, and NGO speakers in panels, individual presentations, and informal discussion sessions.

All speakers stressed the importance of a multi-faceted approach to dealing with corruption, encouraging good governance and promoting capacity building programs within government, the private sector and the NGO community.

A unique aspect of Athgo's Global Forums is the valuable opportunity for participants to receive a world of information on diplomacy and social entrepreneurial ventures fast and in a nutshell and straight from the source. The students also had the opportunity to network with world leaders and experts, as well as with each other, as they worked individually and in group settings to develop policy considerations and business decisions for possible implementation by Athgo and its affiliated partners.

About Athgo

Established in 1999, Athgo is an apolitical not for profit 501c3 non-governmental organization based in Los Angeles, California, with programs in the United States, Europe and Asia.

For more information on Athgo and a complete listing of the panels and participants of the Global Forum, please visit, *www.athgo.org*.

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The Jayd-ed edge

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Assistant Features Editor

Three Drunk Guys and a Hurricane

While for some people, Hurricane Gustav's relentless advance up the Gulf Coast meant one of the largest coastal evacuations in history. For three men in Louisiana it meant getting drunk, riding out the storm and blogging about it. They pledged to help people with the evacuations and then promptly hunkered down in an undisclosed location. There they got intoxicated and videotaped Gustav as it rattled the area. Their activities included trying to fly a kite just before the worst of the Hurricane arrived and after the hurricane passed. They promised to sober up and help with the relief effort. A blog of their adventures can be found at *www.gregledet.net/*

Pop-tarts and Hurricanes

Continuing the hurricane theme, recently several retail stores completed a survey attempting to find out what their patrons purchased most when preparing for a hurricane. The survey showed that Pop-tarts and Heineken beers were the top two items purchased. No explanation was provided for such a strange combination and thus should be left to the reader's interpretation. Other things frequently bought were battery operated flashlights and radios, along with instant potato flakes. But those were a little more expected.

He Sure Loved That River

An elderly gentlemen living in summerset England died recently. Before he died, his favorite pastime was fishing in the Huntsville River. So, in his will he asked to be cremated, and have his ashes mixed with fish food and tossed into the river. His family carried out the strange request, and now it is safe to say that his remains are floating up and down the Huntsville river—now a part of his beloved pastime.

on campus

SIFE Sense: The Decline of the Dollar

Perusing the financial news has become a depressing activity lately, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average has plummeted, mirroring the woes of the economy as a whole.

These difficulties have been compounded by the subprime mortgage lending crisis and the skyrocketing price of oil.

The continuing slump has not passed without affecting the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar, as the demand for U.S. goods and services has diminished as our economy has dwindled.

As of Sept. 2, both the British pound and the Euro held significant advantages over our dollar, with the Euro's value at $1.43 and the exchange rate for the pound at $1.80.

There are several factors influencing this slackening, including a decline in consumer confidence and spending within the U.S., a decrease in trust in the U.S. currency within foreign markets, increased trade between major world economic players and the European Union nations and diminished foreign investment in U.S. interests stemming from unease regarding a possible recession.

This occurance has raised trepidation from financial analysts that ultimately the Euro may become preferred over our dollar amongst global central banks.

The U.S. trade deficit is a widely recognized malady, indicating that the volume of our imports has, since the 1970s (and especially since 1997), exceeded that of exports of domestic goods. In addition to the budget deficit, has spurred them to finance some of our debt with bonds in foreign economies. It has piqued the concerns of foreign investors and governments, contributing to the diminished confidence in our currency.

Despite these woes, there are indications that the dollar may not be in as great of jeopardy as commonly assumed.

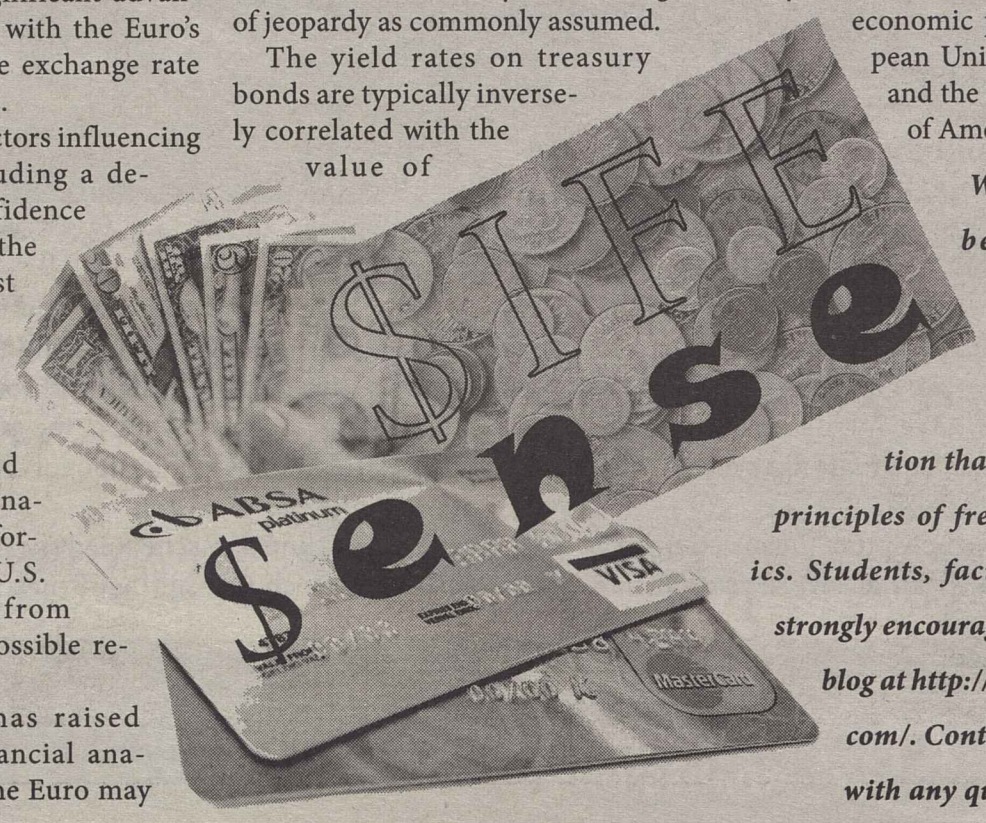
The yield rates on treasury bonds are typically inversely correlated with the value of the dollar, meaning that as the dollar value declines, the yield rate should increase.

However, the yield rate has actually decreased over the past six years, contrary to what is to be expected with a decline in the dollar's value.

Unfortunately, this phenomenon is considered only a secondary indicator.

It is critical to remember that the worth of our dollar is reflective of the clout of our economy on the global scale and affects our ability to import from other economies.

The declining value relative to the Euro may be indicative of the increasing economic power of the European Union member nations and the comparative waning of American industry.



Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a non-profit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

on campus

SDLCs Offer Alternative Living Option

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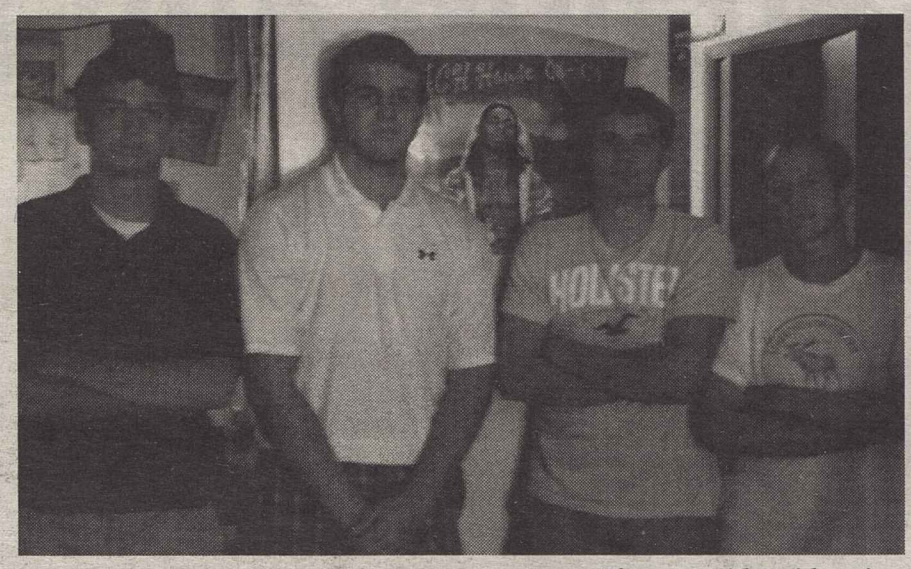
When students first arrive here at Elizabethtown, it seems that the only real option for housing lies between the dorms on campus and renting a house or apartment off campus. However, in recent years a new option in between this schism has opened up, providing students with the opportunity to live in a house off campus while remaining a part of Elizabethtown's room and board.



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Members of the Beach House volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels to bring meals to the elderly or disabled.

SDLC stands for Student Directed Learning Communities. Established in 1992, the SDLC program is described by the college as "housing opportunities within the College-owned homes along the perimeter of the campus...[offering] small groups of upperclass students the opportunity to create a unique, self-directed living environment, centered on a common theme, issue or interest through which the group is expected to share and enrich the campus community."

In the past few years, the SDLC program has grown considerably. Some of the SDLCs include the BOC house, which is involved in charity work assisting less fortunate families in the area, and Saturday's Special, which holds children's programs every other Saturday that use fun and educational activities to nurture social skills through positive influences.

One of the newest SDLCs this year is the Beach House, which volunteers with local Meals on Wheels programs to help the elderly and disabled.

For those that don't necessarily want to live off campus, but still want to be involved in a community structure, there are also the Living and Learning Communities, or LLCs. The LLCs are specific floors or sections of floors in the dormitories that have a specific theme surrounding them.

The college describes the LLCs as "a purposeful attempt to integrate curricular and co-curricular experiences that complement and extend classroom learning. Each community is built around a specific course(s) or area interest and is structured so students have a high degree of involvement in its formation."

There used to only be one LLC, the Honors Program Community. However, in recent years the LLC program has expanded even more drastically than the SDLC initiative.

Current LLCs being offered for just first years include: Partners in Engineering, Simple Living and the Expression Community. LLCs are also offered to Sophomores, including the Global Awareness Community.

All in all, there are far more living opportunities than dormitories alone for Elizabethtown students.

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entertainment

Club continues to excel in entertainment, commitment

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

Whether you're eating dinner at the Marketplace or studying in the confines of your own dorm, you are able to see S.W.E.E.T. posters and information wherever you go. This dedicated on-campus club has worked very long and hard to make the fall semester of 2008 one of the most active that S.W.E.E.T. has ever seen.

S.W.E.E.T. (Students Working to Entertain Etown), is a student group that plans activities such as movies, bowling, dances, comedians and much more that Elizabethtown College students can partake, with little to no fees and easy access.

S.W.E.E.T provides transportation to off-campus locations. These trips are open to anyone. Its mission is to provide social, cultural, recreational and educational activities, to be an alternative for any students who want to stay away from trouble or any uncomfortable social pressure.

This semester S.W.E.E.T. alone has over 43 events planned, with their kickoff "Lights, Camera, Action" that previously happened during Freshman Orientation, where students walked away with MP3 players, desk lamps and cold hard cash.

Other upcoming events such as a trip to Inner Harbor and a show featuring the comedian "Johnny Walker" are just a few of the S.W.E.E.T. activities that will be happening this fall.

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Sam Schneider, who is this year's President of S.W.E.E.T. says that "Etown is special because the students are determined to break the mold, and spend their weekends on campus participating in fun events instead of going home." Schneider goes on to describe that the purpose of the organization isn't to make students get involved or have them feel awkward, but to "actively engage in safe and fun alternatives to other weekend activities."

With the S.W.E.E.T. program growing more rapidly than ever, the ideas of new activities are growing as well. One of the biggest events of the year is "Deal or No Deal," using the hit game show on NBC as a guide and utilizing the men's soccer team as lovely models while and Coach Skip Roderick will be the host!

Schneider states, "It was a great event last fall semester which sent students home with winnings of over $2,000! Make sure to look out for it Thursday, Nov. 20!"

With a show of an Elizabethtown College Student ID, all of the S.W.E.E.T. events are free of charge, giving you access to entertainment for your weekend.

It is important for college students to not only succeed in the classroom, but out of it too.

With this program working hard to Entertain Etown, students find it very easy to stay away from trouble and to get the most of their college experience, not to mention getting the most for their tuition fee.

When first-year student Allyson Wells was asked what she thought of S.W.E.E.T. and how it will influence her school year, she responded, "I have never heard of S.W.E.E.T. before, and I think it will keep me on campus for more weekends and will make everyone on campus more close knit because we will all have fun together."

For more information on S.W.E.E.T. go to *http://www.etown.edu/Contact.aspx?DepartmentID=181.* If you are interested in being a S.W.E.E.T member, email *sweet@etown.edu,* stop by their office (BSC 243) or attend a general board meeting/programming party this semester!

'Healthy Jay' watches out for nutritional value, encourages healthier meal options

Jamie L. Bartolino
Assistant Editor

Calling all health nuts! The Healthy Jay is here to assist you in your noble day-to-day nutritional efforts. Well, even if you're not particularly obsessed with healthy eating, the seemingly difficult task of cutting back on unhealthy foods is now immensely easier, thanks to the new program implemented by Dining Services.

Last March, during National Nutrition Month, some of the Dining Services staff brought up the idea of creating healthier meal options from which students could choose.

"We had been getting requests to supply nutritional information with our meals," Eric Turzai, director of Dining Services, said. "We started brainstorming about things we could do within our department with the resources that we had."

Trends in the past few years have shown Etown students to have more of a concern with what they're consuming, specifically in the calorie count and fat content of their meals so that they can work on cutting back in these areas.

"As the years go on, we're seeing more and more students become nutritionally focused, so that's really motivated us," Turzai said.

No matter how honest intentions may be, however, it's far too easy to settle for a meal that's quick and convenient in a cafeteria full of people. Stopping to consider nutritional value seems less practical. The Healthy Jay program is designed to be a sample plate with correct portion sizes at each food station.

"We went through the cycle menu that we typically use for the semester and picked out a healthy meal for each day," Charles Downs, residential dining chef and production manager, said. "We put these sample plates out to give you an idea of what portion of each food you should be eating."

"We went through each daily healthy option and tried to portion a certain amount of fat and calories in items that we already had on the menu," John Spang, production supervisor, said. "My job this summer was to put every ingredient into the computer and look up all the nutrition information for those ingredients and calculate the total number for each dish. After we were all done, we had a dietician look at it again to make sure we were accurate. She made a few recommendations, and in the end she was happy with the results."

The Jay's Nest also features several new food options which can be considered healthier, including bruschetta and a slider bar, which encourages portion control.

With its staff working for the College as opposed to an outside entity, Etown's Dining Services is certainly keeping up with that of other colleges and universities who can afford larger, more specifically trained staff.

"John and I are members of NACUFS (National Association of College & University Food Services)," Downs said. "At seminars around the country, we've seen bigger colleges with more money and a full nutritional staff. We're not to that point yet, but we're working on it."

"It's a learning process," Downs said. "Now, as we go through the semester, we're seeing things that we want to do differently in the spring. We've found parts of the meal that we can cut out to make it even healthier."

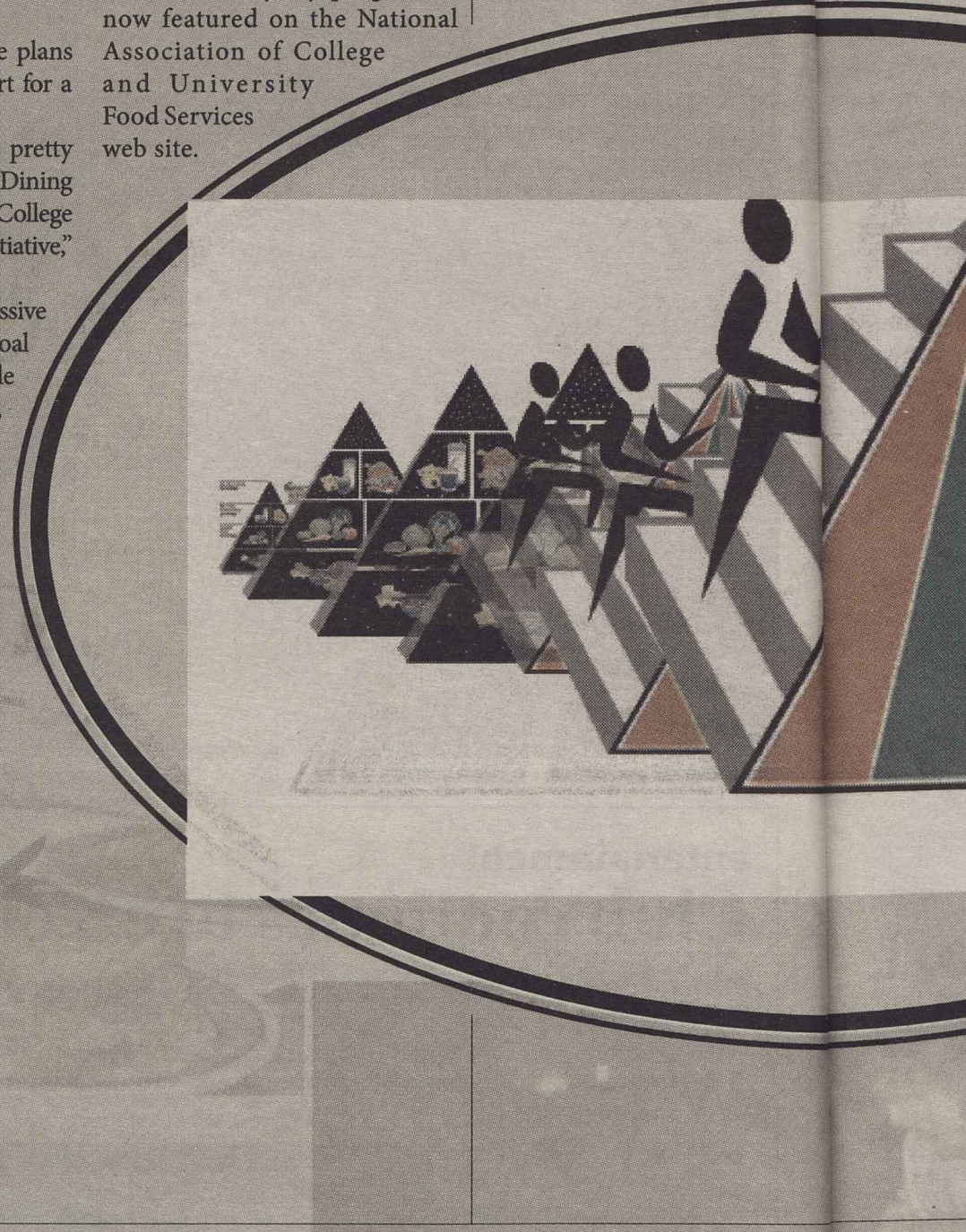
Turzai alluded to future plans that will continue this effort for a healthier lifestyle.

"We're looking at some pretty exciting stuff, not limited to Dining Services, but that the entire College can do as far as the green initiative," Turzai said.

The program is an impressive step towards the ultimate goal of nutritional balance. While not all students will follow it, and some may only utilize it on a rare occasion, the bottom line is that the option to be healthy is there and now even more user-friendly than before.

"This is about making healthier choices," Downs said. "There may only be a couple of students who eat our healthier meal, but those couple of people, we've helped."

The Healthy Jay program is now featured on the National Association of College and University Food Services web site.



Mapping out your healthy lifestyle, ways to avoid the 'resh

Shaleen A Spulio
Managing Editor

College students don't just learn in the classroom; they learn many of life's lessons throughout campus, ranging from their first drive to Etown to their last "senior night." Academics are an important aspect of college, considering that students pay about $38,600 to attend Elizabethtown this year alone. However, academics do not portray the entire picture; there are many facets of student life that need attention.

"Over 90 percent of students believe that health impacts academics," Sandy Spade, R.N.C., the director of Health Services reported. In order to succeed academically, students must lead a healthy lifestyle. "You have to have a plan," she said. Just as one plans an academic schedule and follows course syllabi, one must map a healthy lifestyle. "Decisions you make now affect you later in life."

As first-year students enter this new college scene, there are many temptations that can sway you from previously healthy patterns. For example, at Etown, "students are thrown into an environment where they can eat at a buffet three times a day, seven days a week. First-years have no experience with that," Spade explained.

Other pitfalls that trap first-years to gain those Freshman 15 pounds include a lack of exercise, late meals, commonly known as "McDonalds, Burger King or Taco Bell trips" and excessive consumption of alcohol. If these poor habits continue past the first year of college, students will tend to put on more weight.

Stress can be an underlying factor for the above behaviors. Such a radical transition to college presents many opportunities for students to make their own decisions, but students must be well informed in order to make the best decision. If students routinely make poor decisions, their future state of health will be compromised.

According to the National College Health Assessment of Elizabethtown College, where 32 percent of Etown students submitted results last spring, it was surveyed that 64.1 percent them reported to be at a healthy weight. 19.3 percent of these students reported to be overweight and 10 percent reported to be obese. The American College Health Association (ACHA) runs the assessment.

Compared to national averages for college students, Etown ranks "lower than the national average for healthy weight and over the national average for obese students," Spade analyzed.

National averages reported by the ACHA show that 66 percent of students across the country are at a healthy weight whereas 8.1 percent of them are obese.

The survey also questioned students if they were trying to lose weight. Etown students reported to be trying to lose weight two ways, 60 percent exercising and 40 percent dieting. Thirty percent of students aren't doing anything to lose weight.

Forty-eight percent of the students stated that they ate one to two servings of fruit and vegetables per day. Only 43.5 percent eat between two and four whereas an extreme low of 7.8 percent ea the daily recommended amoun of five or more servings per day.

Etown is targeting to increase the amount of healthy-weight students to 75 percent and decrease the amount of obese students to three percent. Moreover, as a majority of students are trying to lose weight and not eating enough fruits and vegetables, they are risking their physical health. Students should be eating a better variety of food to remain healthy while dieting and exercising. Refer to the updated food pyramid provided by the USDA for ideas.

There are plenty of opportunities available at Etown to eat a well-balanced diet and to exercise on a regular basis.

"Stay active," suggests Spade. "This is a beautiful campus; walking is enough to remain active. Being environmen holistically accompany section pro creative and create a plan

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Eating The Healthy Way

Exercise and fun in one? Who knew?

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Exercise. It's something some people dread, or at least put off as long as they can. While it does help you get in shape, stay fit and remain healthy, exercise is a hard activity to get — and stay — involved in, especially if it's something new you're trying to incorporate into your already busy schedule.

Luckily for you, Elizabethtown College offers many different ways to exercise. While you can always go to the body shop in the BSC to lift weights or run on a treadmill, it might be nice — and perhaps even a little less intimidating — to try something that may not necessarily seem like exercise, but still provides you with the same results.

While training ninja-style or performing stunts only attempted in the movies (which apparently has already been attempted by some Etown students) may be a little out of reach, or out of hand, there are alternatives to the art you know as exercise.

As the seasons change, take the opportunity to walk around Lake Placida or run through campus or the neighboring Elizabethtown Community.

"It's actually pretty nice around here, and there are even some good hills if you want more of a challenge. Running at night after the sun goes down is my favorite," junior Ashley Toczylowski, a member of the women's basketball team, said.

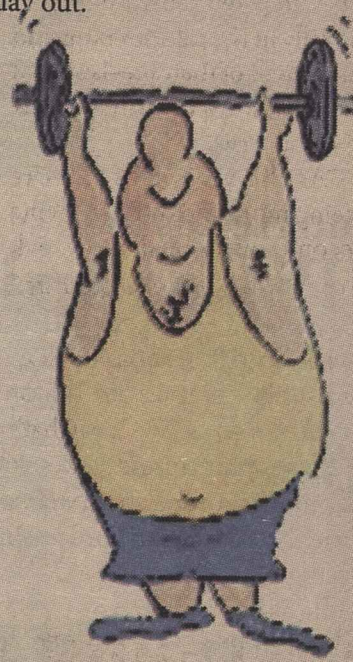
If you're looking for something more vigorous, like almost two straight hours of aerobics and Pilates, join an aerobics course (yes, Etown *does* offer one!). You can get in shape and earn a credit at the same time!

Gayle Gearhart, an adjunct faculty member of the Physical Education Department said the classes are "motivating" and, "a good way to change one's fitness routine, preventing boredom and adding a challenge for our muscles and fitness level."

The Dell and Brinser Field don't have to be used for tanning purposes only. Play Frisbee or catch with a friend. If you're looking for something indoors, you can take advantage of the swimming pool and try water aerobics, play racquet ball in the court next to the gym or join Emotion or dance class.

Basketballs and volleyballs are always available in the gym, so get a group of friends together and play a little three on three.

The possibilities are endless; it's just a matter of finding what fits your schedule and what interests you the most. It's so easy to get in shape while you're having fun, so make sure you find something that you'll love doing, day in and day out.



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This year there is a First-Year Seminar focused to assist students in their transition to college, led by directors of Student Life. The program is called Personal Health and Well-Being. Topics not only include physical health, but spiritual, emotional, intellectual, environmental and social. The information provided is not limited to first-years and can be found at Health Services. Additionally, Health Services supports students to help sort out food options.

Forming a plan of healthy eating starts with, well, planning. Dining Services posts menus on its Web site, *http://www.etown.edu/diningservices*, where students have the opportunity to see and decide ahead of time which items to eat and from which ones to stay away.

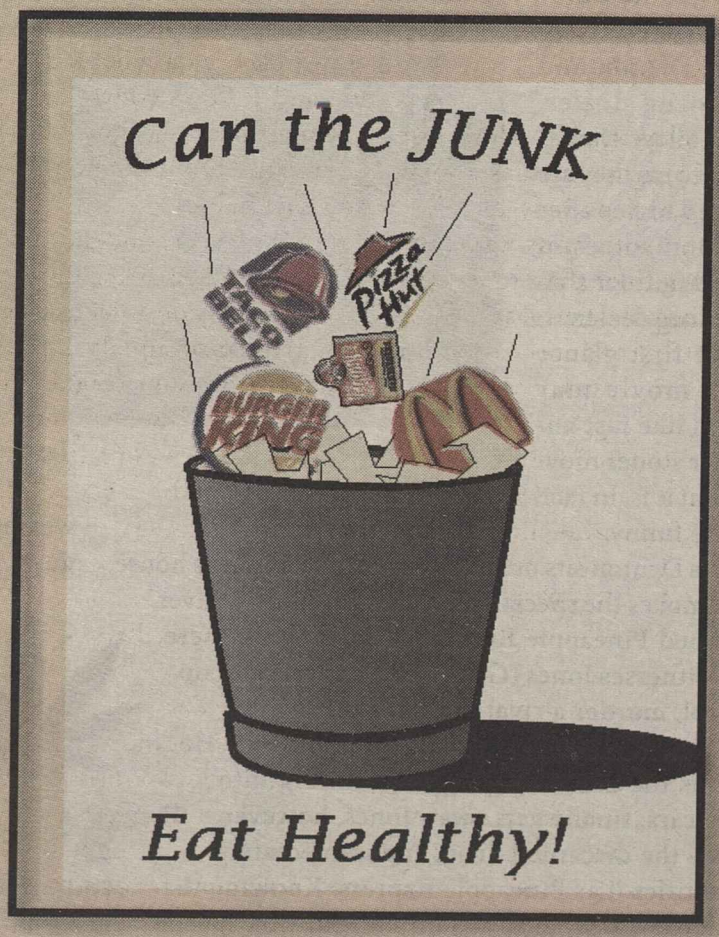
One way to measure if you are getting a balanced meal suggests Spade, "is to see that your plate has enough color." The Five A Day color diagram describes the different colored fruits and vegetables and their benefits.

Furthermore, there are a couple of places on campus where students can check their progress; scales are located in the gym, body shop and Health Center.

For students on the go, there are just as much options to remain healthy. It can be difficult to get a balanced diet and juggle classes and work. Senior Audra Farren comments on her ways to balance healthy eating, "I learned very early to always have a healthy snack on hand. That way, I don't reach for things that are not good for me, simply to satisfy low blood sugar."

When busy students don't have time to eat proper meals, their cravings can sometimes lead to unhealthy choices. However, Farren suggests identifying what the cravings are in order to find a healthy option. "Bell peppers are crunchy, soy crisps are salty and berries are sweet."

"Moderation is key," Spade said. Her strong word of advice reflects the motto expressed in Homer's work, The Iliad over 2000 years ago, "Nothing too much."



college issues

Texting causes oblivion, results in avoidable dangers

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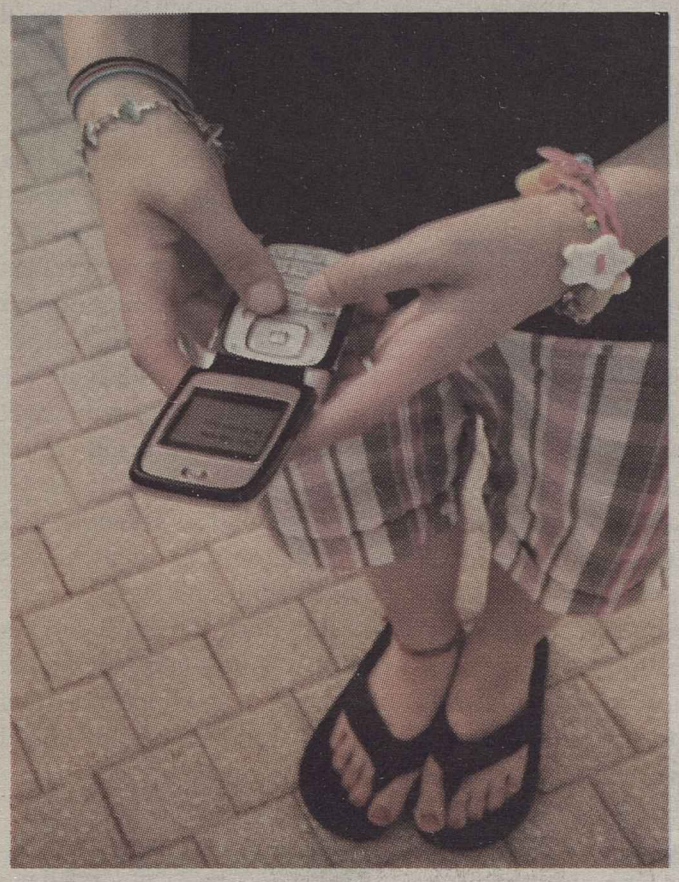
When walking to class on a college campus these days, it is common to spot at least a handful of students walking and smiling, or occasionally pouting, while rapidly tapping the keypad of their cell phones with their thumbs — or thumb — depending on individual preference.

Texting has become a common way for people to send a brief message without having to make a phone call or rush to a computer to write an e-mail.

Regardless of the debate over how many thumbs are better to use, the problem with texting is that it distracts a person's eyes and hands as well as their mind.

For anyone who has ever smacked into a brick wall or a glass window while texting, it is easy to understand why they may later choose to replace the word "I" with the words, "a friend I know," when relaying this LOL story to others.



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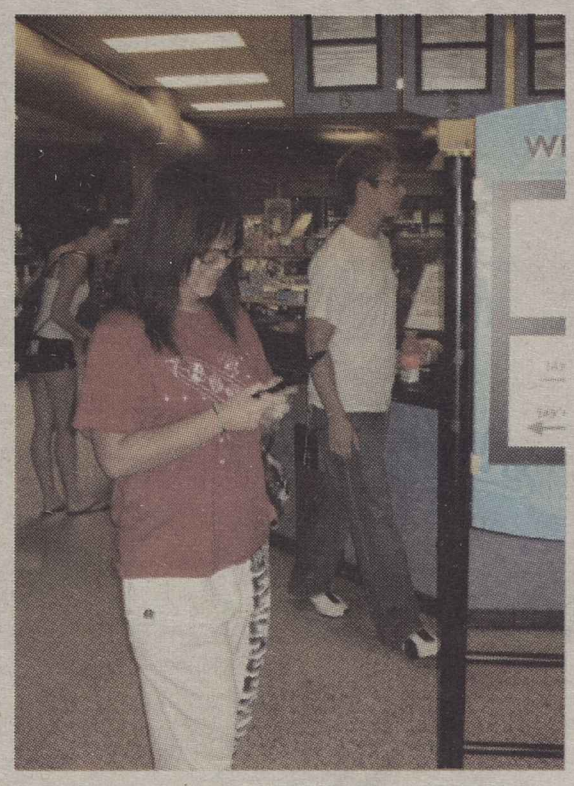
But sometimes texting accidents are no joke. According to an article from the Philadelphia Inquirer, the American College of Emergency Physicians recently expressed concern over the disturbing rise in injuries, and even deaths, related to texting "at inappropriate times."

According to the same article, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which compiles records of injuries treated at select ERs, has received several reports related to texting since last year. In one, a 13-year-old girl was messaging her boyfriend while cooking noodles and lost her grip on the pan. She suffered first-degree burns.



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Texting can be hazardous when it becomes a part of multi-tasking, and the practice of texting in general is most definitely on the rise.

The number of mobile dispatches has soared in recent years. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, in just one month in 2007, U.S. wireless carriers reported 48.1 billion messages, nearly five times the 9.8 billion over a similar period in 2005, said CTIA, The Wireless Association.

"As a society we have adopted texting as an acceptable form of communication because our lives have become so fast-paced," junior communications major Kait McCaffrey said.

Government legislation has recently focused on driving and talking or texting on handheld devices partly because of high-profile accidents.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a jurisdiction-wide ban on driving while talking on a handheld cellular phone is in place in six states: California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Utah, and Washington as well as the District of Columbia.

Localities are allowed to ban cell phone use in six states: Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania localities that have enacted restrictions on cell phone use are Conshohocken, West Conshohocken and Lebanon.

"Texting while driving probably leads to a great deal of distraction," senior Samantha Mortensen said. "It would cause you to take your eyes off of the road and it would keep your hands from being able to steer properly."

Even though texting may seem like a quick and safe communication solution, texting could be a serious distraction. Stopping all other activities and typing a simple 'TTYL' is probably the safest bet.

movie review

'Pineapple Express' offers unexpected humor, heart

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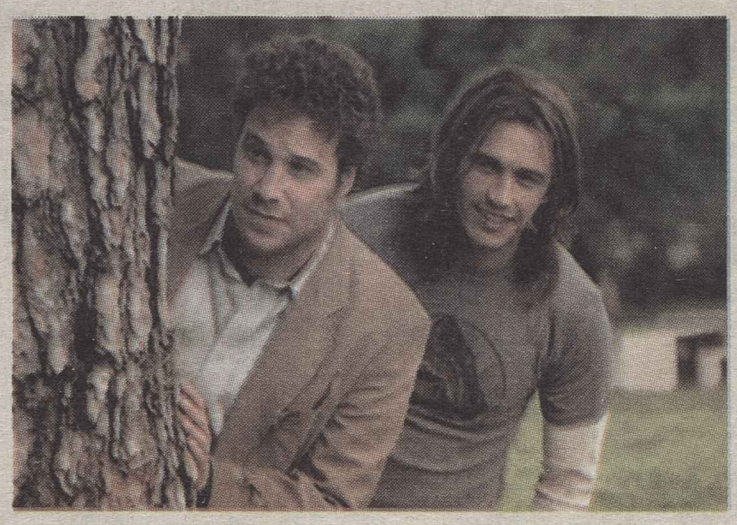
Pineapple Express" takes you on a wild goose chase for none other than, well, weed. Seth Rogen stars as Dale Denton, a court processing clerk who is just wandering through life while dating a high school student.

This hysterical comedy follows Denton and his drug dealer, Saul Silver (James Franco) as they are forced to flee after Denton witnesses a cop murder a rival drug dealer.



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At first glance this movie may seem like just another stoner movie, but it is, in fact, quite funny.

As Denton sits outside drug lord Ted Jones's house, he smokes the special weed given to him by Silver, dubbed Pineapple Express. While sitting there, he witnesses Jones (Gary Cole) and female cop Carol, murder a rival drug dealer.

This immediately freaks Denton out. He drops the roach, and after slamming into two cars, finally gets away. Jones, however, finds the discarded drug, and immediately identifies it as Pineapple Express. Knowing the exact few people to whom he sold this special blend, Jones begins a hunt for the person who witnessed the crime he committed and wills to kill them as well.

Brought to the big screen by Judd Apatow, who is also responsible for the blockbuster comedies "Superbad" and "40 Year Old Virgin," this movie is bound to have people laughing in their seats.

But what one does not anticipate is the action and sense of adventure. Car chases, gun battles and fire balls tell the tale of what people will do for a drug that they love.

This movie also entails the story of friendship and the bond that forms when people are put in a life-or-death situation. The bond between Denton and Silver was heartwarming and it was nice to see that nice guys, even though they were involved in illegal activities, can finish first.

Sophomore Katie Alleman thought "Pineapple Express" was funnier than she had originally expected.

"You go in knowing it's going to be ridiculous but you still laugh because it's Seth Rogen and James Franco," she said. "It may not win an Oscar, but you will definitely laugh."

Image: *movieblog.ugo.com*

Others, such as sophomore Maria Dziecichowicz, loved it and would recommend it to other students looking for a laugh.

The theater was only quiet for about five minutes at a time before the next funny moment or line was presented. "It's like God's vagina," exclaimed Franco referring to the smell of the Pineapple Express.

"Pineapple Express" will keep a smile on your face for days, with continuous inward laughter as you remember some classic stoner phrases infused with the Apatow humor. It is definitely an end of the summer movie that will keep you entertained and laughing as you listen to lecture after lecture during the coming week.

advice

How to steer clear of identity theft

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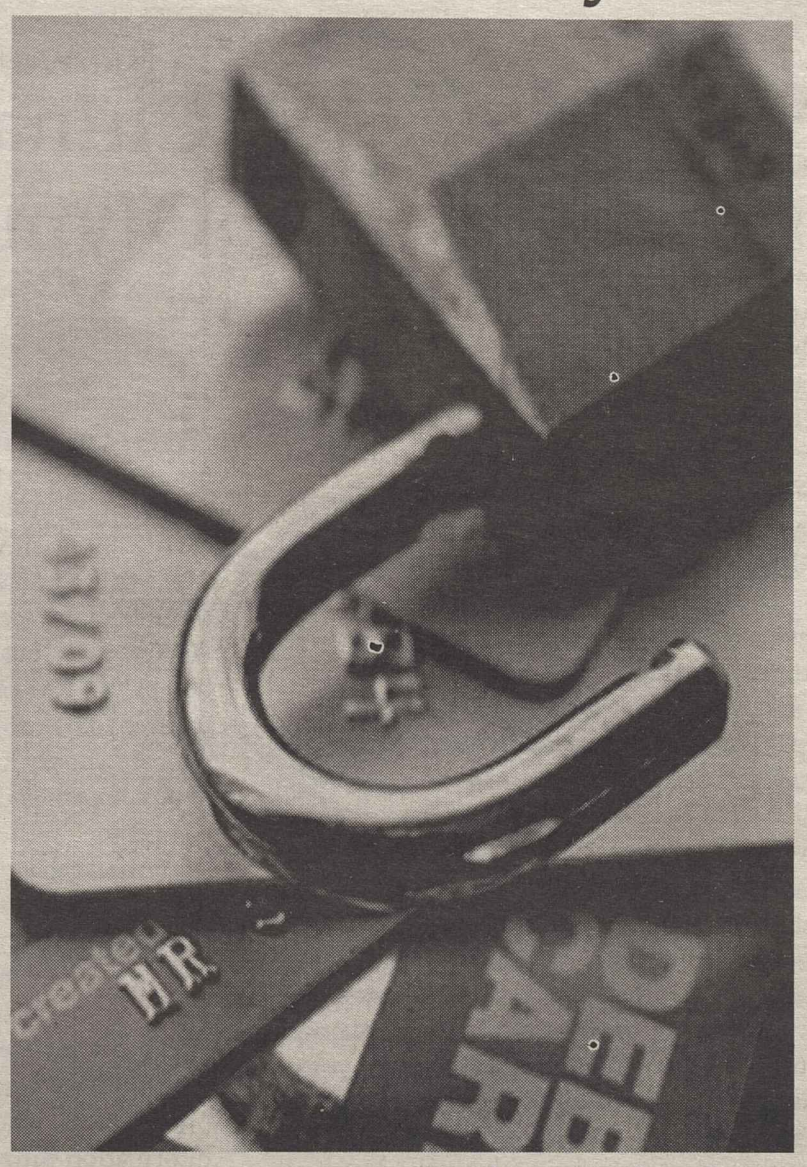

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In this modern world in which we live, there are a lot of terrifying ways in which criminals can steal a person's assets.

One of the most recent, and most ominous, methods used by crooks in the digital age is the notion of identity theft, or the process by which people of immoral persuasions get a hold of various bits of information about a person such as their social security number, their credit card numbers, etc.

The thief then uses that information to their own ends, either selling the information to other entities or by using the information to make purchases on the internet.

Every 3.5 seconds, another person's identity gets stolen.

College students are becoming targets for identity theft more and more often and as most students acquire credit cards, and begin to control their own finances for the first time, they become prime targets for lusty thieves.

There are ways, however, to better avoid becoming a victim of identity theft.

First: It is recommended that you only carry credit cards you need and cancel all of the accounts you find you are never using.

Seriously people, one or two is enough. Credit card companies specifically target college kids with their attractive deals in an attempt to engage students in a lifelong debt-filled relationship with them.

You only need two credit cards, one that's actually a credit card, and one linked to your checking account (a third option is a card linked to a parent's account.)

Second: This should be a no-brainer, but do not share your social security number with anyone and *certainly* do not carry your social security card with you. It belongs in a bank's safe deposit box, not in your wallet next to your Giant BonusCard™.

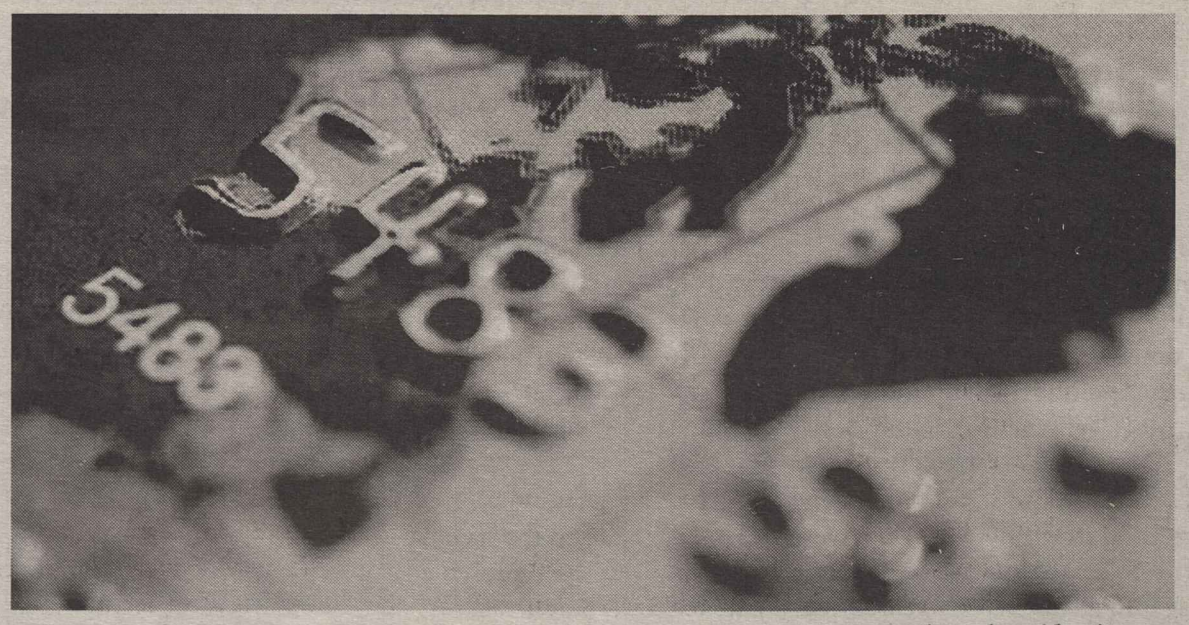
Third: Hey, speaking of your wallet, or purse, you should always keep a firm grip on those. Gentlemen: back pockets that button shut are a fantastic idea. Ladies: purses that are heavy enough to beat (and subsequently deter) purse-snatchers are also a grand idea. The heavier and more ridiculous (which seems to be the fashion these days) the better.

Fourth: You should never throw away bills of any kind. For real, there are schmucks out there who go dumpster diving just so they can find somebody's bank statement. If you *must* dispose of any documents, use a shredder. If a shredder is too expensive for you, stores like Bed Bath and Beyond offer multi -blade scissors that can act as a shredder in a pinch.

Fifth: Some receipts may seem kind of ridiculous, like the one from the three bucks you shelled out for two donuts at the Fractured Prune, but really, you should hold onto all of your receipts. Put them in a shoebox at the bottom of your closet or something. That way you can cross reference your credit card and bank statements with your receipts.

Sixth: Using the same password for every website is pretty convenient for both you and the people robbing you. Thus, you should always use a different password for every website you visit.

Do this in a smart way, though. Have a few key words and a few repeating numbers to use so that remembering your passwords doesn't feel like studying for a biology exam.



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The List

hot new items worthy of an obsession

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If you haven't heard of G. Love and Special Sauce yet, be sure to get a hold of their newest CD *Superhero Brother* right away.

G. Love & Special Sauce is a three member alternative hip-hop band from Philadelphia, Pa.

The trio is known for their unique, "sloppy", and "laid back" blues sound that encompasses the sound and production of classic R&B.

The band features Garrett Dutton, better known as G. Love, bassist Jimi Prescott, Jeffrey Clemens on drums, and Mark Boyce on keyboards.

G. Love and Special Sauce presents a unique sound which often seems like a mix of blues and hip-hop.

Most tracks on "Superhero Brother" are upbeat and the lyrics are, at times, extremely comical.

The laid back songs are great for playing when you're relaxing and hanging out with your good friends.

Image: *daylife.com*

Seventh: Since there seems to be little to no good shopping spots in our immediate area, online shopping seems pretty tempting for those of us who like nice things.

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But, if you must shop online, do it smartly. Use only well-known sites (honestly, if you can't find something at Amazon or Buy.com, where are you going to find it?)

Ignore the banner ads and pop- ups that plague these shops (ironically enough, many of these ads claim to be concerned with protecting you against identity theft but will end up stealing your identity.)

Eighth: Make sure you are up-to-date on all the latest online scams. Chain letters may be a great way for your mother to pass the time, but they are also a great way for identity thieves to get a large batch of emails together really quickly so they can get the thieving process started, so never reply to, or forward, them.

I promise that you won't die at midnight and I'm sorry, but your secret admirer won't reveal themselves at that specific time either (it's okay, I was heartbroken too when I found that out).

With these tips in mind, you should all be in good shape to protect yourself from the crazy world of identity theft. Good luck!

in the world

Presence does not mean progress

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With the casualty rate sharply rising on the neglected Afghan front, Iraq's oil-driven surplus approaching $80 billion and the Iraqis' contempt for U.S. occupation becoming increasingly more evident, those that disapprove of the Iraq war, the majority of Americans, may finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.

As Gerald Ford once said in reference to an equally shameful government blunder, "Our long national nightmare has come to an end." But has it?

Ironically, this extended nightmare of half-truths and lies, conflicts of interest and blatant war profiteering and brutal conflict that added "IEDs," "Abu Ghraib" and "Black Water" to the American vocabulary will likely end in the one way that President Bush and Senator John "One-Hundred-Years" McCain both spoke out against: a timeline for withdrawal. Even more ironic is how this proposal has come to be the same parliament put in place under U.S. supervision has used the democracy harvested from the seeds that President Bush painstakingly sowed to give its "liberators" the boot. Mission accomplished indeed!

This agreement, which, as of now, includes a gradual troop withdrawal over the next three years, is needed simply to maintain the shred of legitimacy that allows U.S. presence. After the end of this year, any foreign presence not explicitly approved by this agreement will be deemed to be illegal occupation of a sovereign nation by the United Nations. In short, the long arm of the law is quickly closing in on our government's crimes.

The neo-cons and the far right, however, refuse to go down without a fight. While Senator Obama advocates the said timeline for withdrawal, they accuse him of being inexperienced and naïve. As the military distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to former Sunni rebels, they claim that such Sunni rebels have become pacifists as a result of a sudden commitment to the American cause in Iraq. As civilian deaths remain relatively constant in Iraq, they point to falling troop deaths as indication of the surge working. And therein lays the problem.

As we have seen time and time again, the administration loves to cite the surge as the cause of all good things in Iraq; the surge, after all, is the administration's favorite talking point. "The surge is working," we are told by both President Bush and the man who swears to be a maverick, John McCain. McCain takes credit for being among the first in the Senate to endorse the buzzword strategy, the panacea of all things violent. Senator Obama's perspective, however, may be the most accurate: any large presence of U.S. troops will stem violence, but that doesn't mean progress is being made. In fact, such an influx of foreigners can scarcely be neglected as a factor of the Iraqi government's impatience. By 2011, we will have had been in Iraq for seven years; staying for one hundred years, as McCain would have us do, will not make the U.S. or the region any safer, nor will we be any closer to defeating Al Qaeda. Obama's initial strategy of a withdrawal timetable coincides with what the Iraqi government is demanding, and, as it turns out, he has been right all along.

in the nation

Welcome to the ticket, Mr. Biden

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Congratulations, Joe. Can I call you Joe?

I think it's great, Joe, that you're a born-in-granite Pennsylvanian suburbanite.

It's great, Joe, that, in a Senate packed with Yale Law grads, you're the one that kept on trucking through Syracuse. (Maybe it was elite back in the sixties.)

I think it's great that you've shot for the Democratic presidential nomination not only this year, but in 1984, 1988 and 2004.

I might not think much of your campaigning capabilities, Joe, but gosh, you've sure got heart.

But Joe? I mean no disrespect. You don't matter Joe Biden.

You're the leavening to Obama's bread.

You were chosen because you're old, and because you're experienced and because you've had campaign advertisements on the telly since before I was born.

You're chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, which I'm sure may ameliorate Barack's wanton mediocrity in *that* field.

You're Catholic, which is by all accounts a very old and historically significant religion.

And you dislike guns, which doubtless makes our mothers happy and certainly shouldn't be significantly divisive to push the Democrats toting loaded forty-fours into McCain territory.

And Joe, you seem like a generally decent fellow. Delaware is a pleasant state.

You aren't terribly ugly.

You support the war, but nobody seems to know.

Your gaffes might shock little old ladies, but the college generation (whose responses to news of your pickup ranged from "I do not know who that is, sorry; for real, I have never heard of him" to "Joe Biden's answer to questions is always yes") mostly finds you hilarious.

You're less divisive than Clinton, less invisible than Bayh and less dubious than Clark.

I liked Tim Kaine, despite the $300 million deficit that he managed to dig, but you present America with a brash, passive-voiced impertinence that this particular writer finds refreshing.

Unlike Edwards, you haven't accidentally diverted weekend media attention from inexcusable violence in South Ossetia with stories of love-children.

In short, you're a normal, amicable, white guy and apparently, that's something that Obama's campaign thought it needed.

Had they instead seen the need for a normal, amicable, white lady, they'd have doubtless gone with Sebelius. You'll fill him out nicely.

But remember, Joe, that had you been a shade less interesting and a tint more douchebaggy, Strickland/Schweitzer/Ritter/Rendell/Nunn/Kaine/Bayh/Dodd would be calling McCain an old friend and telling strangers about the times their mama made him go back outside onto the Scranton streets and bloody bullies' noses.

You are replaceable.

But despite your wholesale ordinariness, you've already slid into the role of a perfect running-mate: colloquial enough for the poor, rich enough for the rich, supportive enough for the minorities, confident enough for the women and white men and plucky enough for my generation.

But Joe, I think that you'll be just dandy.

Writing this, I sit on a bench near the Capitol, looking over the Mall.

The rain speckles my laptop.

A text message informs me that McCain has chosen running-mate underdog Palin, former Miss Alaska contestant and up-and-coming Republican gladiator, over satisfying but unpopular Pawlenty and ineffably villainous Romney.

I may write her next week.

I rather expect that you two will have some interesting conversations.

Welcome to the ticket, Mr. Biden.

in the world

China scars Olympic name

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This year, the summer 2008 Olympics were held in Beijing, China. As expected, both the United States and Chinese teams were fierce competitors in several categories, among them diving and gymnastics.

It was in gymnastics competition where the controversy of the season occurred. Jiang Yuyan, and He Kexin beat out U.S. Olympian Nastia Lukin on the uneven bars on a technicality. Both girls were believed to be sixteen, had records revealed stating both are actually fourteen, and therefore too young to be competing. Olympic rules state that Olympic competitors must be sixteen or older, so as to not abuse the flexibility and undeveloped muscle growth of younger athletes.

After the true ages of the gymnasts were discovered, the Olympic committee carried out an investigation to verify the athletes' actual ages. Because Chinese officials were ensuring that their athletes were proper age, it was hard for investigators, who had originally found the age information through U.S. computer hackers, to validate it. As a result, charges were dropped and the girls were pardoned, though were still under suspicion by U.S. officials and competitors.

I'm not a huge sports fan myself, but I will say that the Chinese exploitation of underage athletes for their own national prestige is despicable. The rules are instituted for a reason, and the Chinese team manipulated them to their own advantage so that they could win.

The Olympics are supposed to be a time when all conflict and international politics can be put aside in the interest of seeing the best of the best compete. When a country, any country, plays dirty, not only does it spoil the events, but it ruins the integrity of the games.

It should also be considered that the rules were installed for the protection of underage athletes. There is a reason an athlete needs to be sixteen or older to compete.

These young athletes are still developing, both physically and emotionally, and may not be mature or strong enough to be put through what is expected of them at the Olympics. When China, or any nation, cheats, they are taking advantage of their own citizens.

It's too late to undo the mistakes that China has made this past year at the Olympics. However, the issue should not be set aside. The Olympic committee should strive to determine the actual ages of these two Olympians, and if they are proven to be underage, then their medals should be taken, and given to the athletes who played by the rules and deserve them.

In the case of Nastia Lukin receiving the same scores as He Kexin on the uneven bars and losing the gold by a technicality, she should get the medal she deserved.

She worked hard to be there, and the country she represented played fair.

on campus

Lower drinking age reduces binging, deaths

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Okay, well, understandably this article is going to be an uncomfortable page and a half, so before I go on supporting lowering the drinking age and all you purists out there start calling me a drunk, let me lay down some back story.

My grandfather was an alcoholic for most of his life — that's what ended up killing him. Also, my father is *currently* an alcoholic. That aforementioned alcoholism is what drove my father to abandon my family when I was six years old. Hence I'm morally opposed to my own drinking, legally or otherwise. I'm fine with those around me waging chemical warfare on their livers. It's their life, after all, but I don't want to play that game of genetic roulette. That being said, I still have some support for lowering the legal age to purchase and consume alcohol to 18, or some equivalent measure.

When you really think about it, setting the legal drinking age at 21 puts our college administrators in a very uncomfortable position. They are forced to tell the underclassmen not to drink at all, while trying to strictly regulate the legal drinking the upperclassmen do. This does not account for the fact that sometimes those above and below the legal age commingle, and illegal drinking occurs. It is almost impossible to enforce the drinking age on a campus that is half under 21 years of age and half over. Not only that, but the fact that underclassmen can't drink legally leads to a little thing called binge drinking. Binge drinking is what occurs when you drink as much as possible as quickly as possible so you get as drunk as possible before the police catch you. This inevitably leads to deeper-than-healthy intoxication and other bad situations.

How many underclassmen were arrested this past weekend for alcohol related offenses? How many kids from our campus alone are sent to hospitals on a weekly basis for alcohol poisoning? On average 1,700 college students *die* a year in alcohol related deaths. A huge number of these deaths are attributed to alcohol poisoning caused by minors who binge drink. If the underclassmen could be better educated about the dangers of drinking, then binge drinking may not be as widespread a problem as it is. However, at this point, the administration is forced to teach abstinence only to underclassmen, and the last time I checked, abstinence education has only lead to more teen pregnancies. Also, if everyone on campus were allowed to drink legally, what would be the point of binge drinking at all? Why would people crowd themselves into musty concrete basements like cattle when they could just as easily drink like civilized people in their dorms? Obviously binge drinking would still occur even if the age were lowered, but at the very least there would be less incentive to do so.

The number one argument against the lowered legal age is the notion that in the mid 80s when the age was upped, deaths in traffic accidents dropped. Some people feel that if the age were lowered again, the number of traffic deaths would rise as more irresponsible teenagers got behind the wheel while drunk. However, let's keep in mind that a large number of minors who drive drunk only do so because they are too scared to call for a ride home, fearing punishment for underage drinking. But, if they drank *legally* then that fear would be completely baseless. Also, the upped drinking age was not the only factor involved with the lower traffic death factor. Seat belt, air bag and other safety technologies in cars also had great improvements in the 80s.

On the other side of the argument, some people look to our friends in Europe, who have very few DUI cases and even fewer alcohol-related traffic deaths, despite the fact that they have drinking ages from as high as 18 to as low as 16. Again, this is an invalid argument as most of these countries have public transportation systems that are *far* better than the U.S.'s. All in all, the main problem with a drinking age of 21 is the fact that it encourages binge drinking on college campuses like Etown. I'm not saying that lowering the drinking age would alleviate the issue, but at the moment, the current system is failing *miserably*.

There needs to be some sort of amendment to our alcohol laws that either allows more alcohol education, perhaps a "Drinkers Ed," where minors take a class warning them of the dangers of alcohol and, upon completion, receive a license to purchase and consume limited amounts of alcohol — *something*. No matter what the laws are, people will drink, that's a fact. We just need to show people a more responsible way of going about it.

on campus

Student leaders ease transition to college

Maggie M. Troutman
Staff Writer

Fears and perceptions of first-year students have created end-of-summer jitters since the beginning of higher education establishments. The anxiety of starting all over again in school social life along with a heavier college work load can make or break any freshman. Elizabethtown College has certainly faced that nervousness head on with a combination of high-spirited and exceedingly cheerful Peer Mentors, plus the organizational talents of the Residence Assistants.

I've never known a college to be so concerned with the social aspect of their student body. The Peer Mentors break down any walls that you have with college; they encourage new freshman to go out and be themselves, and they do this by making it impossible to look anymore crazy or juvenile than they are already acting! I'll never forget my summer orientation, when I saw one peer mentor standing on top of a brick sign waving a big blue foam "number one finger" and wearing a huge foam cowboy hat. I wasn't sure if I was at college or a summer camp. Their enthusiasm was completely astounding, and the fact that everyone I saw had that same infectious happiness totally blew me away.

On a deeper level, the connection that each of the Peer Mentors has with one another is quite impressive. Every one of them had the same eagerness for their peer kids to feel welcomed, which was also impressive. They can connect with us because they all were right there at one point wondering, "How would I ever fit in?"

After my orientation in the summer, I couldn't believe that this kind of enthusiasm and welcoming would continue after the tuition check was in the mail. But it has been my understanding that this is a twenty-four hour job that they don't seem to give up after the green polo's come off.

This type of helpfulness doesn't stop at admissions or our mentors; it carries on with our friendly neighbors down the hall, the Residence Assistants.

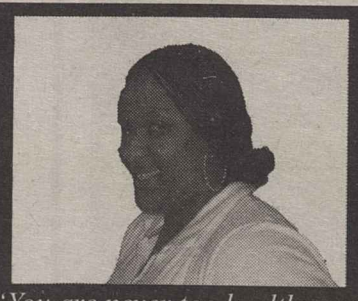
I haven't dealt much with my RA in Myer, or other RAs in any another dorm for that matter. However, I have come to realize that these people are going to be mighty helpful during our times here. Anytime that a problem occurs in the dorm they are the ones to go to. When girls on my hall couldn't get the washing machines to work, my RA. was more than willing to set things straight. And, of course, they are going to be our leaders in winning the "Battle of the Dorms" this year.

It really takes a unique character to be a Peer Mentor or a Residence Assistant. This campus specializes in not only educating their students, but engaging and welcoming them in to the campus. Although many may not be as enthusiastic about the helpers as I am, I think all would agree we would be lost without the "go-to" guys and gals we call our Peer Mentors and R.A.s.

Sound Off

What do you think of the Healthy Jay options in the Jay's Nest and Marketplace?

by David G. Breidenstine



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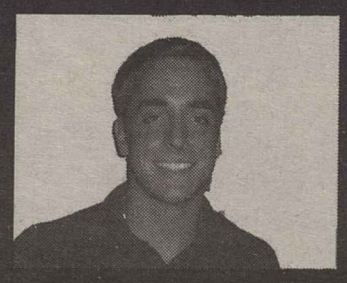

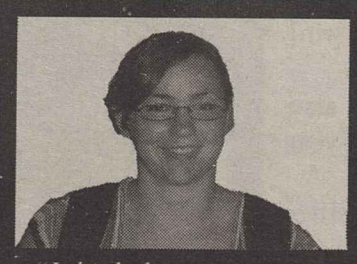

"I think the new menu is wicked awesome!"

Danielle Hopkins
Junior
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etown cross country

Men's team seeks improvement; women want the title

Ross V. Benincasa
Staff Writer

How much do you know about Elizabethtown College's cross country teams?

Sure, they love to run, but did you know that from 1999 through 2006 the men's team set a school record by winning eight consecutive Middle-Atlantic Conference (MAC) titles?

Or that the women's team won the MAC title last year and went on to present a strong showing at nationals?

Many students do not realize that Elizabethtown's most successful sports program is cross country, but this year the runners and coaches are out to change that.

After an extremely disappointing season in 2007 where the men's team finished thirteenth in the region, they are back stronger then ever this year with up to eleven runners vying for seven varsity spots.

"The program slipped to a point I couldn't live with, and I bear full responsibility," coach Christopher Straub said.

Straub is entering his eleventh season as the men's cross country coach at Elizabethtown.

To combat the sharp downturn last season and the significant losses due to graduation, Straub used the offseason to heavily recruit many top prospects and has held off naming any captains as of yet, wanting to have control of the group as a whole first before introducing new peer leaders.

"Coach Straub has a very individualized coaching style, and is very accommodating to each runner's needs," sophomore Chris Heisey said.

This offseason, Heisey, along with teammates junior Myles Lund and senior Dylan Rulander, went to train in Flagstaff, Az. with numerous professionals at an altitude of over 6,900 feet, about 22 times higher than Elizabethtown.

Although the men are working hard to regain that number one spot, the women already have it and are training more vigorously then ever to make sure they hold on to it.

"We try to construct a workout to translate to good racing," women's coach Brian Falk said.

Falk is entering his second season here with Etown. "Our captains, senior Tiffany Kulp and junior Megan VanDenHengel, have saved me a lot of work and are good at telling our athletes the things they need to hear."

The team will most likely be lead by Kulp, who, in May, broke the school record for the 1500 meter and has the fastest time trial so far this preseason.

"It would be a big disappointment if we did not win the MAC again this year," Kulp said. "It's always a goal to finish on top."

As both teams go through their rigorous workout routines this preseason, it is hopeful that there will be two more championship caliber teams to gloat about this fall. Although other teams may get most of the accolades from the students on campus in the fall, the cross country team may be the highest quality team of them all, and with the best recruiting class Elizabethtown has ever seen, there is no telling how far these teams can truly go.

Photos: Etownian Archives

etown field hockey

Lady Jays anticipate exciting and challenging season

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

After being named second in the Commonwealth Conference by a preseason poll, the Elizabethtown College Field Hockey team couldn't be more excited. Etown and Messiah are tied for second, with Lebanon Valley receiving the top spot, but the Blue Jays aren't a bit disappointed with their ranking.

"I think we'll surprise people," junior Caitlin Smith said. "People will expect us to have a weaker core defense but I think we'll really surprise them."

The Lady Jays ended their season with a record of 11-8 last year. They only lost two seniors, former captains and defensive players Hannah Moody and Andrea Marsala, but are positive that they have the depth to support a conference-winning team.

"We lost two good players, but we have a lot of depth and people are willing to step into new rolls," Smith said. "Our top goal scorers are returning and we want [to win] so bad this year."

Senior defender Tiffany Vogel also attributes their depth to nine first-year students who have joined the team.

"The first-years are a unique group. They bring something different to the bunch and there's a lot of potential," Vogel said.

Anchoring the defense will be junior goalie Liz Hannegan. Hannegan started 11 games last season for an 8-3 record with 4 shutouts and a 1.21 goals against average before her season was cut short due to an injury. "I've never played in a conference game, so I feel like this is my first chance," she said.

Vogel, Hannegan and Smith all attribute last year's winning season to how close their team is. "We've gone through a lot of things as a team, and with the most recent experiences we have an extra motivating factor to win," Vogel said. The biggest emphasis during preseason, Hannegan said, was "sticking together as a team. Sticking together at the end of the season when we're sore and tired."

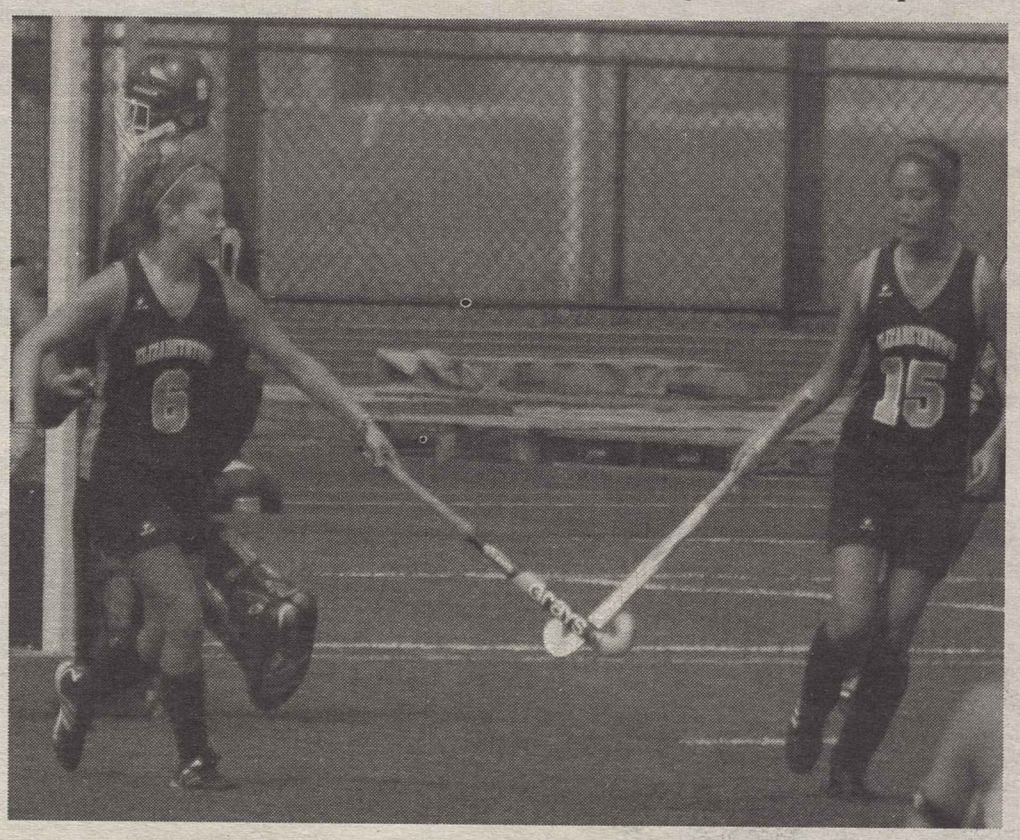
The biggest games for the Blue Jays this season will be against Messiah and Lebanon Valley. "When we're on the field at practice, we're playing LVC, we're playing Messiah. They're always on our mind," Hannegan said.

Messiah will be the most anticipated game this year by far, since the Blue Jays ended their season by losing to the falcons in overtime to the 2007 Commonwealth Conference champions.

"That's the game we can rectify and show what Etown's all about," Smith said. "This year we're on their turf and we want it on their field. We want that win."

Vogel summed up the entire team's thoughts by saying, "We can take this season farther than we have in the past. It's gonna be amazing."

The Lady Blue Jays' home opener will be this Saturday, September 6th against York College.



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Box Score

Etown @ Franklin and Marshall
Wednesday, September 3

Score	Etown 3 F&M 1
Shots	Etown 27 F&M 6
Corners	Etown 10 F&M 4
Saves	Etown 2 (Liz Hannegan 2) F&M 12
Goals	Etown 3(Andrea Miles, Megan Angstadt, Liz Dematteis) F&M 1 (Pam Cassidy)

abbey's blitz

Beijing Olympics are sensational despite protest

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

As the 2008 Beijing Olympics come to a close, there is no surprise that this year's competition wasn't exactly the most calming Olympics in history. Headlines plastered across all media outlets stating, "Political unrest in Beijing," and the ever so popular "Olympics are corrupted."

With all of the recent negative information coming out about the Olympics, the pessimistic headlines are rightfully said. Fireworks were faked in the opening ceremonies, a little Chinese girl was denied the right to sing because she wasn't cute enough and the Chinese womens gymnastics team is in question because they look like they belong in a 6th grade class.

The Beijing Olympics certainly had their share of downfalls.

But despite all of this, there is something beautiful about watching the Olympics.

Maybe it was the incredible amount of sportsmanship demonstrated by the athletes that captured viewers' hearts. Though U.S. swimmer Dara Torres is best known for competing in her fifth Olympics at the age of 41, she also displayed her thoughtfulness during the 50-meter freestyle semifinals when she confronted an official right as the race was about to start. Torres notified the official about another competitor who she witnessed struggling with a swimsuit malfunction and needed an extra second to prepare. Torres won the heat and eventually placed second in the final, but it was her kindness and compassion to her other competitors that defined the race, not her actual placement. Seeing this enormous demonstration of kindness with competitors is what makes the Olympics so special. It didn't matter that Torres was about to race against the other swimmer, it was about making the competition fair.

Or maybe it was the exceptional performance of athletes that captivated fans in disbelief of what they just saw. The Olympics are about bringing countries together in competition to see who can be the best in the world. There is something mesmerizing about witnessing athletes perform to the best of their ability and seeing how other human beings can be so gifted, even if we ourselves do not have that same capability. The athletes competing were not superheroes with abnormal talents. One could not pick them out in a crowd and pinpoint them as an Olympian. They were the same as anybody else.

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When Jamaican track and field star Usain Bolt took the track for the men's 100-meter final, nobody expected the young runner to take the lead. Though Tyson Gay, the U.S. star runner favorite to win the race failed to make the finals, Bolt stunned the world by shattering the world record with a 9.69 gold medal finish. As Bolt sprinted across the finish line, his arms graced the sky and his smile illuminated the track he ran on.

It's moments like these that make watching the Olympics so much fun. The underdog pulls ahead and the unexpected suddenly happens.

Maybe it's the historical context that connects the ancient Greek Olympics with the ones of today. The fact that thousands of years ago athletes were competing in some of the exact same events as today is thrilling. In a world that changes at the blink of an eye, the Olympics are a constant reminder that throughout the technological breakthroughs or political disputes, the world can still connect for a simple athletic competition. The Greeks believed that a healthy body supported a healthy mind, and the Olympics was a way of using athletics to acknowledge other areas of the world.

Despite conflict between the Russian Federation and the country of Georgia, they were still able to compete against each other in a non-political womens volleyball match. Though everybody waited anxiously to see how it would result, politics were left out of the first round match.

Maybe the Olympics weren't perfect. One cannot expect them to be. But set aside the reasons that make up the negativity and take a look at the impact of the Olympics. It may only be a silly sporting event, but the Olympics always find a way to capture the world and make it a little more peaceful for 17 days.

etown volleyball

Volleyball looks to repeat last years conference win

Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

The Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team is gearing up for another unforgettable season. Coming off winning the Commonwealth Conference Championship last fall, the girls now have to pull it together after losing five seniors, four of them who had places in the starting lineup.

In the Commonwealth Coach's Poll, the team was picked to place third this year while the previous season's runner up, Lebanon Valley College is the favorite for the championship.

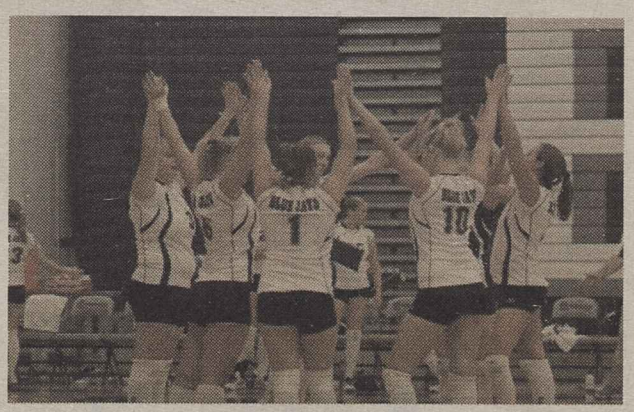
With official practice beginning only this past week, sophomore Crystal Agnew is already feeling the pain of losing five of her team members.

"It's going to be tough, but I think we are still the team to beat," Agnew said.

Their first two matches were held August 30th, against Swarthmore and York Colleges. In the first match against Swarthmore, sophomore Molly Northway led the Blue Jays to victory with eight kills along with junior Kayla Deats and first-year Kelsey Hayes, with four kills each. Other players that lent a hand in the Etown victory were junior Paige Tanner, sophomore Amanda Ritchey, and Agnew. The match was won by the Blue Jays, 3-0.

The second match of the day was against York College. This proved to be a much tougher fight for the Blue Jays. The team led with 10 digs and 10 kills by Tanner, while Ritchey had 12 digs, a new team high. Agnew and Hayes also assisted in the match, but Etown fell 3-1 against the Spartans.

With these being only the first two of many matches, there is no telling in which direction the season will go. Hopefully this positive start will propel the Blue Jays to another conference championship win.



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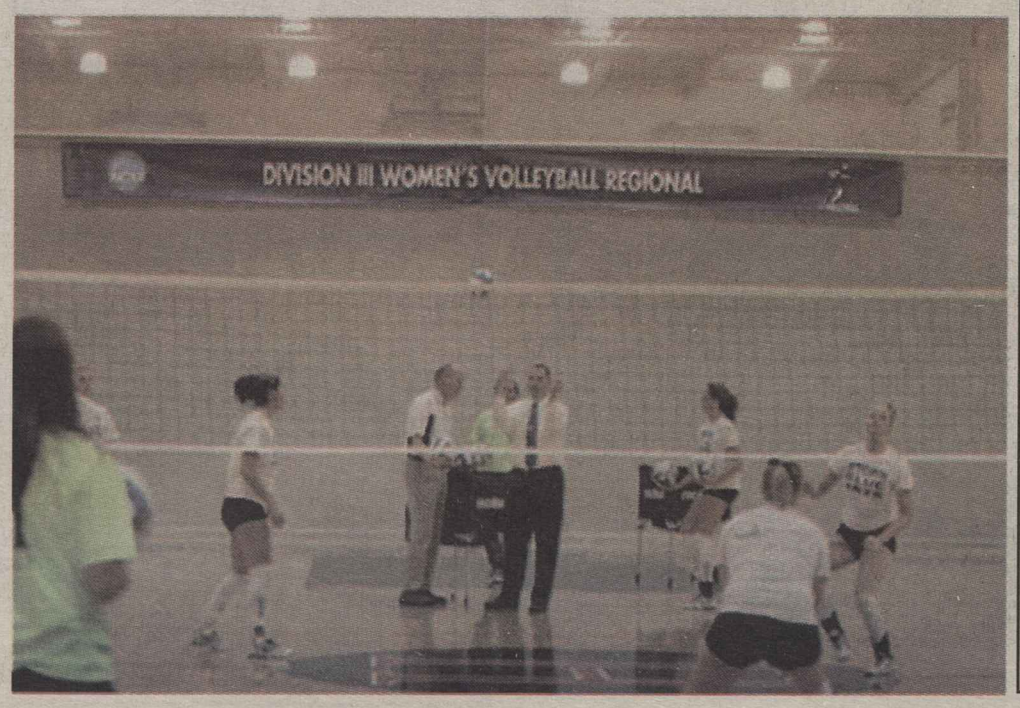

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etown men's soccer

Expectations high for men's soccer

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

Striving for a 6th consecutive Commonwealth Conference final appearance, the Elizabethtown men's soccer team has a tall task ahead of them.

They will look to replicate their impressive winning record of 14-6-0 from their previous season and put themselves in contention for a title.

New players will have ample opportunity to prove themselves this year as head coach Skip Roderick will lead his team into the season with just six returning starters.

Five starting positions are available for new players. They will have to work hard and play smart to fill the gap as four of those five spots belonged to All Conference players last year.

When asked about having nearly half of the starting team to replace, Roderick was hopeful.

"Obviously those holes are hard to replace," he said.

"We hope that the tough competition coming up in the next five games will give the younger guys some good experience, and help us prepare for the MACs."

"I expect a lot out of this season," sophomore Tony Pacella said. "We lost a lot of good players, but have a lot of good ones returning, and a strong first-year class.

I would like to see our team win MACs and get an NCAA berth."

Playing up top and contributing to the majority of the teams goals this season will be senior Matt Diller, sophomore Andrew Filewicz, sophomore Taylor Helsel, and senior Dan Flaherty.

Looking to link up with the forwards from the midfield will be sophomore Cameron Gettel, senior Bryan Holt, sophomore Adam Liddle, and junior Bryan Kuppe.

Securing the back line will be senior Wes Bunting, junior Luke Mitchell, Pacella, first-year Zack Wendler, and goalkeeping is senior Jeff Mullen.

The men's team had a disappointing campaign this past weekend at the Mary Washington tournament.

They dropped the first game against Mary Washington 1-0 on a controversial goal scored in the first two minutes of overtime.

Elizabethtown then tied Marymount 0-0 in their second game to bring their season record to 0-1-1. However, it's still very early in the season, and the team will look to put in a solid performance at the home opener September 5th at 7:00 p.m. vs. Brockport.

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Athlete of the Week

Paige Tanner

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

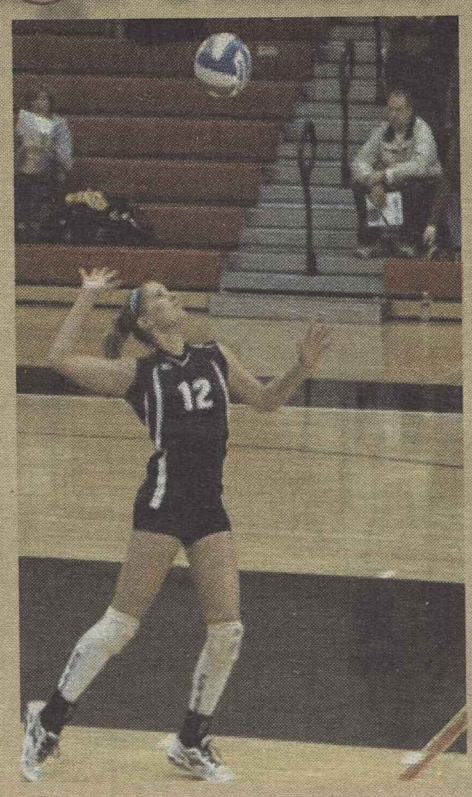
The Etownian is stoked to name junior Paige Tanner as our first Athlete of the week for the 2008-2009 school year.

In her first match of the season against Swarthmore College tanner had an impressive 3 kills and 8 digs. In her second match against York College she had an astonishing 10 kills and 10 digs.

Tanner continued to excel by achieving 10 kills, 10 digs, and 1 ace against rival match Franklin and Marshall College.

Tanner looks to improve her statistics as she the team travels to Gettysburg Collge for the annual Gettysburg Battlefield Classic on September 5 and 6.

Congratulations to Paige Tanner for her incredible performance on the court and for being this week's Athlete of the Week!



Q A

Favorite Jays Nest grill item:
Chicken quesadillas

Something not many people know about me ....
I have 10 peircings and a tattoo

Favorite Sports team:
Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh

I can't live without my ...
dog Cosmo

When I leave college I want to ...
marry rich, and be a pro volleyball player

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Marymount 0, Etown 0 (2OT)

Soccer (W)
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Etown 6, Christopher Newport 2
Etown 2, New York University 1

Volleyball
(2-1, 0-0):
Etown 3, Swarthmore 0
York 3, Etown 1
Etown 3, Franklin & Marshall 1

Field hockey
(2-0, 0-0):
Etown 4, Misericordia 2
Etown 7, Muhlenberg 1
Etown 3, Franklin & Marshall 1

Schedule of Sports

Cross country (M):
Sept 6: @ Lebanon Valley Invitational

Cross country (W):
Sept 6: @ Lebanon Valley Invitational

Field hockey:
Sept 6: York
Sept 10: Juniata

Soccer (M):
Sept 5-6: Brothers Pizza Blue Jay Classic
Sept 10: @ Drew

Soccer (W):
Sept 6: @ Carnegie Mellon Tournament

Volleyball:
Sept 5: @ Gettysburg College Battlefield Classic
Sept 10: Haverford

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in the region

McCain, Palin draw vast crowds at Franklin & Marshall

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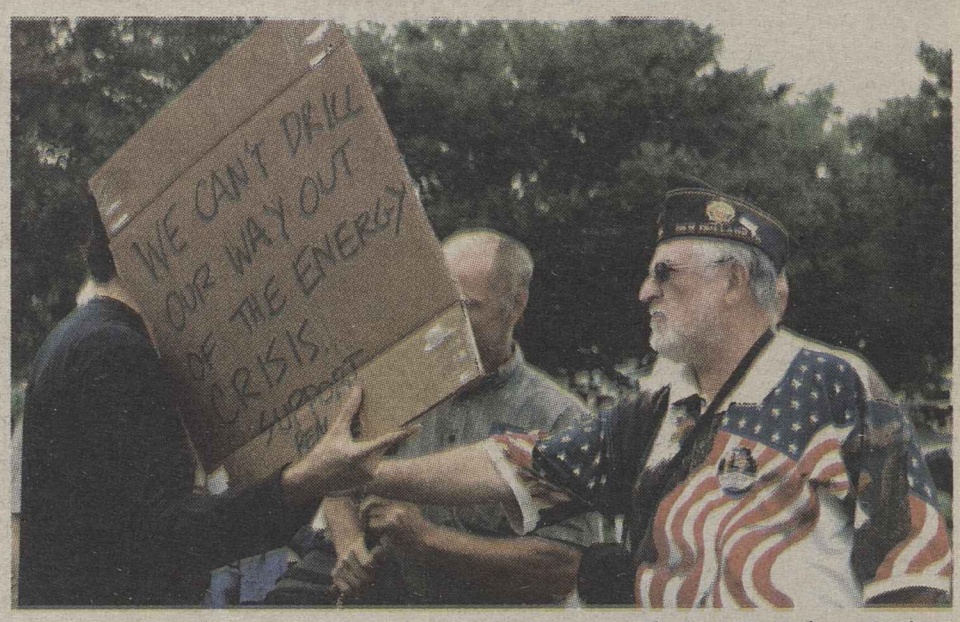
The political battlefield was alive and brimming on Tuesday as the venerable John McCain made a stop in Lancaster. His campaign bus, The Straight-Talk Express, made a pit stop at Franklin & Marshall's Athletic Center to the delight of a horde of Central Pa. McCain supporters. Outside, a whole slew of people ranging from Democratic protestors to the Amish awaited his arrival.

The doors of the rally opened at about 1:30 p.m., though McCain was not scheduled to arrive until 3:30 p.m. To pass the time, the audience was entertained by speeches from varying Pa. Republican leaders, as well as a band playing songs with titles such as "I'm Votin' McCain" and "We're all Rays of McCain."

When McCain arrived, he was introduced by a series of videos recounting his life story and varying accomplishments, as well as his vice president's credentials. Finally, when McCain took the stage, he was announced by a dramatic composition eerily similar to the *Jurassic Park* theme.

The crowd went absolutely crazy for the candidate. Camera flashes and colorful concert lights made the diamond-shaped crowd look like a gigantic Fourth of July fireworks display. Hundreds of campaign posters flapped in a fervor as McCain took the stage in front of a gigantic banner reading "Country First." The crowd roared with an intensity that puts most rock concerts to shame.

Sarah Palin, McCain's running mate, spoke first. McCain stood silent at her side as she praised him for never backing down from donating significant amounts of money to the Iraq war and never "breaking faith" with the troops. From there, she moved on to criticize Barack Obama, stating, "Some people use change to promote their careers, while others use their careers to promote change." She then went on to discuss her various accomplishments and how she went against the mantra of "politics as usual" during her careers as mayor and governor. She cited that in her state — as well as for America in general — "government is not the answer; government is the problem." She cited all the reforms she put forth in Alaska and how she would apply these to all of America should McCain gain control of the U.S. All the while, people brandishing signs with slogans like "McCain: God, Guns and Lipstick!" cheered on.



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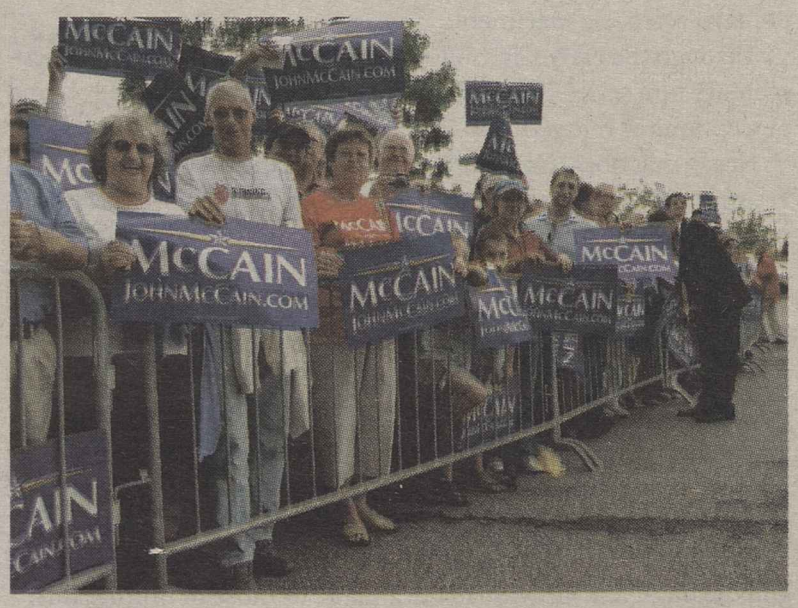

After all this, Palin introduced McCain, and he began a speech of his own. Most surprising when McCain speaks is how *different* he sounds in real life as opposed to on television. His voice takes on a high, tinny, *old* quality, to the point when "Washington" comes out like "*Warshington*." McCain's speech focused on his varying promises for his tenure in office. He promised to make America "energy-independent' via offshore oil drilling, wind power and nuclear power. He cited how he would bring a whole slew of changes to the "'me first, country second' crowd" in Washington. He promised that he would veto every single unnecessary spending bill that Congress may throw at him, leaving things like scientific research by the wayside. He pledged that all this saved money would get back to the people somehow. He talked about how America is currently suffering "tough times" and how he would get us out of them, ridding the country of cronyism and government bailouts for large corporations. He hailed the war veterans in the crowd and said he would never let them down. McCain ended on that note, exiting to the same dramatic tune to which he entered.

Outside, a massive crowd brandishing blue McCain posters pressed up against a metal barrier in an attempt to catch a glimpse of McCain. He made an effort to shake every single person's hand, and then left abruptly. Traffic was backed up for hours after the event.

This was neither McCain's first nor last visit to the area, as Central Pa. is proving to be quite the political hotspot.

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The highly potent hallucinogenic drug salvia has found an increasing popularity in recent years.

Thousands of videos have surfaced on the web, many of them documenting the "trip" of young first-time users.

The DEA, after a decade of studies, has not been able to deem salvia a controlled substance. Thirteen states, though, have banned the drug.

Aspiring researchers suspect that a derivative of salvia may deter the effects of depression, HIV, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's. Ethical issues may stifle research as salvia becomes more controlled.

Federal deficit has reached the awesome amount of $407 billion in the last year, nearly doubling that of last year.

New tax rules for big business has caused an estimated fifteen percent decline corporate tax receipts, which has added to the deficit.

A projected $2.3 trillion deficit has been estimated during the next ten years by the Congressional Budget Office.

A recent article posted on consumerist.com observes Motts' light apple juice, which happens to be a watered down version of the original.

Motts' 'Plus Light', which is priced at nearly the same amount as Motts' original, contains a few additional vitamins, but also contains fifty percent more water than the original.

Tricking consumers into paying a bit too much is what business is all about, but in the eyes of many, Motts may be crossing the line.

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on campus

TIPS training teaches intervention strategies

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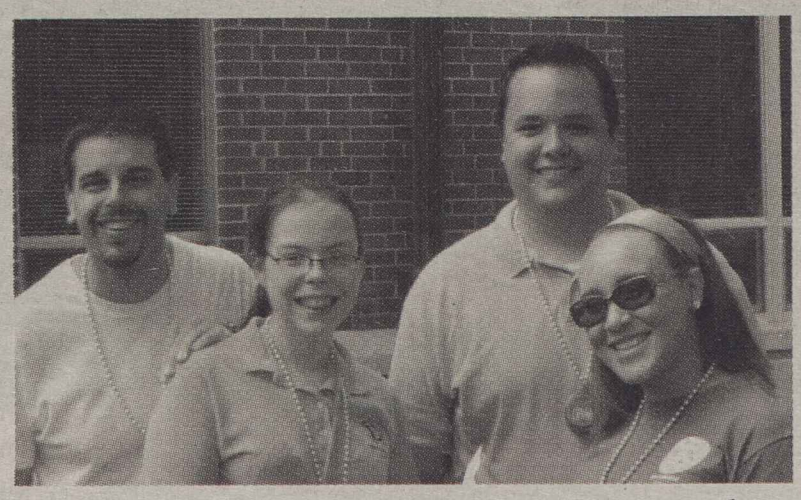
As students graduate high school and make the transition to life on a college campus they are faced with a number of decisions regarding their interests, values and lifestyle. Among these is the decision to consume alcohol.

Whether students decide to drink or not, many will face situations in which alcohol is present. According to the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 63.7 percent of full-time students between the ages of 18 and 22 have consumed alcohol in the past month, 43.2 percent of which reported binge drinking or heavy use. Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks on one occasion at least once in the past month. Heavy use implies consumption of five or more drinks on one occasion at least five times in the past month.

These numbers can be considered significant. In order to create a safer environment for the students of Elizabethtown, Mario Rapetti, assistant director of Residence Life; Joseph Allen, area coordinator for Royer and Founders; and Sara Richards-Oliver, Area Coordinator for Ober, Myer and Schlosser; completed Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS).



Courtesy photo
From left: Rapetti, Richards-Oliver and Allen pose with Rachel Hadrick, Coordinator of Multicultural Programs and Residential Communities.

TIPS teaches bartenders and other servers, sellers or consumers of alcohol how to gauge how much a person has had to drink, when to cut them off and when the situation requires immediate medical assistance.

TIPS for Universities modifies this program to train students and those who work with them to responsibly handle situations in which excessive alcohol is consumed.

"TIPS" primary focus is on responsible drinking. Through the training and program, it enhances the skills to learn the positive, more action-oriented method to intervene with peers when necessary," Rapetti said. After completing training, Rapetti, Allen and Richards-Oliver trained the RAs at Elizabethtown and nearby Millersville University in the same program.

"The training that we provided through TIPS helps enhance the people skills students already have, give them confidence to use them effectively and show them some new strategies for dealing with situations that the RAs will need to intervene with people who are misusing alcohol," Rapetti said.

The RAs took a two-hour certification program that utilized lectures, discussion and video clips to show them how to handle specific situations.

"[The TIPS program] teaches students how to say to their friends, 'I've noticed you've been depressed lately and you're drinking more than you usually do. Why don't you finish that beer and we'll go to Denny's and talk?'" Richards-Oliver said.

As not all students have access to a program like TIPS, Richards-Oliver gave some helpful advice on how to recognize a dangerous situation and handle it responsibly. Clues that your friend may have had too much to drink include stumbling and staggering, slurred speech and difficulty holding onto their train of thought. Too much to drink becomes alcohol poisoning when the student is passed out, shaking or turning blue.

"The strongest advice I can give is to trust your instincts," Richards-Oliver said. "If something feels wrong, it probably is. The worst thing you can do is assume it's going to be okay."

on campus

New Colloquium caters to holistic learning

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Elizabethtown College reorganized its first-year Colloquium this fall to streamline past intentions. This new format has shifted Colloquium from a diverse (but disparate) session selection into two distinct six-week sequences.

Previously, Colloquium featured a collection of experts outstanding in their respective fields, drawing lecturers from both Elizabethtown College itself and the surrounding academic world. "Extended orientation" assemblies and Fine and Performing Arts presentations separated individual speakers. Colloquium revisions will unify programming into "Transitions" and "Perspectives" segments.

The first block, labeled "Transitions," represents the new efforts of Marianne Calenda, Dean of Students, and the Office of Student Life to "provide insight for the students … relevant to making that transition from high school to college a successful one."

Having studied student development specifically, professionals teach first-years techniques and habits necessary for academic and personal success. "Transitions" embodies Elizabethtown College's newly adopted Educational Philosophy, which guides scholars "on a journey of self-transformation [towards] intellectual, social and personal growth."

To ensure that the College educates the "whole person," students examine their own abilities through the Gallop StrengthsQuest survey. This holistic, professional assessment reveals to first-years skills that they already possess.

"Perspectives," managed by Thomas Hagan, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, and Christina Bucher, Dean of Faculty, presents two major goals. Hagan cites "recent institutional task force studies" as the primary inspirations for the division, which stress the need for increased "awareness of global issues, [as being] members of local, national, and international communities." Heightened understanding of significant situations will lead to empathy, investigatory skill and new perspectives.

In past years, more than 500 first-year students at a time gathered in Leffler Chapel. Weekly mass lectures, each an hour long, formed the entire body of the Colloquium. For 2008, Hagan and Calenda have diversified the delivery of information.

"Perspectives" begins by introducing the Center for Global Citizenship. By learning about overseas study and Service Learning opportunities, students can immediately conceptualize and manifest goals of their own.

As in previous Colloquiums, underclassmen will have the opportunity to hear from speakers from around the world. These include Arn Chorn-Pond, who plans to speak on the effects of the Cambodian civil war, and Enrique Morones, champion for illegal Mexican immigrants. Anchoring these lectures is a panel discussion that includes Elizabethtown College's own Dr. Paul Gottfried of the political science department.

Through the early fall, Colloquium will sponsor a parallel documentary film series. These three films examine the experiences and perceptions of refugees and immigrants.

Hagan describes "Crossing Arizona," from the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, as a vivid exploration of "escalating tensions over illegal immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border in the Sonara region."

The issues of "human rights, national security, class and culture" echo the stories told in the previous week's "Lost Boys of Sudan," which documents the brutal journey experienced by tens of thousands of kidnapped children through the devastation of Sudan, the polder of Kenya and the dream of the United States.

Finally, "The Flute Player" shares Arn-Chorn Pond's personal experience as "a childhood survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide in war-torn Cambodia."

Hagan sees the experiences of Elizabethtown's first-years as analogous, though less individually dramatic, to those of immigrants.

"If you think about it," he asserts, "all the first-year students are experiencing a similar situation … lifted from their environment of the past 18 or so years and now they are here at Etown … trying to fit in. They are trying to make a life for themselves through the opportunities that are present here at Etown College. So in essence, the Colloquium programming is attempting to reach today's generation … by helping the students find out more about themselves, exposing them to ideas and situations that they may not have been aware of previously, and asking the students to consider how these various ideas and people can influence the way the students think about themselves and the world they live in. How cool is that?"

on campus

Construction commences on Jaywalk, Simmons Estate

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Elizabethtown has initiated several major construction projects, not to the surprise of those who spend time on campus. Construction scenery is temporarily scattered across the approximately 200-acre campus.

A major addition is being made to the Baugher Student Center, while a large stretch of property on the edge of campus is being readied for future use by Residence Life.

The Jaywalk is a large walkway currently being constructed between the BSC and Thompson Gymnasium. Upon completion, it will serve as a bridge between the back end of campus (the Founders and Apartments areas) and the academic front, namely the Masters and Hoover Business Centers. It will serve as more than just a walkway; it will include a 65-seat lecture hall with state-of-the-art technology, an athletic hall of fame area and athletic offices. The project is expected to conclude by the start of the spring semester, according to Joseph Metro, director of Facilities Management.

In addition, Etown plans to renovate Gibble Auditorium in December and hopes to have it finished before the spring semester.

"We will be adding new seats, carpet and paint, along with new speakers, projectors, lighting and a new projection screen," James Hayes, associate director of Facilities Management, said. This should be the last of the major renovations made to the Masters Center.

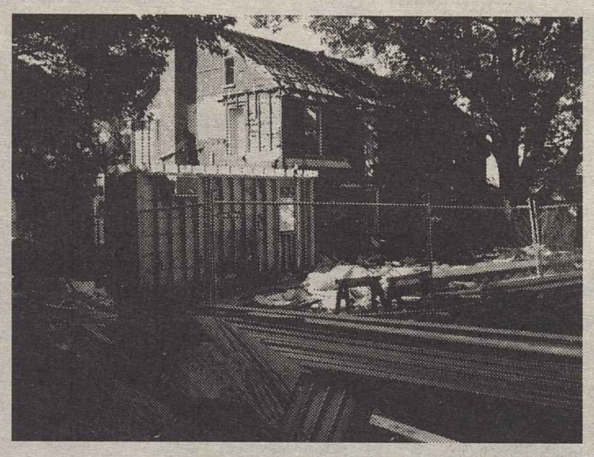

Photo: William A. Bell
Construction underway on the Farm house.

As for the land that was cleared for new residence buildings, very careful deconstruction has taken place.

The Barn, located off of Cedar Street, has also undergone significant changes. Last month, the structure underwent almost complete deconstruction in order to build a clean slate. The Barn Saver, a locally-based company in Pa., successfully and quite rapidly tore down the entire barn. The company takes barns and similar structures apart and either reconstructs them or sells the remnants, mostly timber and lumber, to others in 26 states. The Barn Saver completes all deconstructive work cost-free and profits solely on the leftover materials.

Fifty Mennonites came to the College and removed the Barn to bring the parts to an Old Order Mennonite farmer in the area. They completed the deconstruction in one day and spent one week loading the raw materials, transporting them to a village in eastern Lancaster County.

"It was pretty amazing to watch," Metro said.

All materials not sold by The Barn Savers were either recycled or disposed. The thrown-out materials were as limited as possible due to the fact that the process costs money. An estimated 20 tons of materials, including steel and copper, were recycled for later use. Stones and rubble were dumped in the quarry behind Founders Residence Hall in an effort to advance the College's plan to beautify that area.

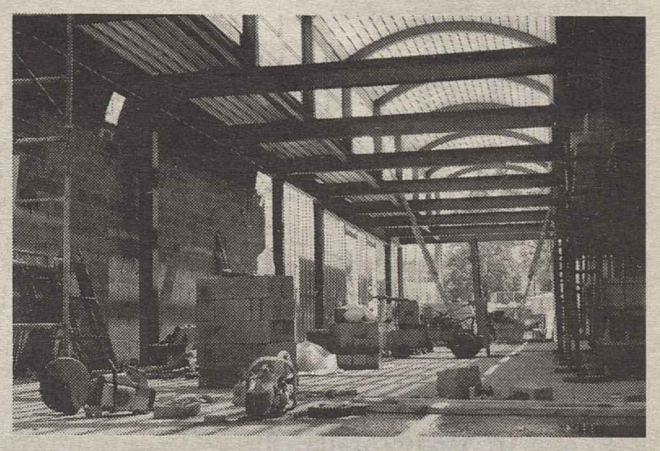

Photo: E. Adam Quinn
These beams and cinderblocks will transform into the Jaywalk by spring semester.

Asphalt on the property was cut up to be reused in the same location when the living community is built. This process involves mixing finely ground asphalt particles with bituminous foam (containing tar mixture) heated to approximately 180 degrees Celsius, or 356 degrees Fahrenheit.

"We will be providing future housing where the Barn used to be," Metro said. "Elizabethtown will not be increasing the amount of students; it is just to create more space."

The Farm house also has alterations planned for its future. The former residence was originally a two-story log cabin built in the 1850s. Additions were constructed over the years, and it, too, will be redone to comply with the new housing plans.

Significantly, the work completed on what was formerly known as the Barn was described by Hayes as a "zero-sum contract." The only cost the College incurred was the disposal of items not recycled or reconstructed. Moreover, the College performed a "green-approach" to the removal of over 20 tons of recyclable material. This contributes to the campus-wide effort to "Go Green" that has picked up speed in the past year.

The Spring House, a third residence on the property, is being preserved at the moment. The College is unsure how it will be used in the future. Plans for the property include a community-style residential arrangement that is expected to differ from traditional residence halls.

Contributing to the extensive time requirement typical of most construction work is the federal requirement for public buildings to comply with the American Disabilities Act standards, which deem public locations sufficiently accessible to handicapped citizens. This requirement engenders the need for more meticulous planning on the part of Facilities Management, as holds true for any other college.

Overall, the plans and renovations being implemented on campus have been well-received by the student body. First-year Steven Boyer stated his appreciation of the efforts.

"For a college known for its aesthetic appeal," he said, "it's always nice to see even minor improvements being made to an apparently seamless campus."

on campus

First-year inebriation on decline

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Stumbling, barely-conscious first-years are navigating their way across campus in the first few weeks of school. Contrary to popular belief, they're not searching for classes or meeting friends. They're not playing hide-and-go-seek under the night sky. Plain and simple, they are drunk.

First-year drunkenness is on the decline, though, according to Campus Security.

"This year, so far, has been better than others. There are probably several different factors that contribute," Dale Boyer, Assistant Director of Campus Security, said.

Two underage students have been transported to the hospital within the last two weeks: an eighteen-year-old first-year girl, who was discovered by borough police, and another male.

In contrast to prior years, where as many as ten students needed transportation to a hospital because of alcohol related occurrences, this year is beginning on a reasonably positive note.

Although there have been few mishaps, it is still "very early" to assume that the remainder of the year will not be problematic, according to Boyer.

"Perhaps a more responsible first-year class could be a factor," he said.

"The fact that the Farm house is no longer a party magnet has contributed to the decline of underage violations also," Boyer said.

The two-story farmhouse and the Simmons Estate located just outside of campus were privately owned and rented to college students in prior years.

Students around campus have had their own experiences with drinking during their first few weeks here.

"I noticed many people on campus who feel like it's the only way to have fun," first-year Kassandra Snook said.

While clubs and activities make themselves known, time-strapped students looking to meet people may be more inclined to attend parties.

"It's easy to find opportunities to drink on- and off-campus," first-year student Greg Shedlock said.

The fact that alcohol is easily accessible could contribute to drinking problems on campus.

While Elizabethtown College maintains a strict policy on underage drinking, faculty and administration do not seem to go out of their way to reinforce it.

"If we're going to win the battle against drinking on campus, we need to gain the support of faculty in order to stop sale of alcohol-related paraphernalia in the bookstore and at school-sponsored events," Ober resident Jason Oliver said.

Regardless of one's age, Elizabethtown College shot glasses can be bought at the bookstore, and alcohol-mixing guides were available for purchase at the recent poster sale in the Event Space of the Brossman Commons.

"In certain states you need to be 18 years old to buy a lighter," Olivers said. "Why should shot glasses be any different?"

The underage use of alcohol could continue to remain a mild issue on campus this year, or it may grow in severity. Optimistic, Boyer said, "I hope the [declining] trend continues."

Alert coming soon

Be on the lookout for an EC Alert test run next Thursday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m. The College's Emergency Management Group asks that all students inform their parents and guardians of this test date. Forms of media to be utilized include the following:

- e-mail message from ecalert@etown.edu or EC Alert;
- voicemail to office phones of faculty and staff as well as cellular phones of faculty, staff and students from 717-361-1988 (the College's emergency hotline);
- text message to text-enabled devices of faculty, staff and students from 23177; and
- messages to emergency phone numbers and e-mail addresses of students' parent(s) or guardian(s).

The EC Alert system is designed to notify the campus community and their relatives about any threats to their wellbeing. The above channels of communication will be utilized only in potentially life-threatening situations, while lesser circumstances will result solely in an e-mail EC Alert message.

EC ALERT

on campus

Karen Hodges travels to Burma with NCP, offers aid

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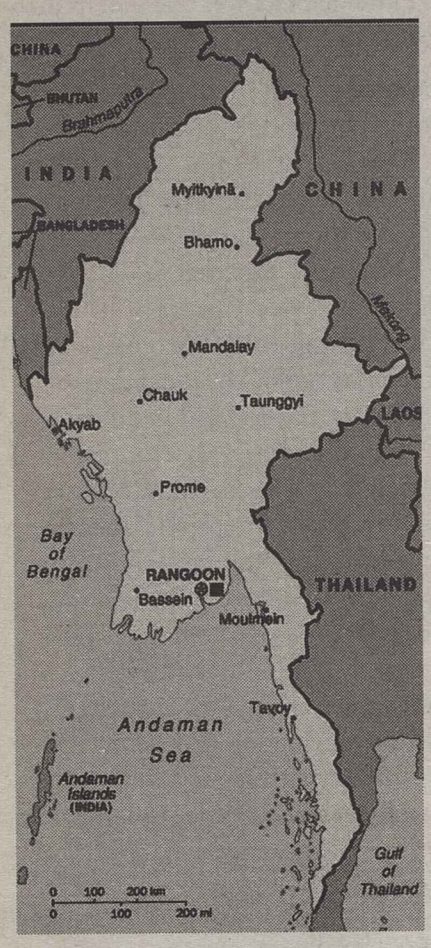
Karen Hodges has recently traveled with six others from around the U.S. to Burma, a country located in Southeast Asia, making a difference with the organization called the New Community Project (NCP).

This is Hodges' fifth trip with the organization. They have traveled to Arctic Village Alaska, Southern Sudan and Nepal, among others.



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"[The] NCP is a non-profit organization that provides valuable learning experiences (learning tours) to places in the world where people live in poverty and desperation – where people are struggling to survive," Hodges explained. "They give participants a first-hand look at troubling situations as well as the resilience and faith of those who live there."

Burma, the most poverty-ridden location in Southeast Asia, has recently come under devastation from the Cyclone Nargis that struck in May 2008 leaving complete destruction in its path.

"Along with tens of thousands of deaths, the storm jeopardized food and water supplies, caused immense physical and psychological suffering and left the educational system in shambles," Hodges said.

With help from partners in Burma, who also give scholarships to orphans, Hodges said the NCP took to the task of looking at ways to help rebuild.

In addition, she stated that NCP also focused its attention on the education in Burma, which was also severely impacted.

Five thousand dollars was enough to provide school uniforms and supplies to hundreds of Burmese children. With additional help from her colleagues here at Etown, Hodges explained, "I was able to raise more than half of this amount from my friends and family."

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According to her, $30 is the average assistance cost per child: this includes school supplies, food supplements, living expenses and traveling expenses.

"Support from anyone is welcomed, "Hodges said, "Perhaps a student club would be interested in assisting this important cause. They can be assured that NCP sends 100 percent of contributions to the projects."

When asked what she got out of this experience, Hodges responded, "I always enjoy experiencing cultures different from my own – learning a few new words, trying different foods, feeling what it's like to be a foreigner – and stepping outside my comfort zone always makes for great stories and memories."

She also discussed helpful tips she gained from Elizabethtown College junior Than Aung, who is from Burma.

"What I will remember most from this trip are the struggles and challenges still facing the people in Burma following the cyclone, and the government's control of their society," Hodges said.

This cause is one that should not go unnoticed. Hodges, along with many others around the United States, continues to contribute to helping areas of the world that are not well off.

It takes a great heart and a patient hand to travel to these countries and help the people deal with their situations.

"Sure would; in fact, NCP is going again in 2009 - so if anyone is interested in traveling there or donating to the school supplies, please let me know," Hodges said

Getting involved isn't necessarily about putting yourself in debt, unless you choose to become that committed.

Contributing in any way will have a huge impact. As people like Hodges continue to give, we will slowly chip away at the issues of poverty around the world.

Helping out can unite different cultures and backgrounds in a great way.

in the nation

"Catcher in the Rye" brings controversy to high schools

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Staff Writer

There has been talk amongst teachers and educators about the classic novel "The Catcher in the Rye" and its relativity to teenagers in today's society.

Having read this book when I was in grade school, it seems unfathomable that the content of a wonderful novel such as this would even be up for debate.

When "The Catcher in the Rye" was first published in 1951, the situations presented in the book were not talked about in everyday life like they are today.

The book is full of extremely harsh language, as well as many sexual references.

The main character, Holden Caulfield, goes through very difficult situations, many to which teenagers today can relate.

"The Catcher in the Rye" has produced so much heat that educators believe that if young students read about the events in this book, they might try to go and imitate what the main character portrays.

There is much controversy in light of teenagers being able to handle these situations and thinking for themselves.

"If schools are going to ban the book, then they are sheltering students from what goes on in the real world," said first-year student Katrina Di Iorio.

How does a classic novel fall from being on the required summer reading list in high school to being banned in the education system?

Some educators believe that students are not equipped to make their own decisions.

One student that wishes to remain anonymous said, "High school students are not as naive as teachers think they are."

High school teachers remark that the removal of the book is not for "sheltering" purposes, but mainly so students have a chance to read newer and more relevant novels.

"The Catcher in the Rye" was published in the 1980s, so its relevance to today's world could be up for debate.

However, the main point is still the fact that it is being banned in school. Educators must realize that reading a book does not necessarily influence a student's behavior.

Students should be able to read what they want, when they want too.

There should be no restrictions on reading a wonderful novel just because some of the content is questionable. Readers are capable of deciding as to whether or not it is an appropriate read for them.

"I think this is a step towards fascism," first-year student Cole Herbst remarked.

The topics brought about in "The Catcher in the Rye" are things that students witness and talk about every day.

There is no reason to shelter students from learning more about situations in their everyday lives.

One way or another, students are going to experience such life events.

Perhaps by reading "The Catcher in the Rye", students will even learn a thing or two about how to prevent these issues from happening and from taking a toll on their everyday lives as teenagers.

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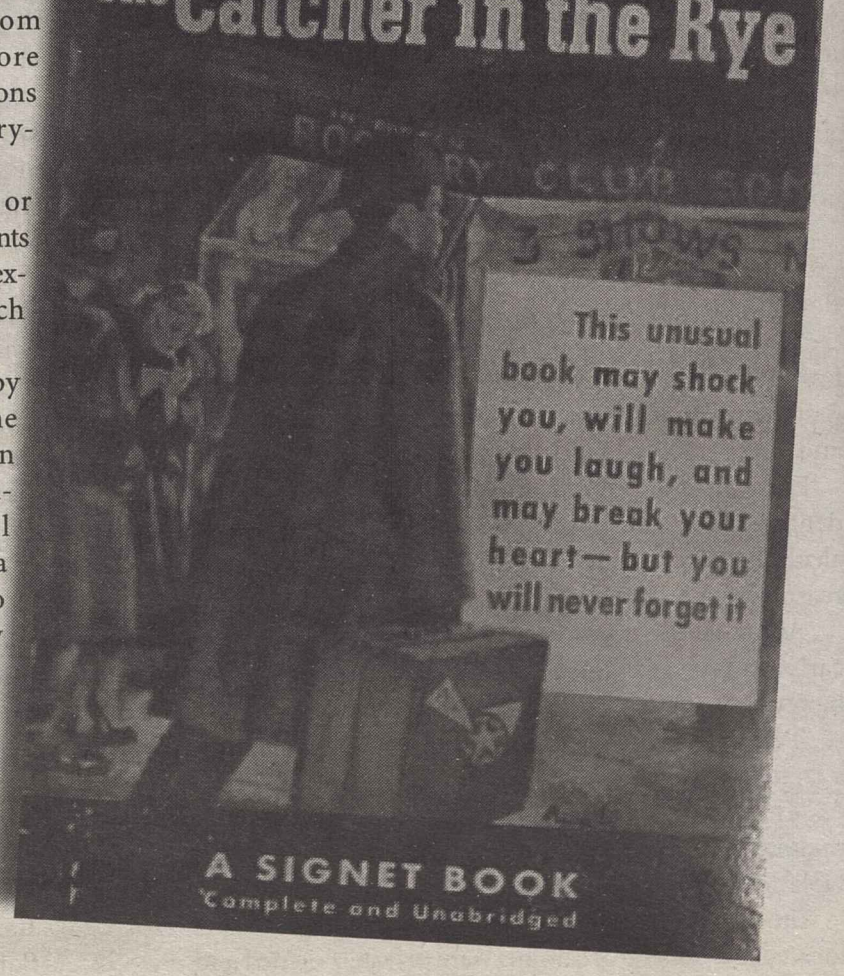

on campus

Refurbished instruments distributed in South Africa

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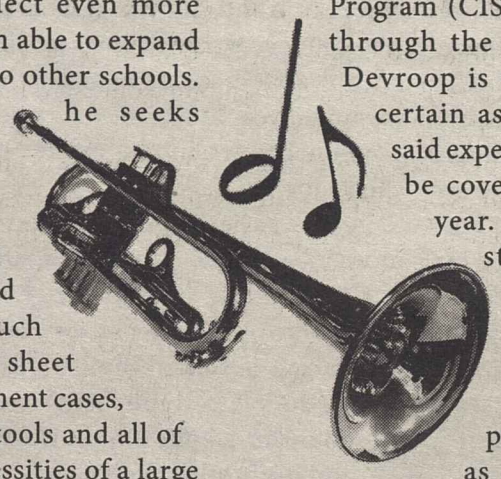
Assistant professor of music and director of music education Karendra Devroop is organizing a donation drive for musical instruments to benefit impoverished students in South Africa for the second year.

Like last year, Devroop plans to travel to distribute the refurbished instruments to rural students outside of the town of Pietermaritzburg, in the province of Kwazula-Natal.

Although approximately 50 instruments were collected, refurbished and donated to an impoverished secondary school, the selected school was only one 19 schools that applied, meaning hundreds of students at the other 18 schools had to be denied musical instruments.

This year, Dr. Devroop hopes to collect even more instruments in able to expand the program to other schools. Meanwhile, he seeks to reinforce his original endeavor by providing much-needed accessories such as stands for sheet music, instrument cases, maintenance tools and all of the other necessities of a large band.



The project relies almost exclusively on the donation of used instruments, though private companies have helped to absorb refurbishment and shipping costs. Additionally, most travel expenses were covered by a Collaborative Interdisciplinary Scholarship Program (CISP) grant through the college. Devroop is still uncertain as to how said expenses will be covered this year. The instrument drive, however, will proceed as planned on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Black Gryphon Restaurant located at 54 Mount Gretna Rd.There will also be live jazz performances by Elizabethtown professors and faculty. Although any instrument donation is appreciated, wind instruments are especially needed. Anyone who donates an instrument will receive a gift certificate courtesy of the Black Gryphon.

Last year's donation gained national attention in South Africa. In a school that had never had a music program, the newly hired music teacher was able to establish a complete student band. Devroop, Dr. Michael Roy of the sociology department and two Etown students were greeted by representatives from the South African Department of Education, along with other school officials and politicians. According to Dr. Devroop, 30 percent of the school's students have lost one or both parents to AIDS, while 40 percent either have a parent infected with the disease or are HIV/AIDS positive themselves. Most students have to walk an hour or more both to and from school each day and must endure crime, disease and hunger. Despite these difficulties, the musical department at the school has thrived, and, will, with additional donations this year, continue to do so.

Devroop, meanwhile, hopes that his program becomes even more widespread in the coming years. Eventually, he would like to look into having it corporately sponsored, but realizes that a sponsorship is many years down the road.

"We need to be successful for several years in a row before getting sponsored," he said, "but hopefully we will continue to grow."

on campus

Let's Talk About Sex: "The Porning of America"

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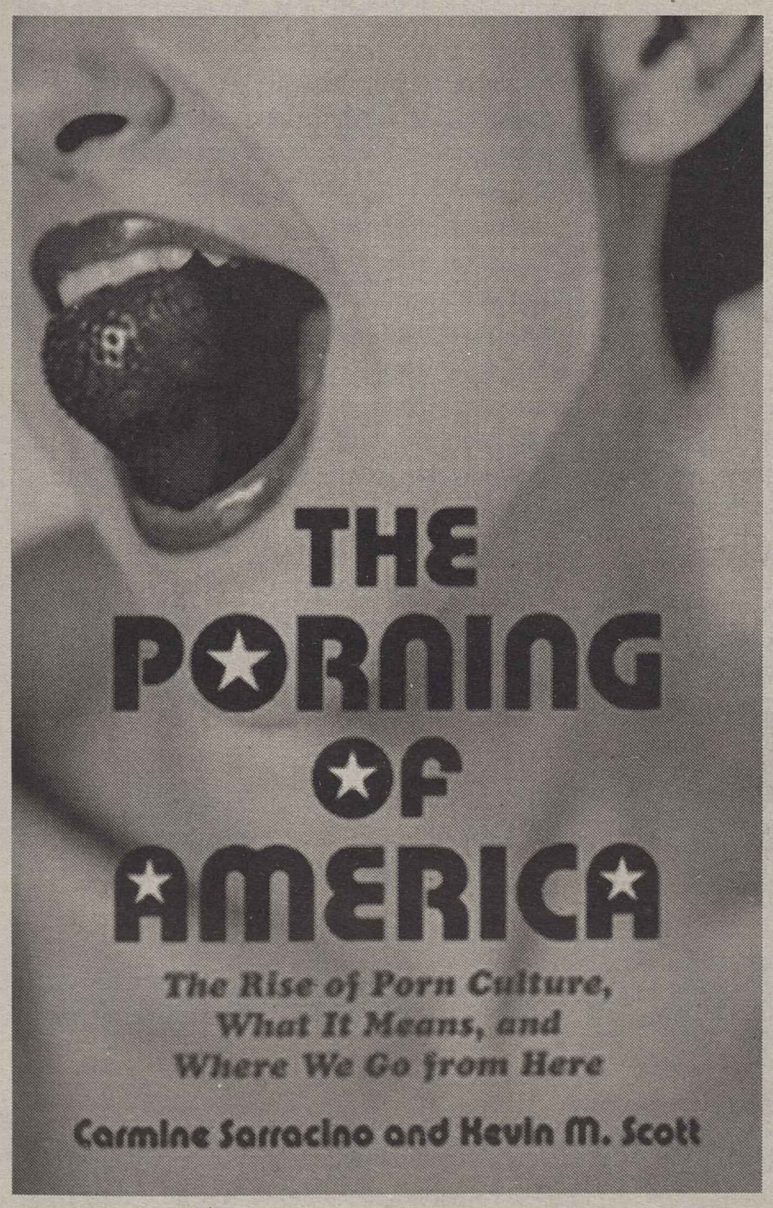
Assistant Features Editor

Let's talk about sex. It's one of those central pillars around which all life seems to revolve. Sure, it's a dirty act only done out of sight in dark rooms, but more and more these days it seems to be permeating our culture. Since the sexual revolution of the 1920s, people have become increasingly comfortable with sexual abandon, to the point where our modern world is practically dripping with musk.

Carmine Sarracino, an English professor here on campus, brings this idea to light in his recently published book "The Porning of America: The Rise of Porn Culture, What it Means, and Where We Go From Here." The book discusses how the porn industry went from a backroom series of sleazy corporations to a multi-billion dollar enterprise in the latter half of the last century. It also discusses how in modern times that led the way to sex becoming one of the main tenents of American life.

The inspiration for the book came from a class that Sarracino teaches here on campus, "Growing Up In America." The class deals with American literature specifically dealing with childhood and coming-of-age topics. Over the past decade, Sarracino couldn't help but notice that one could not discuss American culture without talking about porn and the sex that seemed to be everywhere in American life. From Bratz™ dolls that look like prostitutes to more and more highly sexualized and suggestive cartoons and thongs for preteen girls, sex appears to be everywhere.



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Sarracino and his co-author, Elizabethtown's former English education director Kevin M. Scott, uses this inspiration to discuss how significantly porn has seeped into American life. It shows how advertising and popular media have such a strong pull on today's society that the images they sell soon become what everyone is seeking — in this case — sex. Shows like "Sex and the City" make casual sex a literal term—just a casual interaction between two strangers. Someone you meet in the elevator this afternoon could be in your bed by tonight and out of your life forever by tomorrow. Shows and advertisements make a new person in your bed night after night a normal and almost expected thing. Even the music industry is cashing in on the sex culture. From artists like Madonna to Britany Spears, skimpy clothing and suggestive lyrics are expected of performers.

On the advertising front, the term "sex sells" couldn't be closer to reality. Sarracino and Scott use several ads to show this point. One ad from Clinique shows a makeup product splattered across a woman's face, bearing a striking resemblance to a climactic sexual act.

An ad from Old Spice features a picture of a woman sensually eating an ice cream cone and advising men to "keep it clean," insinuating that men should always keep their important body parts clean since they never know when a sexual opportunity will present itself.

The book also discusses the idea of sexualization — the process by which people only become known for sex. Normal people have a lot of strengths, but some unfortunate people — like Britany Spears and Pamela Anderson — get boiled down to just their sexual desirability. Once they age and become sexually unattractive, they become nothing in the eyes of the public and are ridiculed.

In all, "The Porning of America" is a very deep book and is well worth reading. It explores how America's hard-won sexual freedom can be both liberating and damaging to our culture.

The book is now available in the College Book Store An official release of Sarracino and Scott's book is set for Sept. 29, 2008.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Unique Burglary Weapons

Authorities say they have arrested a man who broke into the home of two California farmworkers, stole money, rubbed one with spices and whacked the other with an 8-inch sausage before fleeing.

Fresno County Sheriff's Lt. Ian Burrimond says 22-year-old Antonio Vasquez was found hiding in a field wearing only a T-shirt, boxers and socks after the Saturday morning attack.

He says deputies arrested Vasquez after finding a wallet containing his ID in the ransacked house.

Burrimond says allegedly stolen money was recovered.

Man Consumes 23,000 Big Macs

A 54-year-old man says his obsessive-compulsive disorder drove him to eat 23,000 Big Macs in 36 years. Don Gorske says he hit the milestone last month, continuing a pleasurable obsession that began on May 17, 1972, when he got his first car, because he could get to McDonalds whenever he wanted.

Gorske has kept every burger receipt in a box.

The only day he skipped a Big Mac was the day his mother died, to respect her request.

The correctional-institution employee says he does not care when people call his Big Mac obsession crazy. He says he is in love with the burgers, which are the highlight of his day.

The Beer Made Me Do It!

A man with four previous drunken driving convictions was stopped for weaving in and out of traffic on Interstate 40. He was ready with an excuse for his poor driving: his passenger spilled his beer.

Not surprisingly, the man was arrested just before midnight Saturday, said state police officer Kurtis Ward. He initially thought the driver was joking when presented with the excuse.

"He was so matter-of-fact about it, like it wasn't a big deal," Ward said.

The 31-year-old man was allegedly too drunk to perform field sobriety tests and was arrested on aggravated drunken driving charges, court records stated. Ward found four opened bottles of beer in the car, court records showed.

It was the man's sixth DWI arrest. He had been found guilty of four of five previous drunken driving charges and has paid $1,750 in fines, the DWI Resource Center said.

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on campus

WWVF Glauber to spend week in Etown

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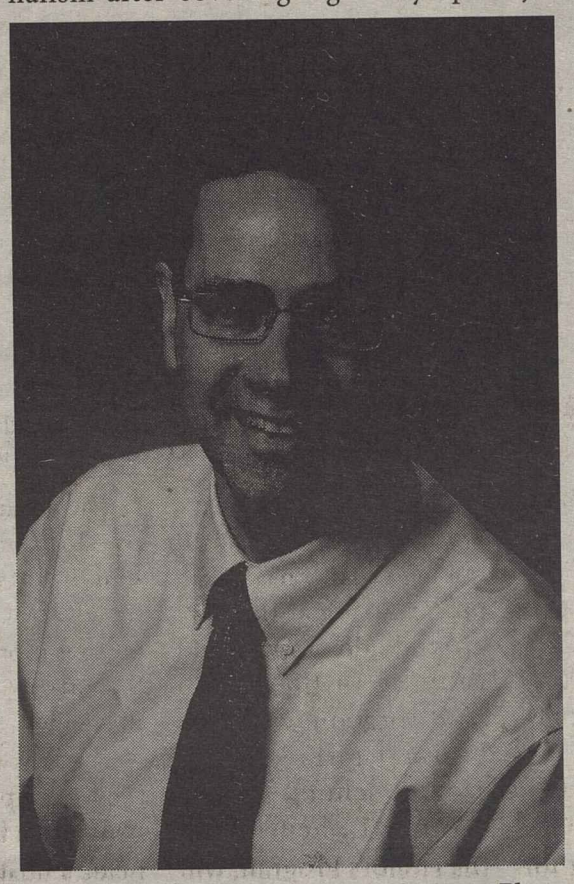
The first of several Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows to visit Elizabethtown College Campus will begin his visit on Monday, Sept. 15. Mr. William Glauber starts off his week here at Etown with a lecture on the "Past, Present and Future of Journalism." It will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. in Leffler Chapel.

Glauber is highly regarded in journalism after covering eight Olympic Games and several other high profile stories. He is a native of White Plains, New York and got his start when he was younger writing sports for his high school and local papers. During his freshman year at what is now known as Towson University, he began writing sports for the Baltimore Sun.



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"It was easier back then. There were more jobs in newspapers." he said.

Glauber has several other family members in the business, and says that journalism is something he "just likes to do." His stepbrother was the one who taught him how to write, and his brother, Bob Glauber is the professional football columnist for Newsday. He currently works for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and commutes every day from the Chicago area.

One of the most interesting things he has seen while reporting is "the ability for the common people to overcome great hardship." He talks about refugees in warzones and soldiers working with comrades as well as the extreme poverty that he has reported on in parts of the world.

"Real life can be really messy," he said.

It is his third visit on behalf of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program, and he is very excited to visit the college. "I have enjoyed this and have learned more from the students," Glauber said.

During his presentation, he will be talking about where he thinks journalism is now, as well as where it is headed.

"We are dealing with great rapid change. It's all up for grabs now." He says in reference to what direction he believes journalism will take. But he continues to say how it is all up to today's students. " It's up to you [students] to determine what kind of journalism is in the future."

"Consider what you want from journalism. Is it valuable? Is it non-valuable? Can you live with it? Can you live without it?"

Glauber also offers advice for students who are thinking of going into journalism. He says it will always be a market for people who love to gather and present information. These are transferrable skills, and the skills will help people in whatever they would like to do. "If you love doing it, keep doing it," he said.

Glauber will be presenting three lectures total at Etown next week. The second of these, entitled "How to Cover War and Live to Tell about It", will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Bucher Meeting House. Finally, his visit will conclude with a panel discussion entitled "Media and War" in the Brinser Lecture Room, located in Steinman, on Thursday Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m. All of these events open to Elizabethtown College students, faculty and staff.

on campus

Connecting Math and Science Lecture

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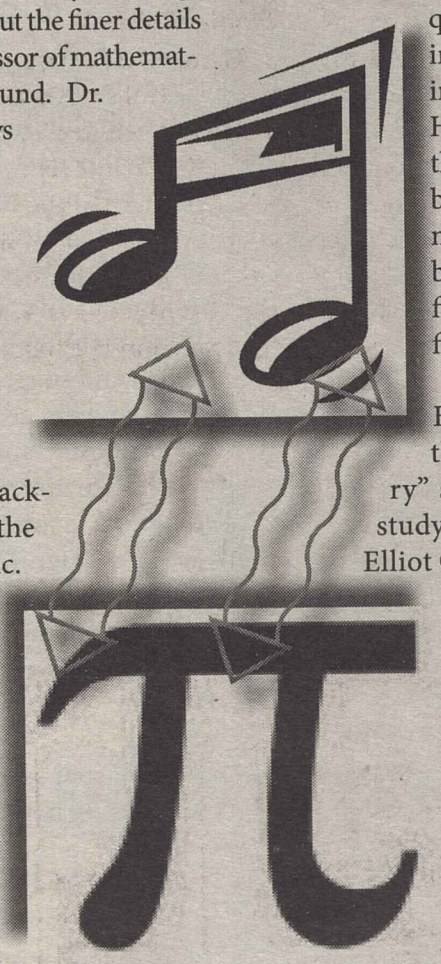
Math and Music. For ordinary folks, these seem like two diametrically opposing fields. One simply can't see how the excitement of a rock concert can relate to the drab Tuesday mornings spent in Calc 2 while a professor rambles on about the finer details of the reverse sine curve. However, for one professor of mathematics here at Elizabethtown, the connections abound. Dr. James Hughes has always loved music, has always loved math and had always wanted to seek out connections between the two.

He gave a talk during a "faculty forum" last Wednesday, discussing a conference he attended and the varying similarities between math and music theory. These faculty forums will now be intermixed with the usual Wednesday at 11 a.m. programs to bring in outside figures.

In his talk, Hughes first discussed his background and then talked about the past of the interdisciplinary studies of math and music. Stating that while "connections have been made between math and music, the majority of these connections are forced." Recently however, a new association had been formed to further explore math and music's similarities. The group, formed in 2006, is called The Society for Math and Computation in Music. They published a journal with the same name highlighting studies that fall within the fields of math and music Theory.



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Most of his talk dealt with a conference he attended in Berlin in May of 2007. The conference was formed by the Society as a way for mathematicians and music theorists to get together and give talks on their studies, as well as a way for the two fields to intermingle.

Hughes discussed the location of the conference and it is metaphorical significance. It was held at a musical instrument museum which lays large crossroads in Berlin that directly bordered the Berlin wall during the cold war. The crossroads between music and math had been disconnected for quite some time due to an absence of interesting connections and a lack of "professional incentive" to explore these said similarities. However, after the wall came down during the Reagan era, this particular part of Berlin became a bustling crossroads once more. In much the same way, walls are coming down between music and math. Likewise, people are finally coming together to talk about how we find music in math and math in music.

After discussing the conference's location, Hughes outlined his favorite study displayed there. It was done from a "pure music theory" standpoint by a Columbia researcher. The study focused on a 2001 cello composition by Elliot Carter and its harmonic structure. First, an excerpt of the piece was played, and then it was replayed, with a three dimensional-triangular graph.

The main point here was that when notes were placed at each of the graph's 12 vertices, a definite geometric pattern connecting all the notes formed. In this way, a music theorist brought out the mathematics that was already in a musical composition, making connections between the two disciplines that were not forced, which was Hughes' chief concern.

All in all, Hughes talk was very enlightening, and students should look in to attending these faculty forums in the future.

campus event

Floats on parade gameboard style

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A fair-and-square board-game-themed float is not the only Homecoming subject on the agendas of Elizabethtown's clubs. Rather, school organizations are strategizing over their forceful attempts at monopolizing the night-long camp out at the Alumni House to wait for the Homecoming floats sign-up.

Running on a first-come, first-serve basis, the third annual all-nighter aims to allow student representatives from clubs to duke it out and see which club has the right to build which float for the Homecoming parade, since popular themes will be desired by multiple groups.

This year, the all-nighter will be running Sunday, Sept. 14 to Monday, Sept. 15, in order to give organizations time to plan and build their floats before Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 18.

A tradition started two years ago by eager Senate members competing for the number one slot, the all-nighter continues to prosper as one of Etown's most exciting customs.

Senior Audra Farren, vice president of Senate and this year's chair of Homecoming events, expresses her satisfaction with the way the all-nighter has been run and respected over the last couple of years.

Campus Security was very flexible with Senate's first wishes to get a head-start in line at the Alumni House, she recalled. No one has caused any trouble at the all-nighter yet, so the tradition is expected to prevail.

About 15 floats have been paraded around Elizabethtown in the past, starting at the fairgrounds downtown and running to the Brown Building on campus. Prominent groups around school such as S.W.E.E.T., Senate and the Honors Program will be among the top competitors at the vigil preceding sign-ups.

Junior Samantha Schneider, president of S.W.E.E.T., emphasizes that the Homecoming all-nighter "is rumored to be intense. Anyone interested in having a float in the parade will want to make sure they get one of the coveted spots."

Senior Brandon Bear, president of the Honors Council and former participant in the all-nighter, agrees that it is an exciting event. He recalls how he camped out to reserve the Honors Council's "Cave Men" theme last year.

Faculty advisers have overlooked the float-building in the past, but he adds that this year it will be more interesting because faculty will be involved in the parade.

Circle K, another prominent group on campus, regrets that they have not made a float in the past, but junior Erin Lengel, club president, plans to incorporate community service into their agenda by recycling the wood used from the floats.

As for which float each group intends to claim, plans are top-secret.

For participating clubs, the all-nighter will start them at "GO" as they manipulate the course of events leading up to the parade judges at the finish line.

Image: *fanpop.com*

"CRU is a great organization where you can get to know other people and God on a deeper level."

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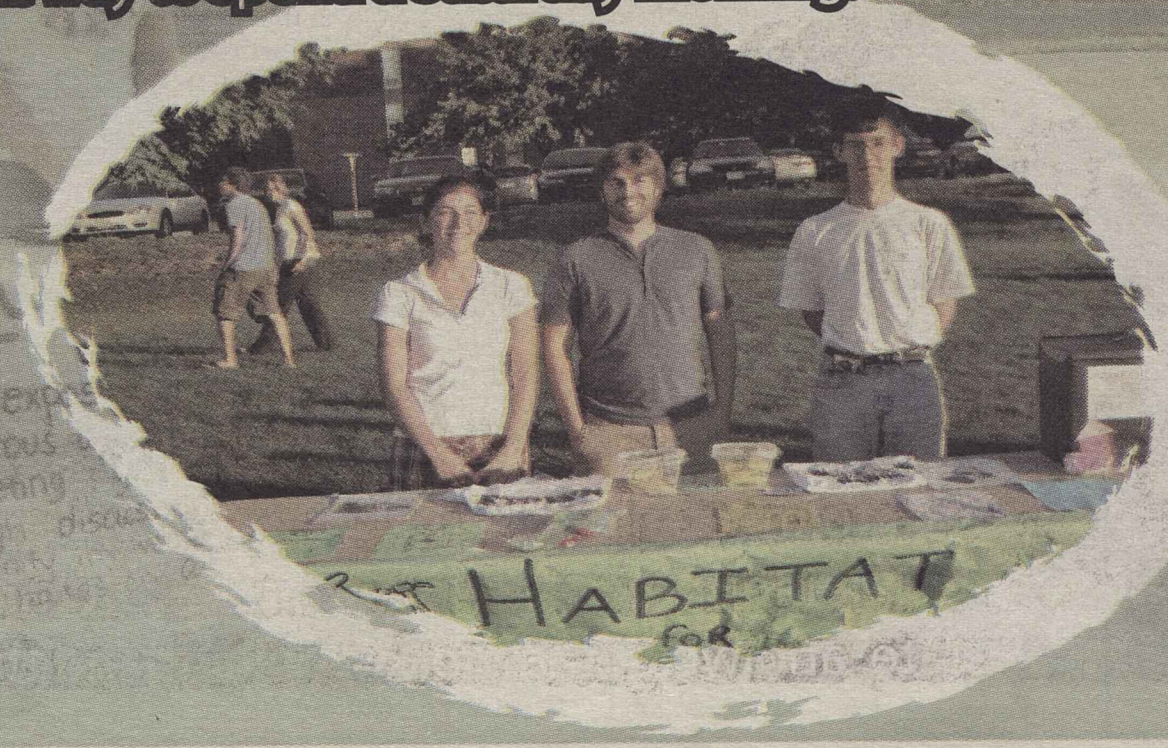
"In Habitat for Humanity, we travel once a month to a site and build a house for someone who needs it. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning."



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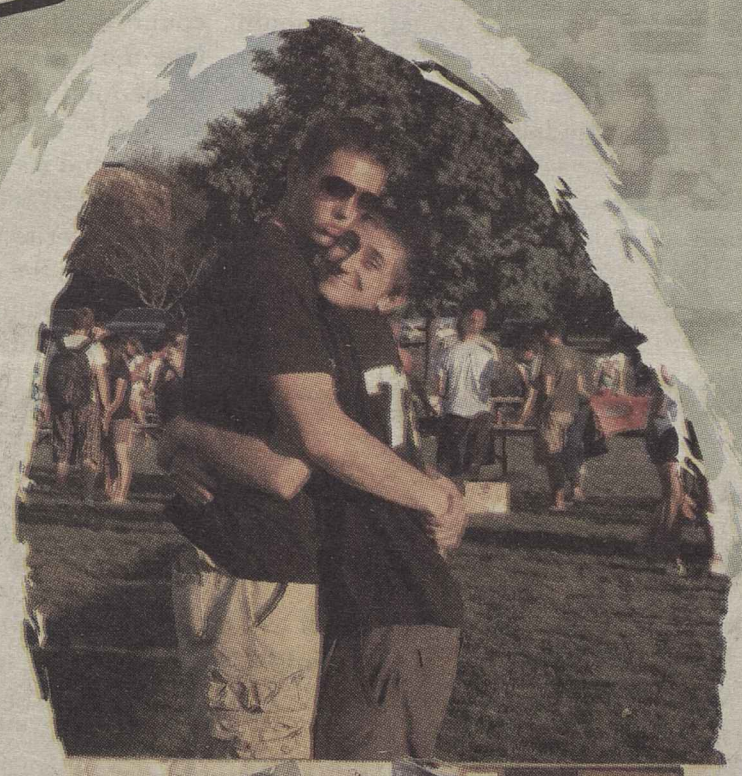
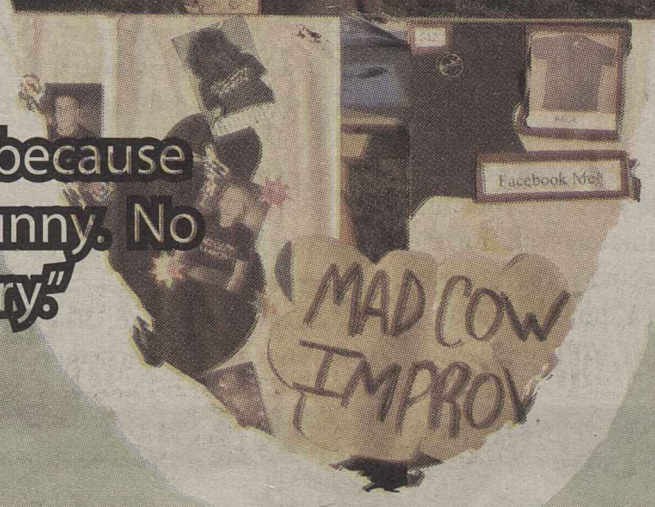
"In the Biology Club, we do a volunteer project with Into the Streets and other projects in the spring. We also took a field trip to the BODIES Exhibit!"





"People should join Mad Cow because we do improv. And improv is funny. No prior experience necessary."

"Circle K is a great club on campus because it allows you to meet a lot of great people while having fun and doing service. We meet people from across the state, and we get to work with kids and the elderly."

food review

Elizabethtown area provides wide selection of pizza

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Guest Writer

Image: *i.ehow.com*

With the start of a new year at college, everyone has important decisions to make such as what classes to take, what clubs to join and, of course, where to get the best pizza. Should you go out or order in? What places have the best discounts for college students? Which places deliver? This review will point you in the right direction and hopefully help to guide you in your pizza-ordering choices.

First on the list is Brothers Pizza, found on Mount Gretna Road and highly recommended by senior Kristen Ebersole.

"I LOVE this place! They have the cutest atmosphere of all the pizza places in town and it is within walking distance."

So, if you're looking for pizza and a little fresh air and exercise, you can take a walk down to Brothers. Or, if you'd prefer, you could call them up and have your pizza delivered straight to your dorm. This convenient option is ideal for when you're doing some late-night cramming for tests or quizzes and have a sudden craving for pizza. What's more, Brothers Pizza even offers a discount for Elizabethtown students if you mention it when you order.

Next up is the more well-known pizza chain, Domino's Pizza, located on South Market Street. Domino's offers the familiarity of a publicly known brand name, as well as convenience and a great discount for Etown students. Could it get any better? One must always take into consideration the taste of the food offered. When asked about the cuisine at Domino's, sophomore Jess Mathews said, "They deliver, and it's always amazing."

P&J's Pizza is third on our list.

"My favorite by far is P&J's. I live in New York, and P&J's is the closest I can find to New York pizza anywhere around Etown," junior Stephen Juliano said. "It's not too greasy, and the crust is nice and thick."

So you New Yorkers or fans of NY-style pizza craving a slice, head on down to P&J's. They are located on East High Street and offer large pizzas for $6.99—only when students dine-in.

Metro Express, our fourth venue, is also located on South Market Street and offers a student discount of $3.18 off regular pizzas, or a price of $8.67 for extra-large cheese pizzas when they are delivered.

Most Etown students said Metro Express was cheap pizza, and maybe it shows in more way than one. Still, if you're looking for a place close by to get cheap pizza to go, Metro Express just might be the place for you.

And finally, we reach our fifth and last pizza place. On North Market Street, Pizzatown comes highly recommended by first-year Rachel Saul. When asked which restaurant was her favorite, Pizzatown was her top choice.

Saul elaborated by explaining that Pizzatown not only has good prices and a discount for students, but their menu offers plenty of other options besides pizza, such as wings.

So the next time you're hard at work studying or just hanging out with your friends, and the mood strikes you to order up some delicious pizza, keep these five restaurants in mind. With so many options so close to campus, why look anywhere else?

movie review

"House Bunny" offers few laughs, mixed messages

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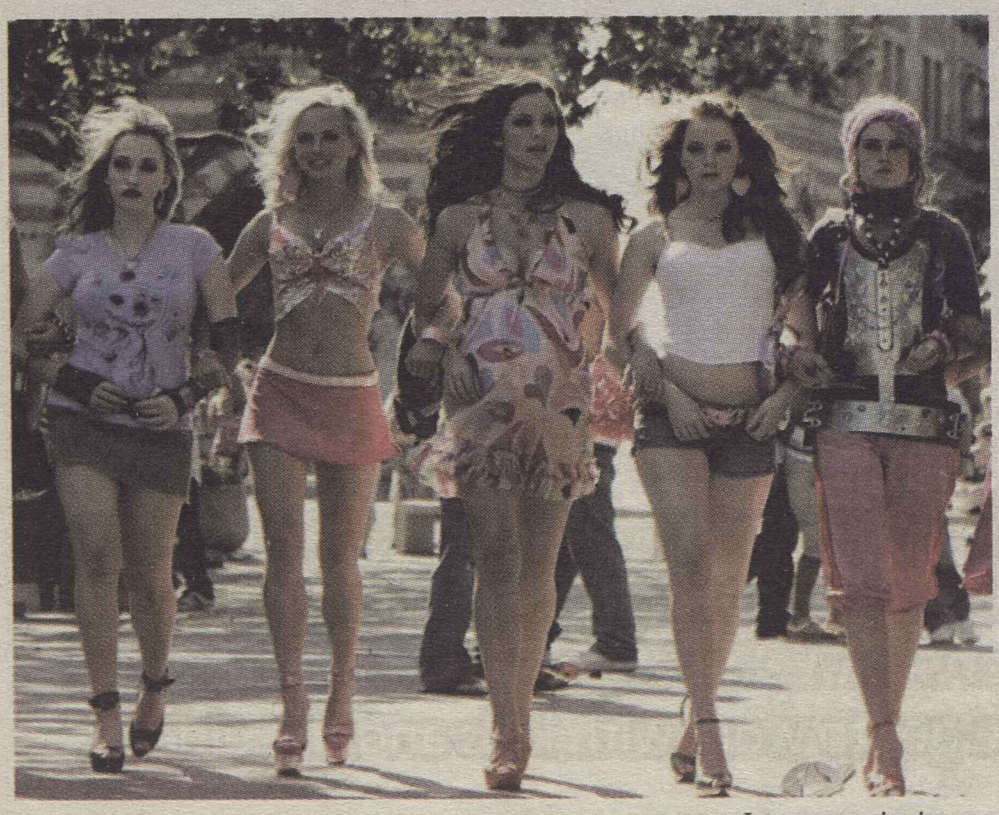
The House Bunny," starring Anna Faris as former Playboy bunny Shelley, is a comical girls' night out movie.

Beginning with the story of a Playboy bunny who gets kicked out of the mansion, the stage was set for several predictable yet humorous turns of events that ultimately lead the rejected bunny to a rejected sorority house.

Zeta Alpha Zeta, the sorority on campus full of college rejects, is about to lose its charter. But with the help of their new house mother, Shelley, Zeta Alpha Zeta becomes the envy of sorority row.

"The House Bunny" is a classic tale of losers turned winners, but it lacks any out-of-the-ordinary surprises. It could be a laugh-out-loud comedy unless you have already seen the previews.

The funniest moments were over quickly, and the movie contained a number of gimmicks and jokes that have been used before. "The House Bunny" is not all it is cracked up to be.



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The message was not clear. Be yourself; yet be someone else.

What a strange, yet common, message to send to youth everywhere — you can only be popular if you are pretty, snotty and you certainly cannot wear glasses.

Image: *buzzsugar.com*

"The House Bunny" is supposed to be about showing your true personality and true colors beneath makeup, bikinis and bunny ears, yet at the same time it leaves audiences with the thought that perhaps if they turn from ugly duckling to hot chick in one night, their crush will magically fall in love with them.

There were, however, some redeeming qualities of this movie.

"It may have been predictable, but it is a good movie for a girls' night out," sophomore Amy Yoder said.

At least in the end of this movie, happiness prevails.

The Zetas get back their charter, realize that they weren't being themselves and Shelley goes back to the mansion. Or does she?

According to the Los Angeles Times, "The House Bunny" was made by the creators of the "Scary Movie" series, and Faris actually created the role of Shelley for herself. Many believe that this could be her big break into the movie business.

Faris took on the role of creating her own movie character after working with Seth Rogen and Adam Sandler, who have been doing this for years. Sandler's movie production company, Happy Madison Productions, is where House Bunny found its home.

"The House Bunny" is a let-loose comedy that will provoke the exploration of what people really see in each other—brains or beauty.

It has a humorous twist that has been done before, but even through some of the transparencies and poor acting, pure and realistically human emotion can be found, as well as a slight laugh or two.

college issues

Textbook costs concern students

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Thomas Jefferson once said, "I cannot live without books." The same can be said for any college student these days. It is highly unlikely to make the grade and earn a degree without purchasing a course textbook. Along with the vast amounts of knowledge textbooks hold comes the vast amount of money students must pay.

Estimates of how much students spend on textbooks range from $300 to $1,100 annually. Between 1986 and 2004, the price of textbooks nearly tripled, rising by six percent on average. Inflation rose only three percent, according to a 2005 report by the Government Accountability Office.

Photo: Noelle A. Withelder

Many students have resorted to purchasing their books online to save money.

First-year Paul Muzzo agreed that textbooks are "way too overpriced."

Some students have decided to take action against the increasing prices by gathering peers, along with college professors, to start a petition that calls for more affordable textbooks and advocates free digital textbooks. As of today, more than 1,400 professors at 300 colleges have signed the petition.

There are a few alternatives to buying textbooks right from a bookstore to which many students have turned. The most popular alternative for students is buying their books from Web sites at prices lower than retail value.

Senior Alyssa Miller said she has bought many of her books online. "I buy a lot from *Amazon.com*. They are a lot cheaper and just as good."

While it is clearly much cheaper to buy books online, there are a few negative aspects. It is difficult to tell whether some unknown sellers of textbooks are reliable, so students face real risks when purchasing their books. Buyers are subject to hidden fees, fraud resulting in the book never arriving and the possibility that the wrong book was purchased.

Many students believe their college book stores are gaining a large profit off of selling textbooks. According to an article from the National Association of College Stores, the truth is that college stores generate an average profit of only $0.45 cents from every dollar spent. While the prices seem rather high for textbooks in most school stores, the advantage of buying books there is that you are guaranteed to get what you need, and you can make returns.

First-year student Erin Johnson said that she would probably be buying her books from the college store next semester "for convenience purposes." There are many pros and cons of buying your books from the school book store or from a Web site.

No matter where you purchase your books, it is going to require some sort of sacrifice, which will either be the price you are going to pay or the faith you are going to need to trust that your books will arrive. Nevertheless, as each semester begins, every student eventually finds a way of getting the textbooks he or she needs.

The List

hot new items worthy of an obsession

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New Kids On The Block (NKOTB) are taking it "step by step" to make it back on top. On Sept. 2, the band released their new album, *The Block*.

NKOTB is an award-winning American pop group that had many successes in the late 80s and early 90s. The band includes brothers Jordan and Jonathan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Walberg and Danny Wood.

NKOTB's new songs have an energizing pop/rock sound. The lyrics are relatable and the beats are memorable. *The Block* is sure to become a favorite on your playlist. *Summertime* and *Single* seem to be the most popular tracks on the new album.

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student awareness

Grieving parent, Higher Education Bill spread message

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Every day, there are approximately three suicides and two assaults on college campuses nationwide. Recently, Elizabethtown College has experienced about one suicide per year, with the latest occurring this past April. Stephanie Cady, former member of the Class of 2009, was diagnosed with depression and enrolled in a treatment facility last year.

"Unfortunately, the laws did not allow us to be closely involved with her treatment and her disease was controlling her mind and keeping us out," Stephanie's father, Stephen Cady, said during an interview shortly after her death.

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Week, which runs from Sept. 7-13, Stephen Cady has placed an ad in today's issue to raise awareness of college suicide prevention.

Elizabethtown College is taking advantage of this week by conducting residential hall talks on suicide prevention and homesickness.

In addition to what Stephen Cady has advertized, he has greatly contributed to the cause by helping to bring a federal law to fruition.

"I was hoping to light a fuse and start a chain reaction among all my friends and particularly Stephanie's friends at Etown with my messages …," Stephen Cady said. "I was hoping those friends would contact their friends and … send an e-mail to their congressmen and women to support Section 865 of the Higher Education Bill."

In the 1970s, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act kept a student's records confidential, preventing student grades from being posted in a hallway or other public location. In an interview with Congressman Tim Murphy of the Alleghany, Beaver, Westmoreland and Washington counties, he said, "Interpretation of that law has been extended so much that schools have been afraid to share anything with family members, including health information."

"Schools have found themselves in a difficult position, worrying so much about lawsuits that they contact lawyers before parents when the issue of a student's mental health arises," Murphy said.

The legislature is designed to correct this, so that when a student threatens homicide, suicide or assault, the school can contact the parents in good faith without worrying about litigation.

The bill was signed by President Bush as law on Aug. 15.

Two incidents sparked the creation of Section 865: a suicide by a male attending Alleghany College and the Virginia Tech incident.

"Faculty and administration with no training in mental health were put in the position of making a decision on a student's risk level, and that was inappropriate," Murphy said. "Universities and colleges still have to make sure they have very clear policies; schools need to be thinking about this and inviting parents to think about this."

"My daughter attends Penn State University. The tuition department there knows how to contact me to send me bills. I would hope they know how to contact me and every other parent if there were problems with our children."

"In this series of events, [Murphy] is the principal *hero* because he made it happen, though there are other heroes as well," Stephen Cady said. "He fought for it here and in Washington D.C."

"It's imperative that everyone know how much Stephen Cady doesn't want any other parent to have to suffer through that kind of pain," Murphy said.

"This will save lives. Folks like Stephen Cady won't know who and won't know when, but they'll know that someone out there was saved."

Suicide Prevention Week
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You are loved beyond measure by your family and friends.
Depression can be treated.
Don't turn all their love into pain.

Stephie's Dad

in the nation

Sarah Palin, you are not ready to be vice president

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

It's not the way you shove little Trig into the spotlight—we understand that your husband, the snow machine racer, is the primary caregiver.

You won't condemn your Child With A Mental Disability to White House's media scrutiny and bleak, secure foyers.

I oughtn't question your decision to campaign in spite of a four-month-old, a pregnant daughter or your commitment to this term in the governor's chair.

I'll spare you stains against character, ethics or personal responsibility—that police officer that divorced your sister isn't the sort of fellow that I'd want at the parties in Juneau, either—and I'm sure that replacing that guy that wouldn't fire that other guy with an almost-as-sleazy third guy made perfect sense at the time. None of that really worries me, Miss Palin. Frankly, America loves drama, and ever since Dawson's Creek (1998-2003) we've been really digging forty-ish callipygians with square glasses and angry tones.

But, Sarah, you're just so *gosh darn inexperienced.* McCain's primary talking point over Obama has been his own mileage (violent, historic, often nebulous mileage: the man was born in the 30s).

But that same mileage means that McCain, 72, stands a reasonable chance of dropping dead in the Oval Office. Cancer, bullets and old-ness have plagued him—the average lifespan of an American male is 75—and while rough-and-tumble vigor might keep his synapses firing until '12, oaths of office surely shan't.

Sarah, you aren't ready to be president. If Johnny can keep his ticker ticking through the spring of 2010, you might've supplemented your considerable, scrupulous élan with some actual résumé foundation. Right now, it reads Miss Alaska Beauty Pageant, B.S. in Journalism, two terms on the Wassila city council, one year as Ethics Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Natural Gas Commission, 16 months as Governor of Alaska (to clarify: Alaska's population is only a whisker ahead of Jacksonville's.).

Obama's grad-school qualifications alone are so numerous and impressive that I needn't name them. But I shall: Barack graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. He was president of the Harvard Law Review. He directed, for five years, the Developing Communities project, a massive community organization program that spanned, at the outset, eight Catholic parishes.

You looked extremely pretty on a runway and removed some extremely corrupt Republicans from the Alaskan oil drip.

Did it bother you, Sarah, that McCain's last communication with you prior to your selection was in February?

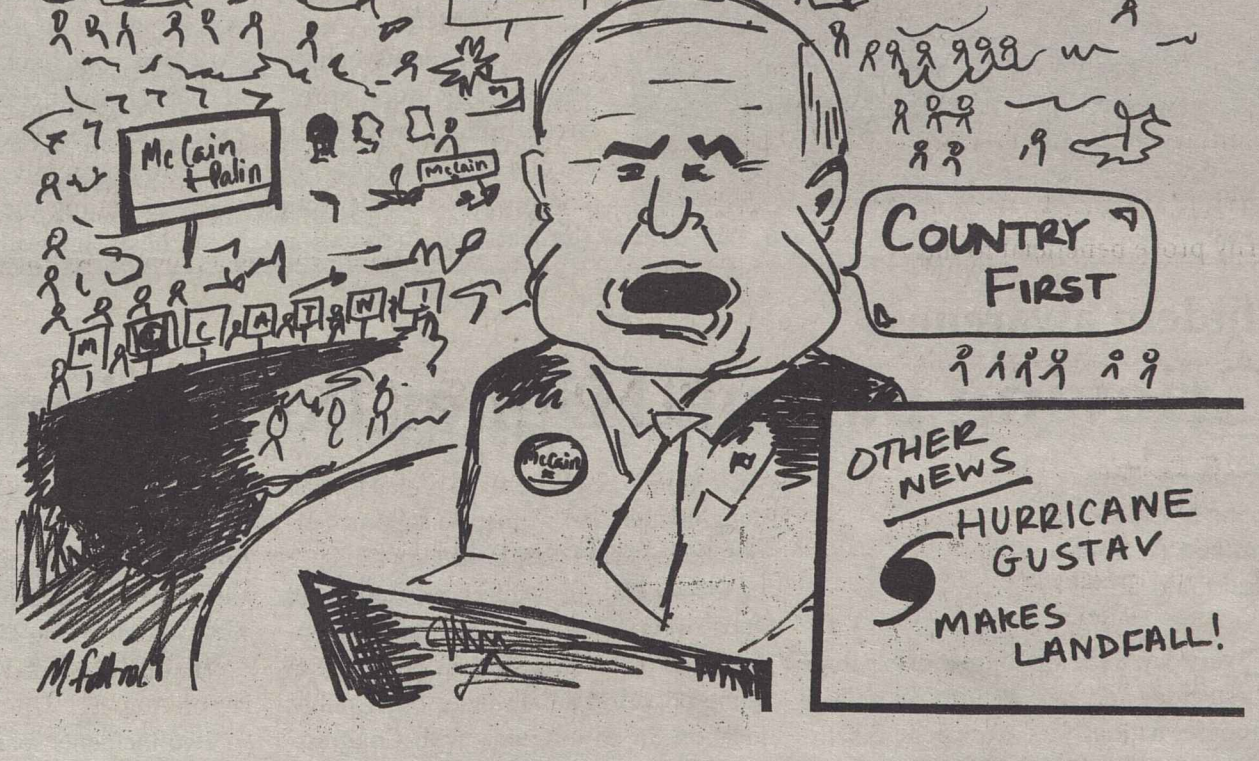
Like everyone else, you were probably pulling for Pawlenty. But on Sunday, Aug. 25, less than a week before he announced you in Dayton, McCain's aides finally convinced him that Lieberman, his favorite option, was unelectable.

Torn between Tom Ridge (boring), Romney (creeper), and Pawlenty (bad with bridges), McCain alienated friends and advisors by choosing media flash-boom over any particular sort of qualification. Five days later, a self-proclaimed "hockey mom" appeared on the midday news.

But the fact of the matter is, Sarah, that McCain needs you. Republicans vote from their hearts. Your introduction made an otherwise lopsided race fun again. Students and citizens alike confess that they "kinda like" you, that you "seem honest and smart" and that you'll be "the best darn thing that happened to this country since Reagan [sic]." Frankly, Sarah, I don't begrudge you your spotlight.

I haven't yet quite worked out your rhetoric, but I'm sure that you mean well. I expect that this'll be another close race, and, supposing that investigations into your office do not yield black fruit, you'll enjoy a lovely run at presidential candidacy in another four years. If you do find McCain inaugurated, though, be sure that he has plenty of Wyeth-Ayerst Centrum Silvers to keep his other foot from slipping into the grave.

I would like to add that—on a personal note—I hope you two lose. Another late-game GOP election hook would render every Democrat over the age of four wholly insufferable for years to come, and I really don't want to deal with the noise.



in the nation

Bush fails to appear at most important event of the year

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush has been present at almost all major Republican conventions but, if you haven't noticed, has pointedly bowed out of attending the 2008 Republican National Convention.

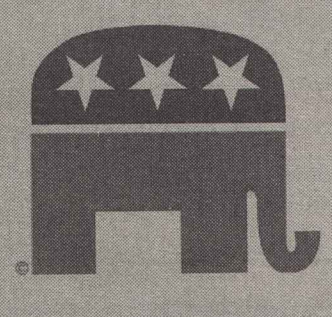
Republican representatives have thrown out several answers to the questions they have received, most notably the excuse that, because of Hurricane Gustav, the President must be present for the people of Louisiana, Texas and the other states threatened by the storm.

Yet when Hurricane Katrina struck, despite the warnings of officials and the worries of people in the cities along the coastline, Bush was ending a month-long vacation at his Texas ranch.

Perhaps this year, he is trying to learn from his mistake; perhaps this year, an election year of the utmost importance, Bush is attempting to make the most strategic move since taking office, distancing himself from John McCain to give the Republicans a chance at another presidency.

While McCain's popularity in recent polls has been rising over the summer, Barack Obama's new campaign commercials are slowly chipping away at his lead.

Seen on almost every main channel, Obama's anti-McCain commercials have a decidedly visible anti-Bush standpoint. McCain is quoted as having "voted with Bush 90 percent of the time" and is shown hugging the President and standing by his side.



Another commercial slates McCain as having no concept of how the economy is affecting the middle and lower classes, also intricately connected with Bush.

Obama's campaign strategy must be having some effect on the Republican Party, as there is no other rationale for Bush to back off on supporting a candidate because it is something that has not been seen in an election for more than three decades.

Bush's decision to not attend the Convention, the most important event of the entire election season—aside from the primaries and the actual election voting day—proves the reaction of the Republicans to the claim that McCain is simply "another four years of Bush."

The emphasis that has been placed on not having "another four years" has accelerated through the campaign season, with Democratic candidates tentatively comparing McCain and others to Bush in the primary season—and picking up over the months—culminating in the aforementioned anti-McCain ads broadcasted nationwide.

Bush's decision to stay out of the RNC this year was definitely carefully thought-out by not only him but party members as well. McCain is appearing as unaffiliated with Bush as he possibly can.

However, that might not be enough for Americans who are tired of the same old Republican candidate; many voters are looking for a new character, someone who will freshen up the view of America and raise up the spirits of people who have been clamoring for change within the country.

Bush and his party may have been hoping to help McCain step out from under the shadow of the last eight years, but it may simply be too late for McCain to throw off this already donned hat.

on campus

Colloquium: Life tool or repetitive failure?

Craig H. Meaney
Assistant News Editor

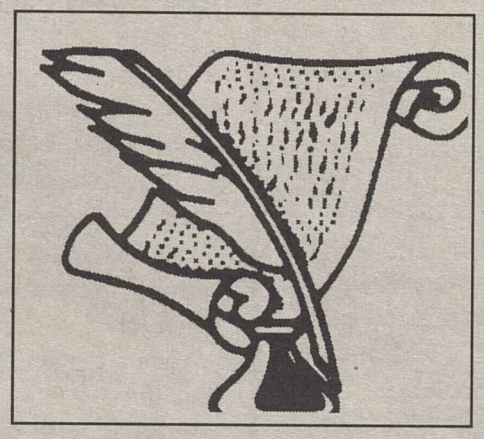
Maintaining one specific direction for your life is an elusive and difficult feat. The first-year student that I am, I can say without doubt that my idea of the future is vague and indefinite. I find myself aware of the things I value: family, liberty, love and education.

I have come here to Elizabethtown College, along with hundreds of you in the same juncture of your life, in pursuit of happiness and growth. I've come here with the aspiration to define my goals, realize my potential and assume a role in society that is productive and meaningful to myself and those around me.

This year's Colloquium, titled "Transitions and Perspectives," is separated into five different sessions (excluding the session titled "opening day"). These sessions are as follows: personal wellness, strengths, priorities, diversity and healthy relations.

Within the Colloquium sessions I have attended, I have been given the tools to originate tactics in order to accomplish tasks and to prioritize my life.

Each student within the Colloquium is required to complete an online "StrengthsQuest" after the opening day session. The "StrengthsQuest" advertises a facet of positive psychology, allowing students to examine their best qualities while omitting the bad, and use them in whichever way they see fit.



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The "StrengthsQuest" provides participants with five characteristics pending a test that spans roughly 30 minutes. My results suggest that my persona is defined by empathy, intellect, ideation, input and restoration.

Having an awareness of these qualities alone does not necessarily prove beneficial to me.

Input, for example, insinuates that I am a collector and a curious mind. Being aware of a personal quality may build confidence, but it does not widen opportunities until I address the ways in which this quality can help me in my academic, social and family life.

A post-session reflection, though, allowed first-year students and myself to analyze how our qualities interact with our decisions, values and sense of purpose, a knowledge that advocates self-awareness by means of introspection.

The priorities session of colloquium utilizes Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," a book that has sold over 15 million copies, in order to help students organize methods with which they can budget their time. Students are required to read an excerpt from Covey's book prior to the session and write a post-session reflection assignment.

Covey prioritizes day-to-day activities using quadrants. Quadrant one is deemed "urgent and important," while quadrant two is "non-urgent but important" and so on. Quadrant two is identified as the most important, and Covey suggests that the majority of your time should be invested in such activities.

The priorities session itself is more interactive than the other sessions I've been to. Students are arranged into circular peer groups and are asked to participate in various time management exercises to think critically about what is important to them.

The sessions I have yet to experience are personal wellness, diversity, strengths and healthy relations. Collaboratively, these sessions promote health, mindfulness, personal goals and prosperous relationships.

The benefits of this year's colloquium are directly relative to the type of person you are. The student who is reflective and self-aware may achieve more growth than one who is mentally preoccupied.

My experience with the first-year Colloquium has led me to believe that it is an appropriate medium with which students can achieve balance, mental wellness and direction.

Double Take

Jami C. Gebbie
Assistant Copy Editor

As if the grueling four days of first-year orientation, filled with lectures, PowerPoints and jam-packed schedules beginning at the crack of dawn and ending twelve long hours later were not bad enough, first-years are now required to attend Colloquium to further assist them in the transition into college.

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m., first-year students come out of the woodwork to pack into classrooms and spend the next hour bored out of their skulls. The presentations they must endure are not only irrelevant, but a waste of precious time that could be better spent, say, playing fruit basket. The facts learned in a game of fruit basket, although random and purposeless, still provide more insight than sitting through a session of Colloquium learning nothing but how to inconspicuously send text messages.

The purpose of Colloquium (yes, there is a point to it) as described on Blackboard, is "to help you make the most of your first year of college and to invite you to join the intellectual conversations of our campus community." The inconsistency here is that Colloquium is a series of lectures. No conversation occurs between the speaker and the audience.

Colloquium seems to be a constant work in progress with very little improvement ever being made. Year after year, school officials look into the student evaluations as feedback to the program and make adjustments based on what they have read.

Unfortunately, the hard work that is put into the program in an attempt to make it effective is in vain. This is not the fault of the people who organize the program, but the very nature of colloquium itself. Students are not enthralled by lectures, nor are they interested in paying attention to a course that they did not even choose to take.

Years of failure apparently have not been enough to make the administration understand that Colloquium has not, will not and will never be accepted with open arms by incoming first-years.

The only pro I can see is that first-year students will bond in their mutual animosity towards Colloquium. Maybe this has been the goal of the administration all along. Forget learning about diversity, health, priorities, strengths and weaknesses and things of that nature. Colloquium much more effectively causes students to bond through their misery. However doubtful such a theory may be, it is the only way to explain why, after so many years of failure, Colloquium still exists.

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How do you feel about the Britney Spears comeback?

by David G. Breidenstine

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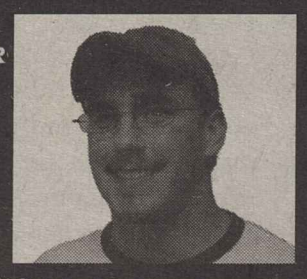

"She should have gone out with the 90s!"

Courtney Kearns
Junior
Ober

"I think it's great. She is almost as hot as Lil' Wayne."

Brittany Paulshock
Junior
Ober

"She is the bomb and sexy. I love her!"

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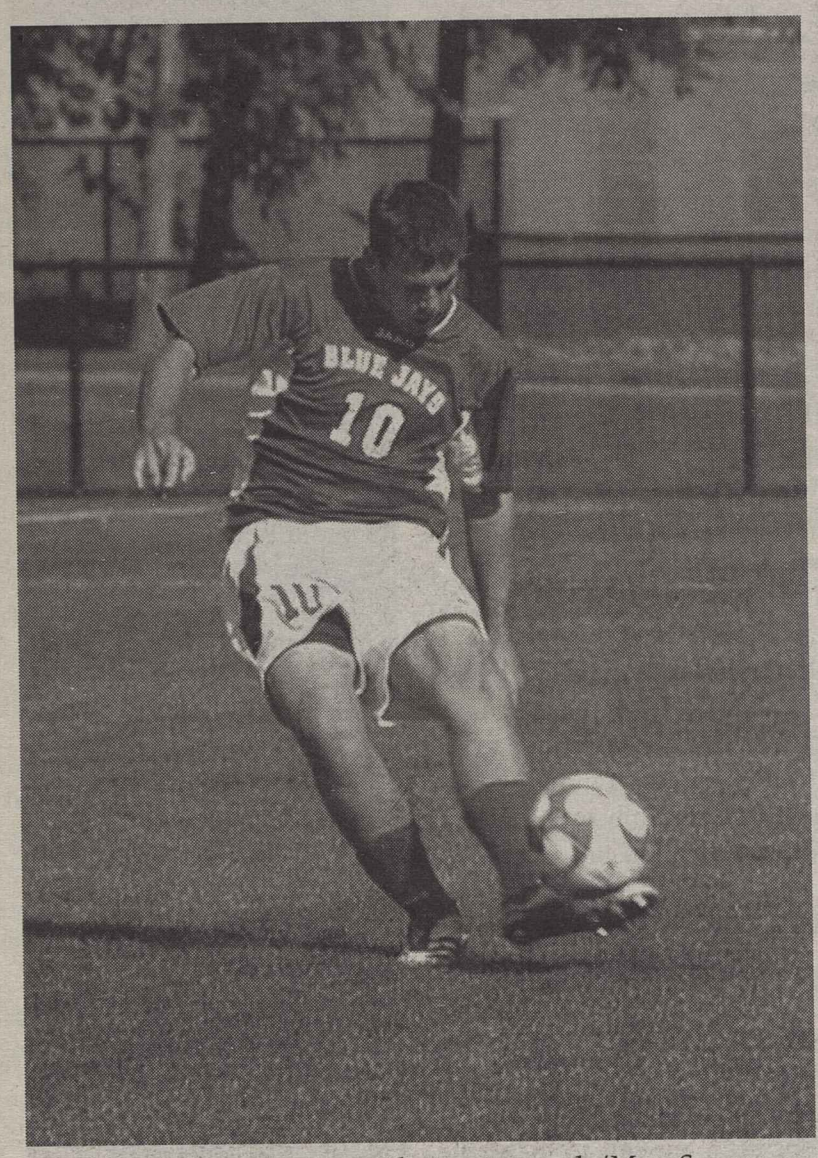
etown men's soccer

Men's soccer looks to improve

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

After a tough previous weekend at the Mary Washington tournament, the Elizabethtown men's soccer team was looking for a strong start in their home opener, as well as their elusive first goal of the season. Elizabethtown hosted the Brothers Pizza Blue Jay Classic this past weekend, attended by Franklin and Marshall, Roanoke and SUNY Brockport colleges. Although the Blue Jays were intending to play two games in the tournament, Saturday night's game was postponed due to inclement weather.

However Friday night brought perfect weather for soccer and the Blue Jays were set to square off against the Golden Eagles of SUNY Brockport (2-1-0). The Jays would capture their first goal of the season off of a brilliantly constructed free kick taken by sophomore Cameron Gettel, which was then played back across the box by senior Wes Bunting to senior Matt Diller, who finished with a sharp header.



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However, the Jays' lead was short lived, as Aaron Acello of the Golden Eagles would score just 36 seconds later, sending the two teams into halftime in a deadlock. Ten minutes into the second half, Brad Lefort scored for the Eagles to put them ahead 2-1, and only three minutes later Lefort scored again.

The Blue Jays were unable to answer the Eagles' three consecutive goals until the 90th minute when sophomore Max Prager was fouled in the box. Gettel stepped to the spot and calmly slotted the ball in the back of the net to bring the Blue Jays within one of Brockport.

Unfortunately, that was as close as they would get, as the final score was 3-2 in favor of the Eagles. This most recent loss brings the Blue Jays' season record to 0-2-1.

"It was not the start we were expecting, and rarely do we lose at home," Coach Skip Roderick said. "It's a tough pill to swallow, but we have to regroup and look forward."

The next opportunity for redemption for the Jays came yesterday, Aug. 10 at Drew University.

"[That] game [didn't] get any easier," Roderick said. "Drew hadn't lost in two and a half years, and the last time they did, it was to us in double overtime on their field."

In regards to the team's expected play for that game, Bunting had confidence in the team.

"You definitely [saw] a tougher, hungrier team than before," Bunting said. "Hard work and smart play are at the top of our list of priorities."

The new strategy and hard work unfortunately did not pay off for the men, as they fell to Drew 1-0 when Andres Callejas scored with just over six minutes left in the first half.

etown women's cross country

Women begin with a strong start

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

While most of us hid inside and tried desperately to avoid the pouring rain last Saturday, the Elizabethtown women's cross country team had better things to do.

Running through the mud and the rain, the Lady Blue Jays finished in fourth place out of 13 teams at the Lebanon Valley College Invitational, held at Memorial Lake State Park.

"It was wetter than it is [in a pool]," senior Sarah Lanphier joked.

Senior captain Tiffany Culp was the first Etown finisher, coming in sixth place with a time of 19:58.18.

She was followed by junior captain Meghan VanDenHengel (17th in a time of 20:49.48), senior Amanda Daws (19th in a time of 20:51.79), sophomore Teresa Beshore (22nd in a time of 21:11.06) and first-year Kathryn Howser (42nd in a time of 22:09.12), all of whom scored points for the Blue Jays.

"The goal was to run the first mile conservatively and then slowly build," said Lanphier, who finished in 50th place, the sixth Blue Jay to finish the race. "I try to pass at least three people in front of me."

Etown finished behind Messiah, who won the invitational; Gettysburg, who finished second; and the University of Mary Washington, who finished third.

The top finisher of the day was Hayley Sullivan of Mary Washington with a time of 19:03.

The Blue Jays will compete in their next meet this Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Waynesburg Invitational.

abbey's college football rant

D1 College football brings excitement in new season

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Though the fall sports season here at Etown isn't as widespread across the nation, for hundreds of other colleges across the country that participate in Division 1 sports, the new school year brings the excitement of another college football season.

As of this past weekend, there haven't been too many surprises around the league. USC still leads the Associated Press poll and heads into a big game against number five Ohio State this weekend.

This game tops the chart as the biggest game of the season so far with tickets going for $5,000 a piece. Ohio State really has to step up their game this weekend after a faulty win against rival Ohio University. OU (the 33 point underdog going into the game) led the game up until the fourth quarter where OSU took the lead and won the game 26-14.

USC, on the other hand, is coming off of a bye week and hasn't played a game in 14 days.

One of the biggest success stories so far has been that of Eastern Carolina. The unranked team went into the season after a big upset win over Boise State in the Sharaton Hawaii Bowl last year by a field goal in the last seconds of the game.

Eastern Carolina's luck has since continued this year as they beat number 17 Virginia Tech in the first week of the season. This past weekend the Pirates beat number eight West Virginia in a thrilling victory where the Pirates took full control of the game and won 24-3.

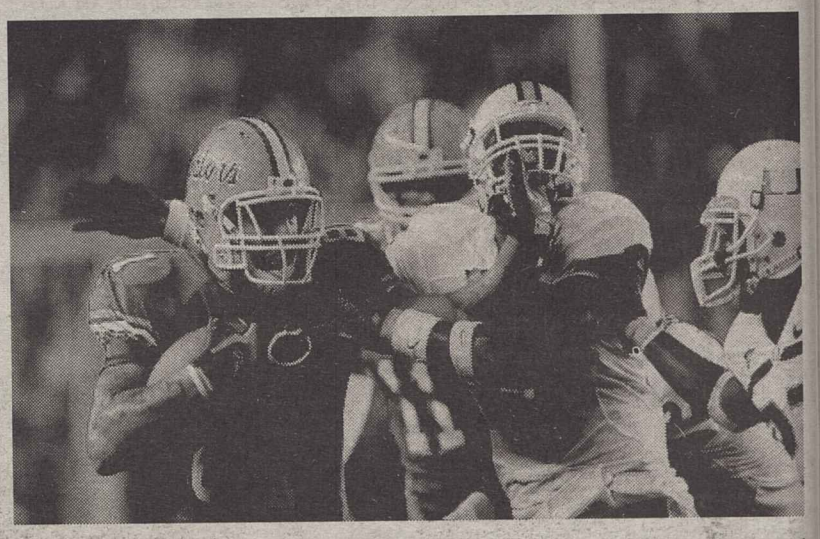
Eastern Carolina has now entered the charts for the first time since 1999 and is ranked number 14 as they enter this weekend to take on Tulane for their first conference game of the year. The Pirates showed that they can compete against ranked teams, but now they must move in on capturing the conference.

Another big match-up this weekend will be number 21 Fresno State against number 10 Wisconsin. Wisconsin is coming off of two big wins against Akron and Marshall, but this game will be no easy task for the badgers.

Fresno State won its opener two weeks ago against Rutgers, and sophomore back Ryan Matthews led the team with three touchdowns and ran for 163 yards.

Though Wisconsin is favored to win by one and a half points, their first two wins were easy home games and the Badgers have to concentrate on taking the crowd out early in Fresno's first home game of the year.

Tomorrow, number 13 Kansas will take on number 19 Southern Florida in Miami. Kansas has had an impressive first two games of the season. Quarterback Todd Reesing has thrown for 668 yards and six touchdowns in only two games. Wideout Dezmon Briscoe has had 16 receptions so far and 201 yards.



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Though Kansas' stats prove why they are ranked 13th, they are the three and a half point underdog going into their first away game of the year. South Florida just beat Central Florida last week in overtime by a score of 31-24.

Not playing this week is number four Florida who has a bye week to prepare for their first SEC match up at Tennessee. Florida beat Miami last week in an exciting 24-3 victory snapping the Gators six game loosing streak against the Hurricane.

Gator quarterback Tim Tebow, the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner and arguably the best quarterback in the league, passed for 256 yards with two touchdown passes and ran for 55 yards.

With the excitement of the first two weeks, week three of college football should certainly be interesting.

etown women's soccer

Women's soccer seeks to regain nationally ranked status

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff writer

For years, Etown has been known as a "soccer school," and no team knows the expectations that come along with that title better than the women's soccer team.

Entering regular season play, the girls were ranked 18th in NSCAA Division III, but first-year head coach Bob Scotten knows they still have some hurdles to clear.

"We've done well, started out as good as you can but the preseason rankings mean nothing, and our girls still have to get used to what I expect," Scotten said.

Expectations tend to run high on a team that set the program record last year for shutouts in a season.

"I expect nothing less than a national title out of these girls," said assistant coach Todd Hoffard. "We're not there yet, but it's a long season."

One main goal Scotten has for the team this year is to become acclimated with the new personnel, as both assistant coaches as well as Scotten are in their first year at Etown.

The transition seemed to be going quite smoothly over the first two games, as the team opened up with a rout over Christopher Newport, ending in a final score of 6-2. Team captain junior Jenna Russo led the team with two goals and an assist as the Blue Jays accumulated their highest goal total since 2005.

For their next game, they withstood a strong second half showing by New York University but came out with a 2-1 win, led by junior Brooke Dotterer and senior Carly Hoskins.

But after NYU, Etown had to play their first game on the road against Carnegie Mellon at the Carnegie Mellon Women's Soccer Tournament in Pittsburgh.

Etown played a solid defensive game, but was one-upped by Carnegie in their first loss of the season, losing 1-0.

The tournament then continued into Sunday where Etown was set to play Otterbein College, a respected team from Westerville, Ohio.

The game ended tied at 1-1, with Dotterer scoring her second goal of the season early in the match.

Although the tournament showing was weaker than expected, the girls have proved they are a close group that should be able to persevere.

"We have a much closer bond than last year," Russo said. "We've been doing really well, and although we have a lot to work on, everyone is dedicated."

Their next game will be here at Etown on Saturday Sept. 13, when they will take on the St. Mary's Seahawks in an attempt to regain their winning ways.

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etown volleyball

Volleyball starts season on positive side

Kelly M. Clayton
Staff Writer

The high expectations of the Lady Jays volleyball team are being met, and with a jump start into the season, the Lady Jays are off to an overall record of 4-3.

The 2007 Commonwealth champions defeated Franklin & Marshall on Sept. 2, where Junior Kayla Deats finished the game with a team high of 11 kills and four blocks to lead Etown to a 3-1 victory. Although the Jays came out with a win, it was a tough game overall, and every match was very close.

"There was definitely a noticeable level of intensity and each team was battling a bit. Our entire team contributed to this victory as they do every match," Coach Randall Kreider said.

Coach Kreider was very pleased with the team's outcome, especially the principles that were practiced the day before that were noticeable during the game.

Kreider stated that "in the one day we had to prepare for F&M, I think we looked at defense a bit more. We focused on our block a bit. Our defense is predicated on our block. I think our blocking was improved and we were better able to transition to our offense because of that."

Other highlights of the game were junior Paige Tanner's ten kills, sophomore Molly Northway's eight kills, sophomore Kara Burkholder's 24 assists and sophomore Crystal Agnew's 14 assists.

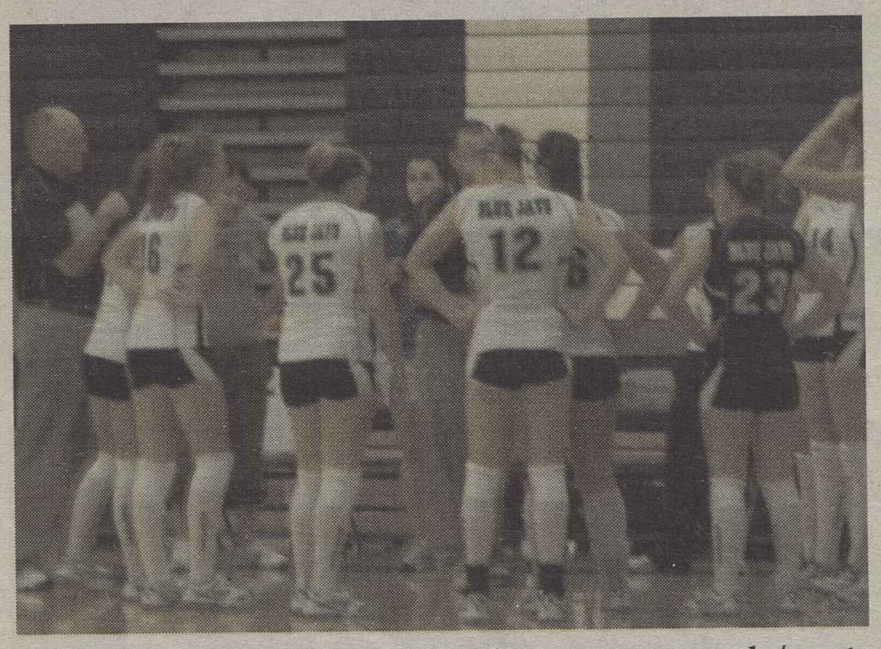
Later in the week, at the Battlefield Classic in Gettysburg, Pa, the Lady Blue Jays had to go against some of the toughest college teams on the east coast, such as Neumann College, Gettysburg College, Johns Hopkins University, Frostburg State University and Eastern University.

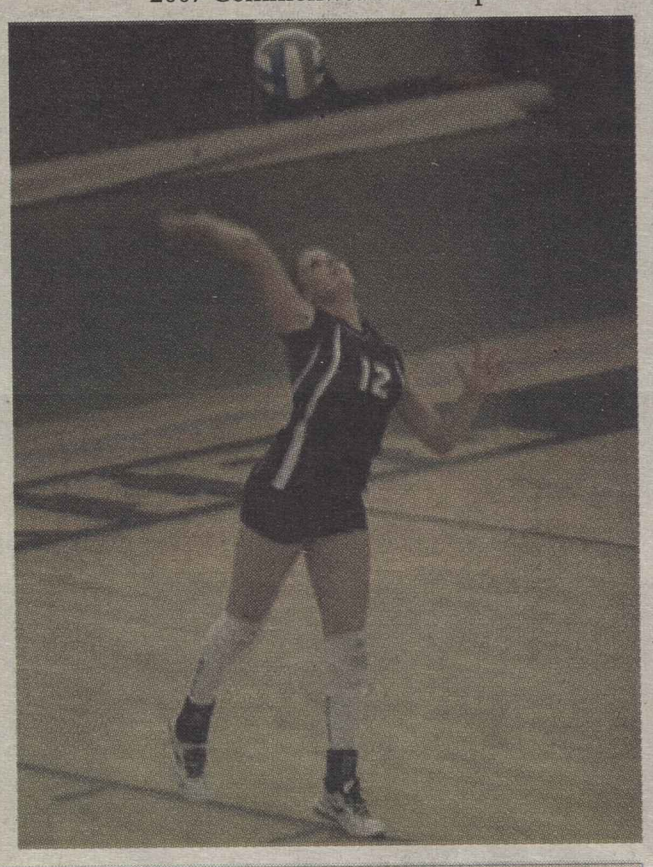
After competing against these intense teams, the Lady Jays ended the tournament at 2-2. While at the Battlefield Classic Elizabethtown College's very own junior Paige Tanner was named to the All-Tournament Team. She had an outstanding performance at the tournament and is a lead hitter for Etown's primary offensive strategy.

With Elizabethtown College players getting the recognition that they are, it is only a matter of time before Etown's volleyball team bounces back from their tied-up tournament and starts to rack in the wins.

Kreider is very excited for this year's season and says they have such a young and spirited team that "simply overcoming the mental obstacles" will be the turning point for this team's season.

With the positive start that the Lady Jays had contesting against some tough teams, they are ready to defend their title as the 2007 Commonwealth Champions.





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Etown 1, Otterbein 1

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Sept 18: @ Delaware Valley

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Sept 17: @ Messiah

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Athlete of the Week

Liz DeMatteis

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

The Etownian is excited to name Liz DeMatteis as our second Athlete of the Week this semester!

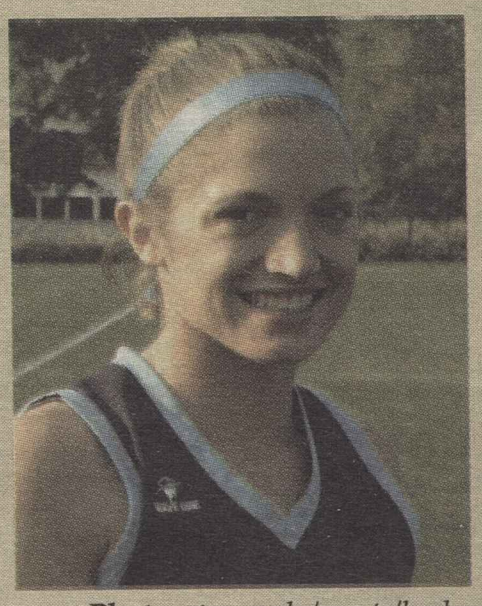
In the field hockey's fourth game of the year, DeMatteis scored two goals against York College. Along with those two goals, DeMatteis had three shots on goal and one assist.

The game was later suspended due to rain.

In yesterday's match against Juniata, DeMatteis had one shot on goal. DeMatteis has six goals already this season.

So far the Lady Blue Jays are ranked 19th in the latest NFHCA Division III coach's poll.

Congratulations to Liz DeMatteis for her controlling play on the field and for being this week's Athlete of the Week!



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Q & A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me ....
I ran in the Penn Relays

Favorite Sports team/ figure:
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I can't live without my ...
text messaging :-)

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be an elementary teacher

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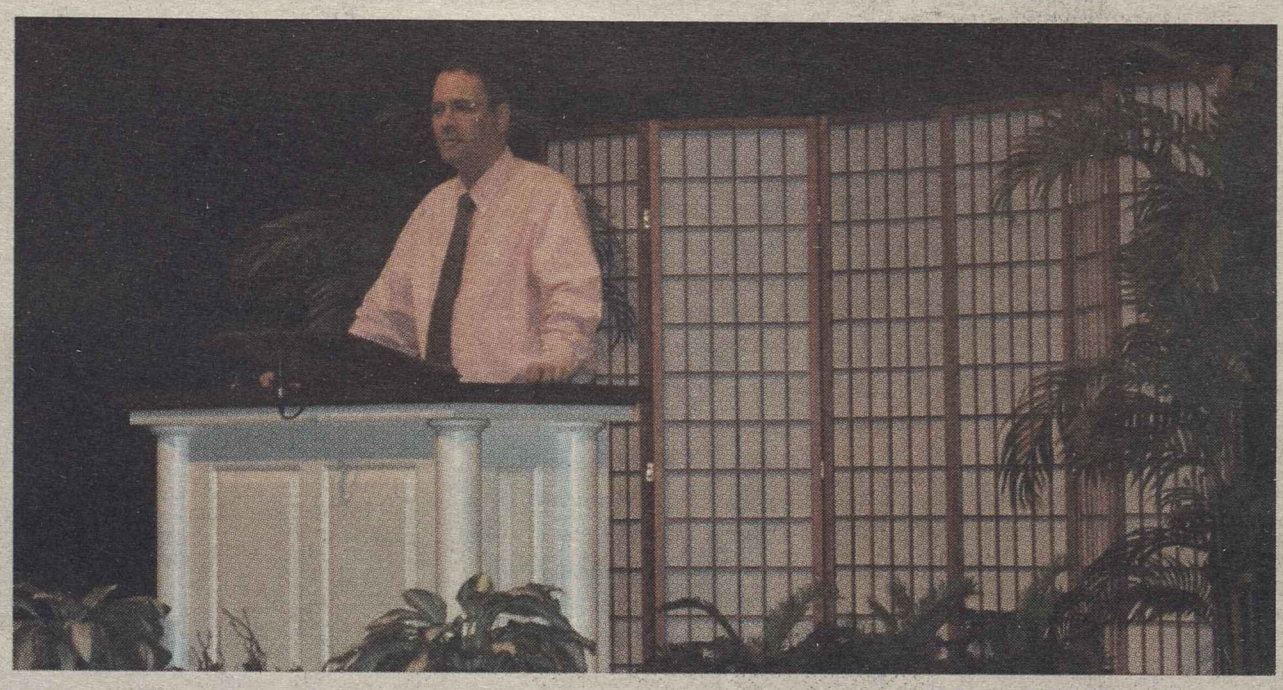

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William Glauber of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel visited Etown College this week as part of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Program. The program specializes in sending highly qualified and accomplished people to college campuses for a week-long residence.

Imagine a time without print media. No daily newspaper, no sports section, no actual news *paper*. All of your information appears online. This future seems extreme, even radical. According to William Glauber, a journalist for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, this future soon be a reality.

"Print journalism as we know it may die," Glauber said in his thirty-minute presentation, "The Past, Present and Future of Journalism," on Sept. 15 at Leffler Chapel.

In front of a crowd mostly comprised of Elizabethtown College students, Glauber, as part of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow program, spoke of the current trends in the news media.

"An online ad is worth only a fraction of what we get for an ad placed in the daily newspaper. And even as our online revenue increases, our print revenue craters," he said. Consequently, much of the emphasis of the media has shifted from print journalism to online newspapers.

Dr. Michele Kozimor-King, assistant professor of sociology, was deeply intrigued by Glauber's program.

"I'm interested in how the newspaper may change over time," she said. "It makes me wonder if we will even have a college paper in the future."

In the fast-paced society in which we live today, we want our news with the click of a mouse. According to Glauber, this longing for instant gratification is detrimental to the livelihood of newspapers across the world.

"The biggest competition for newspapers isn't other media; it is people's time," he said.

"Glauber brought up a good point: Americans today won't walk to the end of the curb to get their news, but would prefer to look online," sophomore Dillon Gaul said. "He confirmed my understanding that print media is heading down the tubes because of the Internet."

Glauber covered a number of topics in his presentation, ranging from the current state of journalism to sports and war. Through his work as a reporter, he witnessed Carl Lewis win the long jump, had near-death experiences in Iraq and saw President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland.

"I really am one of the lucky ones who have been given the front-row seat to history," Glauber said. "I only hope that more journalists, younger journalists, have this opportunity and privilege."

After his speech, Glauber fielded questions from the crowd concerning United States politics, the bombings in Iraq and ethics in journalism.

Concerning the destiny of print journalism, Glauber affirmed that readers have the final say in the future of newspapers.

"You ultimately will decide the fate of American journalism," he said, "by your reading habits, buying habits and by your interest or lack of interest in the civic life of your community, your country."

William Glauber's journalistic career began in his youth, answering telephones for his local newspaper's sports section. From there, after demonstrating his dedication, interest, competence and personability, he moved on up to become a sports correspondent.

He covered several of the Olympic games from Seoul to Atlanta. In 1995, he became the London correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*. There, he watched Northern Ireland's peace process as the conflicts there escalated and, ultimately, settled.

He gave the Baltimore area the news on British politics and European conflict. Additionally, he gave everyday Americans modern, relevant insight into contemporary European culture and social issues.

He reported on the United States' implementation of Operation Enduring Freedom, and, from the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, monitored the initial Naval air strikes against Afghanistan.

Glauber's warzone experiences deeply changed his feelings about his previous sports coverage.

"Sports are meaningless," he said, "though the Olympics meant something."

Glauber called war the most important human experience, horrific and life-defining. He found himself on battlefields by being "at the right place at the right time."

Glauber doesn't define himself by his war stories, however, and spoke out against reporters who went out of their way to find validation and excitement in the crucible of combat.

"It's sick," he said. "And when you're out dodging bullets with the French photographers, that's when you realize you may've gone too far."

In 2002, Glauber left the Baltmore Sun and joined the Chicago Tribune. There, he covered typical local news, and provided extensive coverage on the U.S. operations in Iraq.

Simultaneously, he wrote a number of opinionated editorials. In 2006, he joined his current newspaper, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Today, he generally concentrates on the subjects of aging and the defining distinctions between differing people.

For a week, Glauber is visiting Elizabethtown as part of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program. The Fellowship specializes in sending highly qualified and accomplished persons to college campuses for a week-long residence.

Here at Etown, Glauber has met with the *Etownian* staff as well as holding several different talks and meeting with several other departments on campus. He will be leaving on Friday.

The* Etownian *would like to extend particular thanks to Mr. Glauber for his guidance. When he met with the* Etownian *staff, Glauber emphasized the importance of attention in interviews, objectivity in thought and integrity in speech. He provided individual students with everything from personalized recommendations ("Don't call anyone 'old' when reporting the news") to long-term career advice. His insight, friendliness and professionalism inspired and elevated us. Thank you, Mr. Glauber.

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news in brief

George W. Bush recently had a lesion removed from his face. The lesion was benign, diagnosed as seborrheic keratosis, a common skin condition.

The lesion is in part an insistent reminder of George Bush's age: Bush is currently 62.

He has had other lesions removed during 2001, 2005 and 2006. In 2007, Bush had a legion removed which was pre-cancerous.

New studies further explore the effects of the chemical bisphenol A (or BPA), which is found in plastic bottles and food cans.

BPA is thought to cause hormonal complications, and studies speculate a correlation between heart attack and the drug. In a 2003-04 research study comprised of 1,445 adults displayed two times as many cases of heart disease and diabetes in those individuals with the highest BPA amounts.

Some states are restricting BPA content, and the FDA has the ability to restrict BPA content, but will not ban it altogether without conclusive evidence.

Obama's campaign has been riddled with controversy. He has publicly denounced the words of Reverend Jeremiah Wright, his affiliate of 22 years. He has also been forced to prove himself in the political playing field, being accused of inexperience.

Recent cases place Obama supporters in trouble with the law. Barack supporter Derek Lundy was arrested for DUI, while wearing an Obama "union voter" sticker. Two other men seen wearing Obama shirts were arrested on misdemeanor prostitution charges.

Obama's "rock star" status may provide him more press but complicates his campaign nonetheless.

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on campus

Long shares views on Amythest Initiative

Monica S. Robinson
Guest Writer

Responding to recent debate concerning the Amethyst Initiative, Elizabethtown College's President Theodore Long provided insight into the Initiative and his views regarding alcohol consumption on college campuses. While most people see the Initiative as a means of lowering the drinking age, the true purpose of it is to promote open discussion of underage drinking.

The problem of underage drinking is often ignored due to the uncomfortable questions it raises. Should the drinking age be changed? Are adults under 21 years of age capable of responsibly handling alcohol? How would a lower drinking age affect alcohol-related death rates and abuse? Is underage drinking even a problem as long as the student does not get caught?

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Unfortunately, these questions have not been openly discussed due to stigmas associated with underage drinking and alcohol consumption.

Those in favor of a lowered drinking age are commonly stereotyped as "alcoholics" while those in favor of the current or higher drinking age are deemed "square." Perhaps this stems from a larger fear that merely discussing the current law would change the status quo.

"The age of 21 is ineffective," Long said. "Although it has good intentions, the current drinking age drives drinking underground and leads to higher rates of binge drinking."

However, age is not the only factor in the choice to consume alcohol. Long believes that family, religion, personal background and social standards, among other things, also heavily influence the choice to consume alcohol.

"Specifically focusing on the age would only change one factor," he said. "Regardless of age, there will always be access to alcohol, and for those who want to drink, the law is not a deterrent."

Instead of concentrating solely on age, the Initiative strives to open communication to find more effective means of controlling illegal drinking and alcohol abuse. Long suggests that colleges should work to better educate students about responsible drinking.

"Colleges and their staff should change their roles from just being enforcers to being educators," he said.

While student safety would remain top priority and abstinence encouraged, colleges could teach students about alcohol in a controlled environment.

Long also encourages the idea of faculty members and upperclassmen serving as role models to others. In having role models, he believes that positive messages of responsible drinking would be reinforced among younger or inexperienced students.

"The current policy [at Elizabethtown] is sound," Long said. "It emphasizes the education, but still allows students to make a decision. Students must learn to accept the consequences of their actions."

Even with an effective policy, however, Long believes strongly in the Initiative since the issue of underage drinking affects all of society.

He stresses that it is not an all-or-nothing proposal.

"People today are more concerned with winning rather than listening," he said. "The Initiative is about listening to other opinions, whether we agree with them or not."

By joining the Amethyst Initiative and sharing ideas, Long hopes that a more comprehensive solution may be found to counteract the current rise of underage alcohol consumption and abuse.

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on campus

Finances, academics contribute to transfers

Abbey B. Anderson
Staff Writer

In the 2007 school year, 50 students transferred out of Elizabethtown College. However, only 18 students transferred in. There are many reasons for the decision of transferring; at this time, the economy and college finances may play a large role in this issue.

The class of 2012 is made up of 517 first-years. This number is larger than that of past classes, and it is mainly due to the large graduating class of 2008.

"This is intentionally a larger class than last fall. Knowing we graduated a very large class in May, the college wanted to maintain enrollment," Paul Cramer, Vice President of Enrollment, said.

Nevertheless, some of the early numbers show that 57 students have already left Elizabethtown College so far this year. At the same time, 33 students also transferred in to start in the fall. Each time students transfer, their reasons for leaving are tracked so that the College can learn why and use this information to maintain the student population. Elizabethtown has collected over 20 different causes, from unavailable majors and academic difficulties to campus climate and personal issues.

"The three largest areas are no response, financial and unavailable major," Cramer said.

With the economy struggling, the financial issues certainly comes into play when considering reasons to transfer. Along those lines, the rising tuition of the College has also become a concern. The price of a college education increases each year. At the same time, Etown's Financial Aid department attempts to keep the amount of out-of-pocket money similar to that of years past despite the price tag of the College.

"The College does its best to distribute funds in the most equitable way possible," Cramer said.

This is to prevent the listed price of the College from becoming a main reason for transfer. Thirteen students who transferred this fall said that their decision was based on tuition costs. Last year, the number was 11.

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The main reason most students transfer is unclear, but as the College continues to track it, it is becoming easier to predict these issues and work on them.

Overall, issues such as retaining students and keeping enrollment numbers up are in the hands of the College as a whole.

"If anything, the College has been working harder to enroll and retain its students ... Improvements to the areas of freshman orientation, first-year experience, faculty development, campus facility, student support and many others aid in the matriculation and graduation of our students," Cramer said.

All of these things will work to help maintain the numbers of the students enrolled, if not boost them in the coming years.

The correlation between students transferring and the economy today is very close. Where there is no concrete evidence for finances being the main reason for transfer, it has been found as one of the top three recorded.

The College researches and reviews the reasons for transfer students in efforts to preserve the study body population and keep enrollment numbers higher.

on campus

Students aid in prescribing penalties with Peer Board

Benjamin G. Brewer
Staff Writer

Many students are unaware of exactly who the Student Peer Board is or what purpose it serves at Etown.

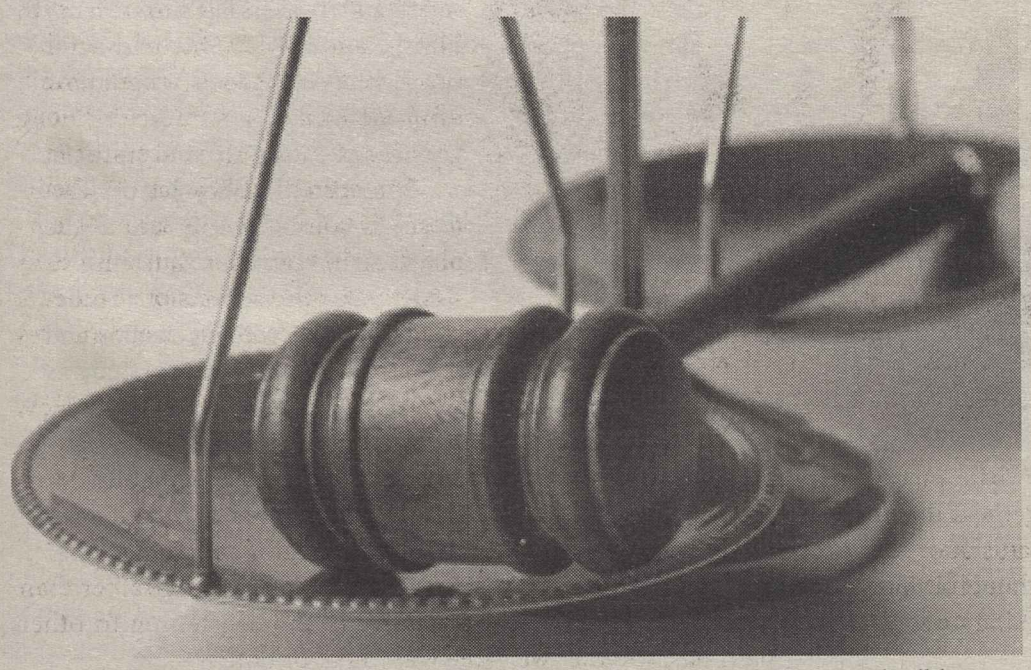
In fact, many students are unaware that the school has a Peer Board. That is because, in ideal circumstances, students will never have to deal with the Peer Board.

"We review alleged violations of the [Alcohol] Policy with the [student offender] and then offer suggested sanctions to the Director of Students' Rights and Responsibilities [Katherina Matic], who makes the final decision," senior David Grey, a member of the Peer Board, said.

However, in most situations, students will see the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities initially.

"The Peer Board only sees students for minor infractions," Matic said. Minor infractions would typically be considered any infraction that results in one or two points. For these offenses, no further punishment — such as suspension or active sanctions — is necessary.

One or two points are typically given to students who have no previous infractions and are caught with an insignificant amount of alcohol. That leaves a fraction of cases for the student board to review, as any repeat offender will be sent directly to Matic.



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However, there are currently only a few active Peer Board members, so almost all offenders are sent to Matic.

"The points system was designed with input from the students, so I try to stay as close [to the system] as possible," said Matic said. "But, obviously, some discretion is needed."

That discretion, however, is in the hands of a few members of the administration. This causes students to be wary, regardless of the objectivity of the rulings.

"It's hard not to feel like [the administration is] out to get you," junior Taylor Jones said. Other students feel that with the recent publicity concerning the Amethyst Initiative, the school is sending a mixed signal.

Students are well aware that it is against the law to drink; however, many feel that it is simply part of being a college student.

"Drinking is a part of the college experience," junior Ashley Marciniak said. "A lot of parents expect their sons or daughters to drink, but [also] expect them to learn to be responsible with it as they become adults."

"[Drinking] is a personal choice," Matic said. She notes that statistically, lowering the drinking ages at colleges in other countries does not appear to yield positive results.

Matic also emphasized the importance of alcohol education at Etown.

"Students, especially incoming freshman, need to be better educated on the risks associated with drinking," she said.

Matic pointed to E-Chug, an online quiz available at Etown that helps test and educate students on drinking and the associated risks. There are also alcohol education and alcohol exploration classes available to further educate students who violate the College's policy.

"It's not that I don't know the risks of drinking," said Jones, "but I feel that it is more responsible [to drink on campus] than to drive somewhere off campus to drink."

Regardless, Matic emphasizes that underage drinking is still illegal and the College must enforce the law.

in the nation

Economy plummets in worst crash observed since 9/11

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Well, it certainly has been quite a month in the financial world.

Earlier, we saw the most massive government bail-out in modern times as the U.S. took over the mortgage giants Frannie Mae and Freddie Mac, giving them a total of five billion dollars. We saw a government loan to the financial conglomerate Bear Stearns that totaled upwards of 30 billion dollars. All of these government loans were done in an effort to undo damage done by the housing crisis that has plagued our economy for just over a year.

However, these efforts almost seem to be have been in vain, as Sunday (now being refered to as "Black Sunday" by financial aficionados) the stock market futures plummeted — and then, Monday, the stock market crashed by triple-digit figures.

Monday showed the single worst opening the stock market has endured since Sept. 12, 2001. It only grew worse as the week went on.

First, financial giant Lehman Brother declared bankruptcy, as did the company Merrill Lynch, which was promptly purchased by the Bank of America for pennies on the dollar. Finally, insurance giant American International Group announced that it would become defunct as early as tomorrow if the government did not step in and intervene on its behalf.

Essentially, AIG failed to get a loan and subsequently faced bankruptcy. This would have had a shattering effect on not just America's already weak economy, but the whole world's as well, as AIG actually got its start in Hong Kong. A huge portion of its investors and customers reside in Asia.

Ben Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, called an emergency meeting of the Federal Reserve board Tuesday. After that, it was announced that the American government would bail out AIG with an unprecedented 85 *billion* dollar loan. This was done in an effort to avert the predicted financial downfall.

However, when the stock market opened yesterday, things looked just as grim. Wednesday, the DOW industrial index fell a total of 450 points — a full four percent of its total value.

The last two independent investment banks in the market, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, saw their stocks deflate as investors feared they, too, would go the Merrill Lynch/AIG way. The world is seemingly waiting to see which once-proud financial institution will be the next to fail. Even banks providing student loans are beginning to feel the heat, with most banks finding double digit drops in their stock in the past week.

The only thing that seemed to rise in the past week was the price of gold, which skyrocketed to 870 dollars an ounce Wednesday — the largest single day rise for gold ever.

In this deepening financial crisis, it is difficult to tell what will happen next. Several investment experts have said that every half hour will be violently different from the previous one. In this already suffering economy, it is nearly impossible to predict just how much more damage the system can take.

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on campus

Get hammered: college students' alternative to drinking

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Staff Writer

By the majority of the college graduates' opinions, the years spent in college are the best years of their lives.

One reason to account for this response is the active social life experienced while in college.

This includes going to keg parties and running up a lofty bar tab for the night.

Every college student knows it, hears it and most of the time experiences it.

However, not all college students are interested in this kind of lifestyle.

Here at Elizabethtown College we have SWEET, Students Working to Entertain Etown.

SWEET is run and operated solely by students to provide events and activities to the campus that don't involve drinking.

Some examples of these are kickball tournaments, dances and comedians.

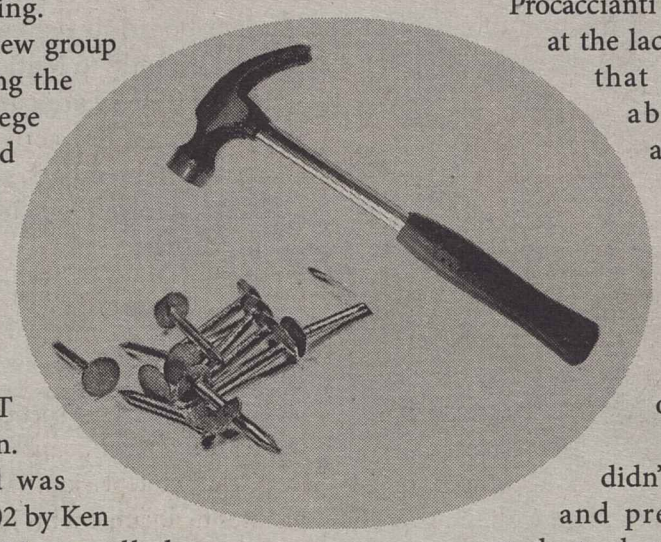
Surprisingly, students responded well to SWEET.

"I've been to a ton of dances," sophomore Mike Kenneally said. "The comedians I've seen were hilarious, too."

As successful as SWEET has been, it still cannot completely deter students from participating in drinking sessions.

SWEET isn't alone in providing new events for students to participate in without drinking.

There is a new group that is sweeping the country's college campuses called Hammered.



Hammered is very similar in its contributions to colleges nationwide as SWEET is here at Etown.

Hammered was founded in 2002 by Ken Procaccianti. He enrolled into Northeastern University as a highly-regarded soccer recruit.

He played on the team his freshman and sophomore years.

Sadly, Procaccianti suffered an injury in the middle of his sophomore season and was unable to play soccer for a significant amount of time.

With all his newfound free time, he was looking for ways to keep himself entertained while on campus.

Procaccianti was shocked at the lack of options that were available to him and his peers that didn't want to get trashed every night.

This led him to action on campus.

Procaccianti didn't want to try and preach to the students about the consequences of drinking and using recreational drugs.

In fact, Procaccianti never expressed any negative views on the subject.

His goal was to let students know "you can live one night of your weekend, your whole life or anytime in between without alcohol and other drugs." Thus, Hammered was born.

At Northeastern University, Ken proved that students can and will be entertained and have fun without alcohol and drugs.

With events like "The Wimpy Body Contest" and speakers like singer Henry Rollins, Rapper KRS-One and actor Bruce Campbell, students were bound to be entertained.

Hammered was so successful at Northeastern that the Chronicle of Higher Education featured it as well as the National Young Leaders Conference.

Nevermind the accolades, Procaccianti is just happy with his creation and that he is making a difference in students lives across the nation.

To anyone who is interested in starting a Hammered chapter to complement SWEET's activities here at Elizabethtown College, visit *www.hammered.org* and click the "start a chapter" icon.

on campus

Linda Kennel: Campus security officer, EMT, asset

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At Elizabethtown College, there are many security officers that patrol, making sure everyone is safe and comfortable on campus. Linda Kennel is probably one of the most liked and admired campus security officers at the College. She always has a wave and a smile ready for any student. She truly is here for the students.

Kennel has worked for Campus Security for a little over eight years. She started here in 2000, after working in Facilities Management for a year. She also works as a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) during the day shift. Being the EMT here, she has to see the worst.

"Seeing the kids get injured, physically, alcohol-related or suicide, is the worst part of this job," Kennel said.

She is always going above and beyond to do whatever is necessary for anyone. She is always willing to serve the students by doing things like giving rides to out-of-the-way places or when the weather is really bad outside. That is just the kind of person she is.

"I love the kids here," Kennel said. "[Campus Security] is not one of those places you wake up and you are like, 'oh man I have to go to work.' I love waking up to come here."

She also helps Dale Boyer,the assistant director of Campus Security; with the "Rape Agression Defense" (RAD) self defense classes that the College offers.

"Linda is a great person to work with," Vince Lamina, a dispatcher Campus Security, said. "She has a great sense of humor. You really need that in this line of work and working with teenagers."

In addition to being a stellar officer, Kennel is also a doting mother of five, two of whom attend Elizabethtown College currently. While interviewing her, it was hard to get her to talk about herself; she much preferred telling me all about her children and their many impressive accomplishments.

James Kennel, Linda's fourth child, is a senior here at Elizabethtown College.

"I used to read to the kids at night before they went to bed, and the other day James told me that he missed that," Kennel said.

These past few months have been very exciting time for the Kennel family. Her oldest daughter, Nicole, got married this past June and has a baby on the way, due next month. Jeremy, her third child, will be graduating this May from Elizabethtown College and her youngest daughter, Nadine, will be graduating from high school this June.

When asked about her son's graduation, she said, "I am very proud of him. My dad, his grandfather, would have been very proud of him too. His middle name, Charles, is a namesake for his grandfather."

Kennel has held many jobs throughout her life and has lived in several different areas. All of her jobs allowed her though to spend the majority of her time at home with her children. At one point, she was the manager of the lunch program at the school where her children attended.

"My favorite thing to do was to play with my kids. The kids were and still are my life. Growing up, they were always with me; on the counter cooking with me, napping together, making snow forts in the winter," Kennel said.

James remembered all the good times he shared with his mom. Birthdays were especially memorable for James.

"She would take us out of school for our birthdays … and made us personalized cakes. My younger sister had one with a Barbie and the dress was the cake, Jeremy had one in the shape of a race car. I had a soccer ball," James remembered.

Part of the reason she came to work at Elizabethtown was to make sure that her children could have a chance at a college education. By working here, her children get tuition remission.

So what is it like having a parent on campus all the time?

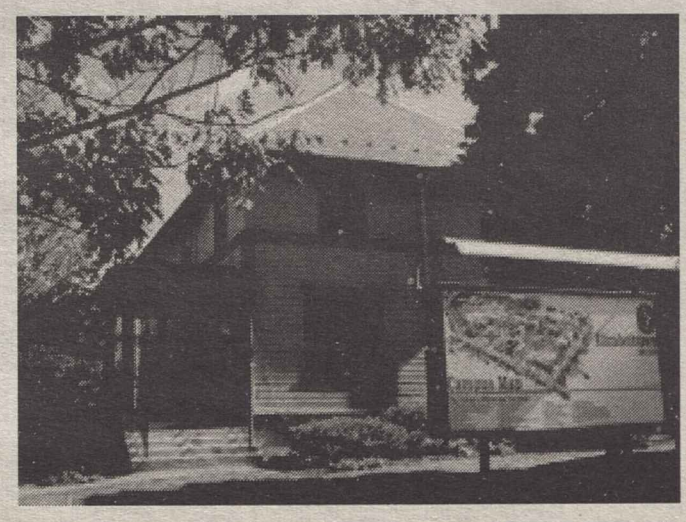
"Having her on campus is all right with me until she wants me to run ten different errands for her around town, but that is all right because of all she has done for me. She also asks for cheddar pretzel combos all the time from the Jay's Nest. It's also great to get rides during winter from parking lot to classes when she is patrolling in the vehicles," Kennel said.

Kennel was born in Millersville and attended Penn Manor High School. She was very involved in many sports, including tennis, track, volleyball, hockey, gymnastics and cheerleading. Now her hobbies include camping, hunting, fishing, golfing and quilting. She made a quilt for each of her children.

"Go with the flow" is really her personality. She seems willing to try new things, which leads her to a wide variety of activities that she enjoys.

She is very devoted to everything that she does. According to her son Jeremy, she has a no-nonsense attitude, cares way too much, and is cautious, but in a good way.

Kennel is truly an asset to Etown. She is kind, caring and very passionate about everything she does. Her favorite saying, according to her children, is, "If you want something done right, you just have to do it yourself." This is ironic coming from her, because she is always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone, anytime.



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on campus

Another year, another book

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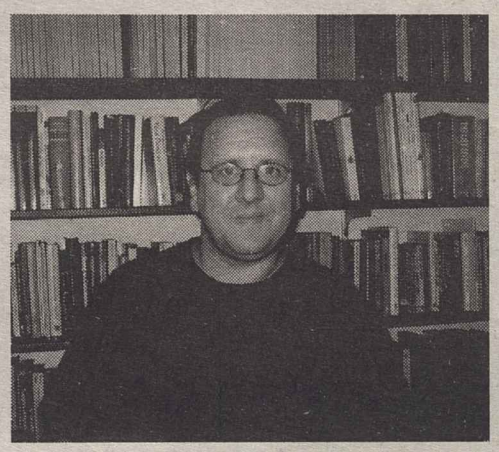
This May, be sure to keep your eyes open for the newest item in our very own College Book Store. It's not more decorations for the dorm, brightly colored notebooks or even those coveted Blue Jay sweatpants. It's not hitting shelves with the never-ending Etown memorabilia, but rather in the textbook section.



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Professor Jeffery Long of the religious studies department has just finished writing another book, entitled "Jainism – An Introduction." This is not his first time being published, however.

His first book was titled "A Vision for Hinduism: Beyond Hindu Nationalism," and was released in 2007.

When asked how it felt to be a two-time published author, Long said, "It's wonderful! It's always been my dream to write books, so having two out is very gratifying. It makes me feel surer of myself as an author."

His books are interconnected, as his first book has an entire chapter on the Jain system of philosophy.

Long became interested in Jainism while in graduate school, when he was first introduced to the Jain system of philosophy, which argues that there are several ways of looking at the deeper truths of existence.

Jainism is an Indian religion that has been around for thousands of years. Similar to Buddhism, it is connected to the figure of Mahavira, who lived in the same time period as Buddha.

Jainism became a religion during a movement against the mainstream Hindu religion in ancient India. Long plans on using his book in his own classroom and hopes other professors in religious studies will do the same.

"Because it is a textbook, I hope that professors will assign it in courses on Indian religions and world religions," Long said. "I know that is what I plan to do. I also hope it will make me better known as an author."

After the two-year writing process, there are high expectations for the success of his book.

It is written at a college student reading level and is an introduction to Jainism, so no knowledge of this topic is necessary.

on campus

Mission: Behind the Lines

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Rich red blood," a young worker, was what Dr. Joe Wampler pleaded to young workers in the relief effort to aid peasant farmers who had been burned out of their homes by the Japanese army.

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The Sino-Japanese War caused major controversy for the Brethren mission when the Japanese advanced into the field where they worked.

Howard Sollenberger and his 21-year-old son responded to the urgent message sent out by Wampler and immediately started working among the refugees and guerrilla fighters in the mountains.

Sollenberger's son spent two years working with the local people; during the two long years, he kept a journal and took many pictures to document his journey.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, Dr. Joe Wampler discussed the work of Howard Sollenberger at 7:30 p.m. in the Young Center.

The free public lecture opened the eyes to many about the work of Sollenberger, the 21-year-old son of a Brethren missionary to China.

Dr. Wampler based most of the lecture on the detailed diary, in which Sollenberger recorded his expedition.

Many of Sollenberger's photos were also present to give a better visual picture of the two years he spent in the mountains.

Growing up in China is one of the many reasons for Dr. Wampler's interest in gathering stories of Chinese and Americans influenced by Brethren work in China.

Wampler received a Ph.D in astrophysics from the University of Chicago.

He taught at the University of California Santa Cruz and worked in observatories around the world before retiring in 1997.

With the help of his brother Gene Wampler and Young Center director Jeff Bach, Wampler created the exhibit "No Greater Love: Brethren Mission and Service Work in China 1908-1951."

The opening reception was Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The exhibit honors the anniversary of the beginning of Brethren mission work in China in 1908.

The exhibit contains photos and text to tell the story of Brethren mission works in northern China. The show will run through May 20.

So grab your planner and be sure to attend the lecture "Behind the Lines: Brethren Service and the Sino-Japanese War" given by Dr. Joe Wampler.

You could learn something you never knew before.

on campus

Sife Sense: Crooked accountants and greedy CEOs

As a naïve child, I had many peculiar opinions of what colloquialisms and phrases used in our culture actually meant.

I recall hearing about a businessman getting arrested for money laundering, and I found myself double-checking my pants pockets to ensure no errant bills were inside before putting them in the laundry basket.

I can recall viewing successful businessmen such as Donald Trump and Bill Gates as the closest thing to deities on Earth.

However, as I matured, I realized that this was not always the case.

Throughout the 20th century, the notion of letting the free market act as it desired (*laissez-faire*) prevailed.

Unfortunately, corporate executives, accounting firms and other greedy financial managers were often manipulating accounts, exchanging insider information and laundering money at the expense of shareholders and employees.

Money laundering refers to the practice of diverting funds from public accounts to undisclosed sources.

One of the most noteworthy and standard-setting cases was that of Enron and its accounting firm, Arthur Andersen.

Then-CEO Jeff Skilling and CFO Andrew Fastow were implicated in the misquoting of company earnings in financial reports in conspiracy with Andersen's accountant.

Soon after, late company founder and prior-CEO Ken Lay was also charged with fraud and conspiracy. Lay testified that he had no knowledge of his subordinates' actions, but I would argue that CEOs were not paid an all-time record of 419 times the salary of the average worker in 1999 to be ignorant of subordinates' doings.

Now, Tyco Electronics' Dennis Kozlowski, WorldCom's Bernie Ebbers and Skilling all share a common residence: prison.

In hindsight, I would speculate that none of them would vouch for the profitability of their misdeeds.

Corruption and corporate irresponsibility also demonstrate an inverse correlation with a company's bottom-line profit margin.

These recent cases have reiterated an age-old adage regarding crime: it just doesn't pay.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

The Jayd-ed edge

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It seemed like it would work at the time.

Recently, a pair of men in Georgia announced that they had found the frozen corpse of the legendary creature Big Foot.

However, when the press, Big Foot experts and doubtfuls descended upon the display to analyze it, it was proven that their "corpse" was nothing more than a frozen gorilla suit stored in their freezer.

Disbelievers had a field day with this, citing that Big Foot could only exist in Georgian freezers. Big foot experts, however still say that despite those dupes and others like them, the Big Foot monster is real.

The men with the frozen gorilla suit offered no comment as to what convinced them to orchestrate the hoax.

Elementary school principal apologizes for forcing students to see excrement.

Sometimes people take things a little too far when trying to make a point.

Elementary school principal Michael Auclaire certainly did when he forced several students at Colarado Springs Elementary School to look inside a bag filled with urine and human feces.

Apparantly Auclaire was trying to teach the students a lesson since on several occasions prior to this, people had been leaving fecal matter on the toilet seats of the girls' lavatory.

Auclaire made the apology in person to the students and by letter to their parents, stating that the lesson was probably "not the best thing to do."

Sometimes the most obvious solution is the best one.

In recent months, residents of Mumbai, India have been complaining about how the offensive smell of their numerous landfills has become.

Several methods were proposed to reduce the stink, but officials went with the simplest prospect.

They sprayed the landfills with massive amounts of perfume because, logically, covering up a problem will solve it.

Amazingly, over time, the smell of these landfills decreased dramatically. Now, experts everywhere are calling for "perfume treatment" for all the world's landfills.

Compiled from *videojug.com*.

on campus

Swim team holds program for local youth

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On our campus, one would not expect to see children roaming around the Etown Marketplace, the library or the athletic gym. For Elizabethtown College, however, children ages three to eight are given an opportunity to experience a sense of college life with the help of the swim team.

Photo: *kidsrunning.com*

The Blue Jay Learn-to-Swim program, implemented by swim team coach Alison Kreider and the Elizabethtown College swimmers, provides children in the community an opportunity to learn basic swimming skills.

The idea for the Learn-to-Swim program came from a need to raise money for training in Florida. Every year the Blue Jay swimmers travel to Florida during Christmas break for practice. In previous years, the swim team sponsored the stroke intern clinic and sold t-shirts and beach towels to raise money.

"We sold beach towels last year. We still have towels for sale," Kreider said.

Thus, swimming lessons not only raise money to travel, but allow the college students to participate in community work and form meaningful relationships with children.

There are various classes available according to the child's skill level. Aqua Tot and Advanced Aqua Tot classes are available for children ages three to five.

In the Aqua Tot class, children learn skills such as getting in and out of the water properly, putting their face under the water, floating with support and the arm action of freestyle.

"We teach them how to use a life jacket properly," Kreider added.

Advanced Aqua Tot teaches the children to hold their breath for three seconds, submerge and retrieve things off the bottom of the pool, float by themselves, swim by themselves and jump into the deep end.

Older children follow the Red Cross levels one, two, three and four. At this age, most children are proficient swimmers. In these classes they learn the breast stroke and butterfly. The higher the level, the more advanced the skill.

"We start at the beginning and basically grow off of those skills," Kreider said.

The lessons cost $50 for six sessions. The fall session began Sept. 8 and will run for two to three weeks, depending on the age and skill level. The spring session will begin in March.

Aside from earning money for training in Florida, Kreider sees benefits to this program.

"We are bridging the gap between our community and students," Kreider said.

Kreider explained how one young boy invites everyone to his house each day. Another boy talks about one girl by saying, "I love her."

The college students are also showing a different side of themselves.

"It is rewarding to see the patience of the college swimmers," Kreider added. "They are learning a lot from this whole process."

The Blue Jay swim team hopes to expand the program and encourages students, faculty, staff and the community to spread the word.

"I think we are going to see a lot more gains," Kreider said.

If you are interested in learning more information on the swim lessons, contact KREIDERA@etown.edu or call (717) 361-1274.

on campus

Upcoming club LINK, autism awareness

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If you are a new student like me, you may not realize that Elizabethtown has exactly 85 clubs that you can join.

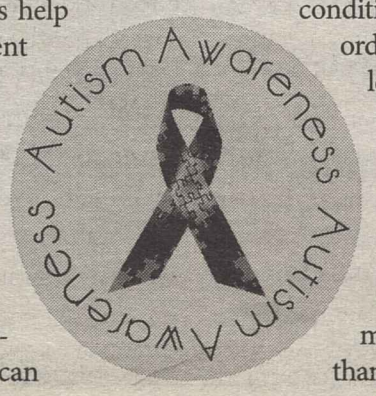
The question is, how do you possibly pick which ones you want to join? There are so many organizations here on campus that it can feel extremely overwhelming at first.

A large majority of the clubs have to do with community service and helping out the surrounding Elizabethtown area. The newest club, LINK, is no exception.

President of the organization, junior Leighanne Spitzer, said, "LINK is a campus-wide club that will act as a mentor program to children with autism.

"Elizabethtown College participants will help the children accomplish any goals that they may have, as well as help them become independent on different tasks.

"Our mission is to facilitate community between Elizabethtown College students and children with autism," she said.



Autism is a brain development disorder that can impair social interaction with other children and adults. It also takes a huge toll on a child's communication skills. Autism can develop as a result of certain vaccines a child receives at birth.

When asked why Spitzer wanted to start LINK in the first place, she replied, "I was inspired to start this program because my seven-year-old brother was diagnosed with autism five years ago. I know how hard it is on the families to not have anybody else around to help."

At first, the symptoms of autism may not be very clear. Parents can begin to notice signs in the child's behavior skills as early as 18 months. Symptoms can include compulsive or ritualistic behavior, late speech development, loss of language skills and repetitive behavior.

Autism is associated with several other conditions, including genetic disorders, mental retardation, epilepsy, metabolic defects and minor physical anomalies. A child may seem deaf, even through his or her hearing is completely normal. Currently no cure for autism exists. Doctors consider it more of a condition rather than a disorder.

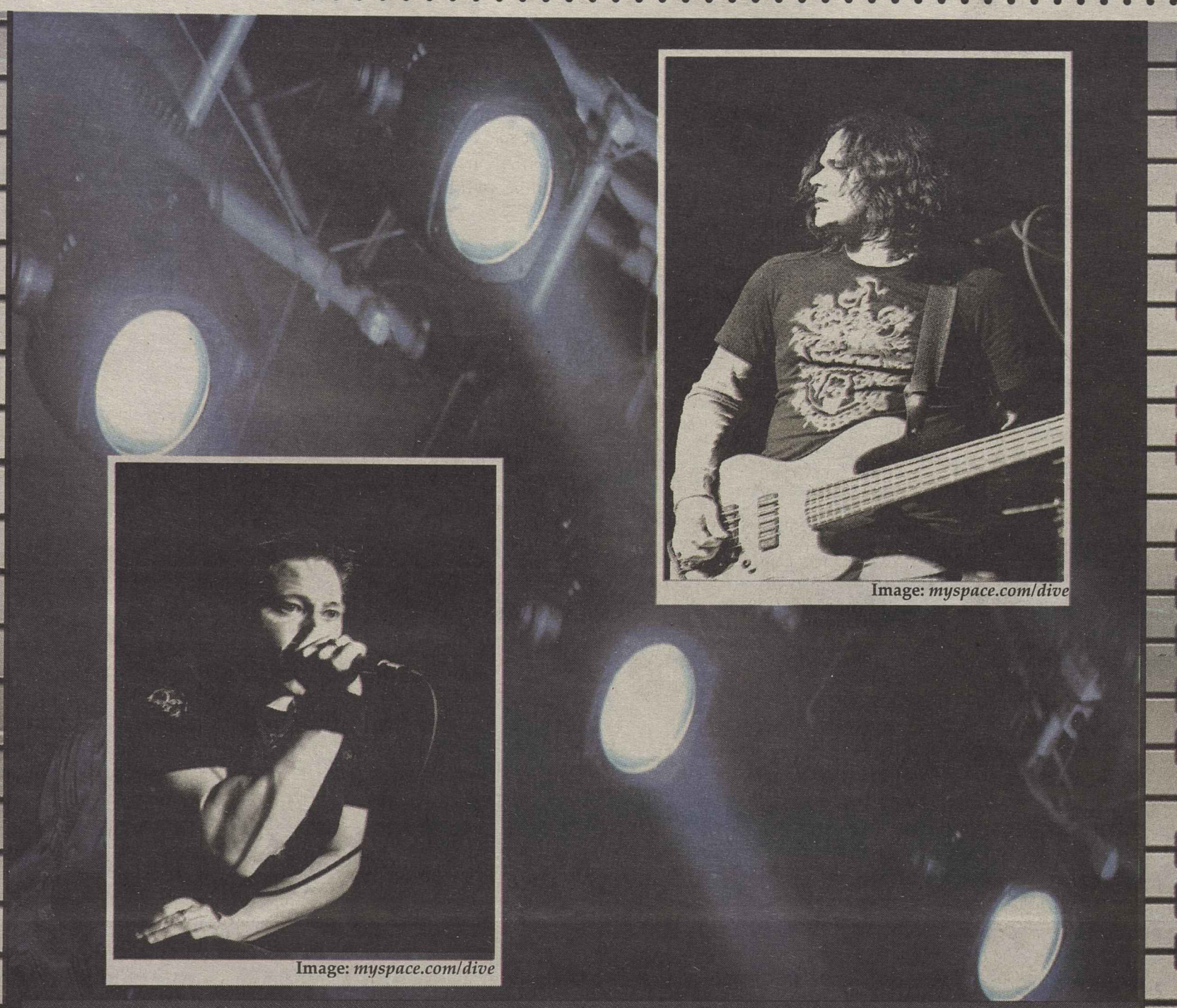
Although the symptoms of autism become less severe as a child grows up, very few sufferers of the disorder go on to live by themselves once they reach adulthood.

"The name LINK came from this idea 'LINK: Connecting College Students with the Autism Community,'" Spitzer said. "We want to provide a 'link' between these two communities. Not only are we dedicated to helping these few children in particular, but we are dedicated to raising awareness to this neurological disorder that now affects one in 150 people."

Spitzer is currently looking for members to take part in this great opportunity.

"The only qualifications to join are to attend a training session provided by Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) on Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as have certain criminal record checks and child abuse clearances," says Spitzer. "As of right now, we are planning on having a kick-off party at the end of this semester, going ice skating and having an outdoor game day next semester. We have not gotten approval yet, but we did meet with Student Senate last week, and we are hoping that the club will be approved soon."

If you are interested in being involved in this wonderful club, please contact her at SPITZERL@etown.edu.



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entertainment

DIVE returning to Elizabethtown

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After DIVE's thrilling performance last year at Elizabethtown, students are excited that SWEET is hosting this New Jersey-based band for an encore show. With a collection of head banging songs and softer rhythms, DIVE prides their debut album *The Truth About Us* on its basis of personal experience.

Lead singer and songwriter Jon Sitar, otherwise known as Jonny Dive, pilots this combination rock, alternative and indie group with a performance that leaves the audience begging for more.

"I started DIVE almost five years ago with a completely different lineup," Sitar wrote to the *Etownian*.

Within the past few years, Sitar assembled the passionate array of musicians who will arrive to liven up the party at Etown this month.

Drummer Andy Zampella, guitarists Evan Canova and Jeff Moczydlowski and bass player Brian Weaver, who formerly played on the Paramore album *Riot*, eagerly followed Sitar's lead to complete the rising band. They continue to offer DIVE both enthusiasm and talent in its well-rounded realm of success.

Rocking out with nationally-recognized groups such as Three Days Grace, Hinder, Filter, Jimmies Chicken Shack, The Ataris, Eve 6, Rev Theory, Silvertide, Fosterchild and Sum 41, DIVE is more than just a local New Jersey band searching for fame. Rather, they are well on their way to the top.

Producers Kato Khandwala, Dan Korneff, John Bender and David Bendeth from Paramore, Breaking Benjamin and Red Jumpsuit Apparatus have worked with DIVE, attributing their own musical genius to DIVE's rising success.

Junior Chelsea Kempchinsky, SWEET Sounds Chair, said, "SWEET chose DIVE because we feel that they would draw a large audience and that the Etown student community would really enjoy a rock concert."

Comparing their music to Breaking Benjamin and Three Days Grace, Kempchinsky expresses her anticipation for both DIVE's concert and their autograph signing after the show.

"I heard DIVE perform here at Etown last year during the Blue Jay Bash. Since I love live music, it was a great experience," said senior Kristen Ebersole, a singer in Elizabethtown's female a-cappella group, Melica. "They have a rock edge that I like, along with good voices. They had a good show and I hope they deliver again this year."

First-year guitarist and pianist Dylan Wadell knows he will go to the concert because he likes DIVE's "heavy thumpin' bass, sick lead guitar that's not afraid to venture down low on the fret board for some powerful background riffs, entrancing rhythm guitar, awesome drum breakdowns and catchy choruses."

Wadell went on to say, "If Breaking Benjamin and My Chemical Romance (from MCR's *Three Cheers* album) had babies, those babies would be DIVE."

Elizabethtown is excitedly preparing for DIVE's arrival to campus on Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. The event will be held in the Brossman Commons Event Space.

It's not easy being green but easy going green

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Despite the famous words of Kermit the Frog, "It's not easy being green," students at Elizabethtown are out to prove that no matter who you are, it is at least easy to go green.

Two SDLC houses on campus, the TREE House and the GREEN House, are making strides to educate Elizabethtown about the benefits of going green.

The TREE House, which stands for Treasure and Respect Earth's Environment, is comprised of seniors Steve Peterson and Mark Buchmoyer, and juniors Mike Tschop and Dan Fenton.

Within the house, these environmentally savvy boys put their social and academic diversity to work towards a common goal- promoting a cleaner life. Peterson says Fenton, the newest member of the house and engineering major, has inspired a possible house theme of greener technology for the upcoming year.

All members are hoping to take a more active role this year and are open to suggestions from others as well. Fenton says, "It's not just about us coming up with ideas; it's about us finding ideas and if we have an idea that comes from outside our group, we absolutely will try to implement it in any way possible if we feel it can be done."

An environmentally conscious house, a collective annoyance for the four is the ignorance on campus when it comes to recycling. Buchmoyer points out, "This campus is our home for four years. Would you throw trash on your carpet in your house or even in your own backyard?"

With the constant rise of recycling facilities on campus, Tschop further proves this point by elaborating that, "it doesn't take any more energy to throw it in the recycling as it does to put it in the trash."

One of the biggest undertakings is their Adopt-a-Highway initiative. The lack of volunteers in previous years has made it exceedingly difficult to make the impact the house hoped for. Adopt-a-Highway will be a service performed as part of "Into the Streets" this year and is in need of volunteers.

The GREEN House, which stands for Generating Respect and Enthusiasm for the Environment's Needs, is doing their part with seniors Trish Lemon, Karen Orndorf, Kate O'Hara and Shaleen Spulio, managing editor of the *Etownian*.

The house, although still fairly new on campus, has wasted no time in making their mark on Elizabethtown. Their aim is not only to be active, but to teach and educate at the same time.

One of the house's founding members, O'Hara, explains, "The goal of the GREEN House is to advocate for environmental protection while encouraging environmental awareness and appreciation. Together, we try to promote a prosperous and healthy environment."

The GREEN House is challenging the minds of tomorrow to take a stand in the battle against mistreatment of the environment by participating in activities such as visiting Steele Elementary School and interactively teaching the students.

Working with other services on campus has helped broaden the spectrum of awareness for the house. They worked in conjunction with the Elizabethtown College Environmental Group to support a "Changing our Colors" activity, a month dedicated to environmental awareness events.

Both houses will be looking for more student involvement this year and appreciate all the help they can get. For more information about the TREE House, contact PETERSONS@etown.edu and to contact the GREEN House, e-mail THINKGREEN@etown.edu.

Classes, departments teach the green way

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Kermit the Frog once sang that it isn't easy being green. Well, Etown, I'm here to tell you that this Muppet lied to us. There are people here at Etown who are doing their part to be green.

Dr. Michele Lee Kozimor-King, assistant professor of sociology, is an example of how to live green. Kozimor-King teaches two classes on environmental issues. One is a First-Year Seminar called Simple Living.

"It teaches students how to live consciously and deliberately according to their purpose," Kozimor-King said, describing her class. "You know what impact you have."

The class teaches students to have a strong connection with nature. Students read and analyze Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," study nature art and have a camping trip planned for Sept. 20.

In her other class, Population and Global Issues, students look at the ecological footprint of the United States versus that of other nations. It also looks at how these environmental issues were created.

Because of her commitment to going green, Kozimor-King was featured on PBS's "Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska." In an episode on things people can do to stop global warming, Kozimor-King focused on what students were doing to improve their ecological footprints. Students began watching their consumption of meat because the way it is process is energy intensive. Others limited driving and tried to carpool. Students made small changes such as turning off lights when they were not in use, taking shorter showers and recycling.

Kozimor-King practices what she preaches.

"I want to leave the world a better place than how I entered," she said.

She tries to have an organic, chemical-free home. She uses green cleaning products and does not wear chemical perfume.

"When we make better choices for the environment, we make better choices for us," she believes.

Kozimor-King is not the only member of the college community doing her part to raise awareness about going green. Allison Bridgeman, Director of Residence Life, along with James Hayes from Facilities Management, organized Etown's entry in RecycleMania, a competition with other schools that encourages students and faculty members to observe better recycling practices.

Bridgeman, with the rest of ResLife, organized a kick-off to the competition with a series of programs in the residents' halls. A large banner in the BSC showed all the different totals to keep people motivated.

"It really raised awareness about recycling and brought about a competitive spirit with all students, faculty, and staff," Hayes said. "We actually got a lot of e-mails from staff saying 'Hey, I actually don't have a recycling bin in my office, can I have one delivered?'"

Both Bridgeman and Hayes agree that Etown will participate in RecycleMania again this January.

Joseph Metro, Director of Facilities Management, and Stephen Bender, Manager of Environmental Services, as well as the whole team of technicians, also work hard to keep Etown green.

"A lot of our products are already green and they have been for years," Bender said.

Facilities Management encourages students to help their going green initiative by turning off their air conditioners and lights when they leave their rooms and using the designated recycling bins in the hall ways.

After getting put into the bins, it goes to the Brown Building. This building contains all recycled material including cardboard boxes, paper, florescent bulbs, batteries, steel and even wood, which gets picked up by Zeager Brothers Inc. York Waste picks up the rest of the recycled materials.

It turns out that recycling is cheaper than just throwing everything out. Instead of paying to get rid of it, it gets taken away for free, or, in the case of copper and aluminum, gets bought. The money then goes into the Landscape Improvement Fund.

Trash in the compactors gets taken to the county energy facility where it gets burned and used to generate electricity.

These technicians take going green very seriously. A rotting tree in front of Alpha Hall had to be cut down, so Facilities Management had it milled and turned it into useable wood planks.

Lastly, Facilities uses a system called the Building Automation System. They can see the temperatures of almost every room on campus and control the temperature range of air conditioners and heaters. The system's day/night setting helps conserve energy.

"The biggest problem for us is getting the students involved," Baron Wanner, a technician who operates the Building Automation System, said. "We can sit here and turn things off and on and have people mad at us, but they don't understand why we're doing it and the implications of the dollars and cents involved to help with other funding for College activities."

"Our electric bill is over a million dollars a year." Metro said. "That's a lot of tuition money." Without this system, though, the bill could be over two million.

If everyone does their part, not only will we further the green movement, but we can help save some green — cash, that is. And that's something everyone can sing about.

technology review

Apple's iPod Nano Chromatic receives positive response

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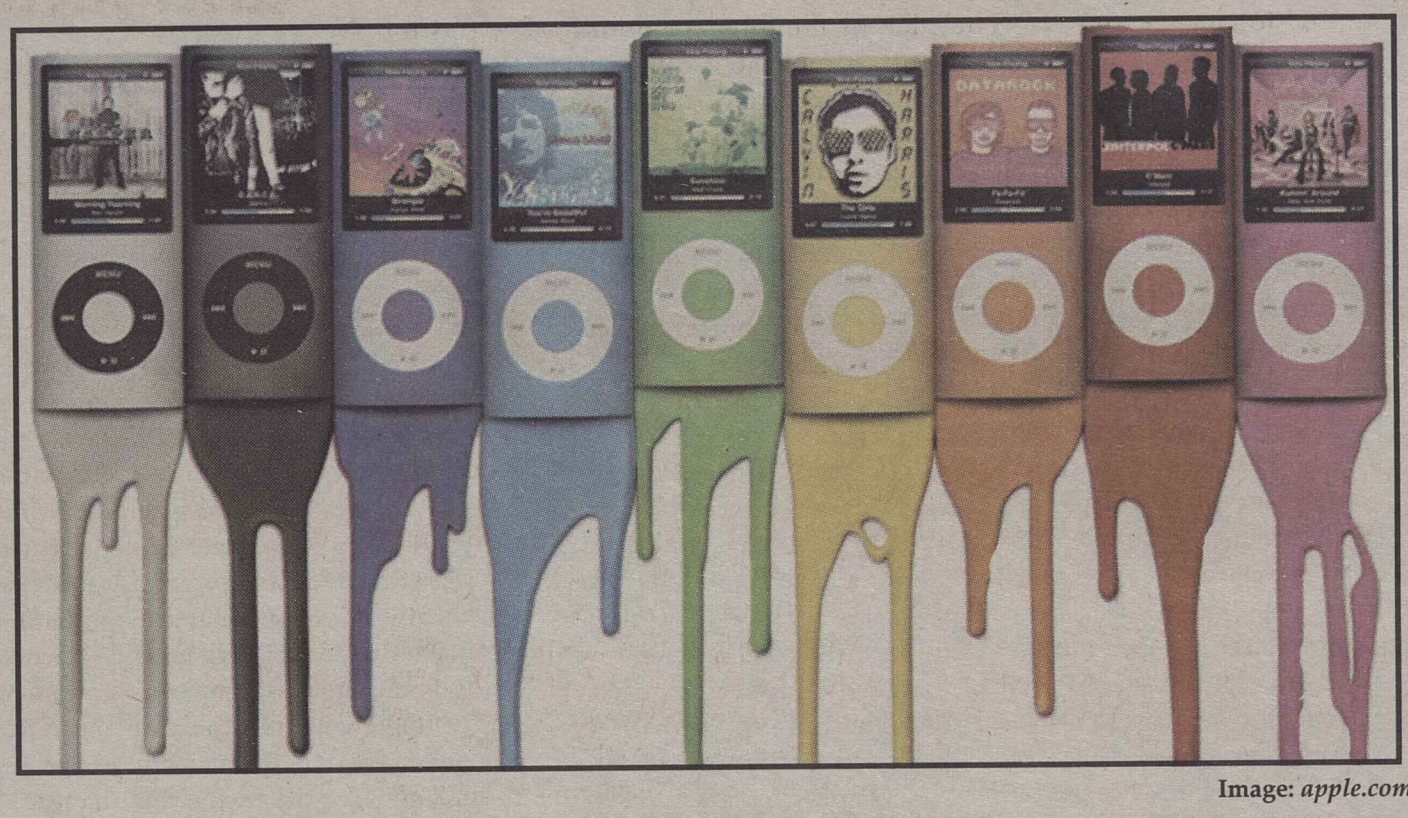

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Corporations around the world are in a continual race to keep improving and updating their technological products. Apple is working to stay in the lead.

The new Nano Chromatic is a much thinner iPod that comes in nine different colors: silver, black, purple, light blue, lime green, yellow, orange, red and hot pink.

New colors are not the only new improvement. Apple claims that four entirely new features have also been added to the iPod Nano.

The first is what Apple calls the "Genius." This feature finds the songs on your iPod that go well together and creates personalized playlists.

The second all-new element is the "Shake to Shuffle" feature. With a simple flick of the wrist, the new iPod Nano Chromatic will shuffle to a different song in its music library.

Sophomore Mallory Murphy believes that this in an extremely helpful new idea.

"I usually have my iPod on shuffle and this feature makes it more convenient because I like shortcuts," Murphy said. "It's a lot easier to shake something than to press a button."

However, not everyone is as enthusiastic as Murphy. Sophomore Ashton Heydt said the concept is an interesting idea, but she would be frustrated if songs kept changing as she was running or doing other activities.

Another new feature of the Chromatic is the built-in accelerometer. This allows the user to rotate the Chromatic to view album art and watch movies and TV in widescreen.

The user can also look at his or her pictures in either portrait or landscape.

The last feature on the fourth Generation Nano is its fresh new design. Besides the obvious new color pallet, the iPod is now slightly oval-shaped, and there is curved glass over the screen. It is also the thinnest measurement of any of the iPod devices seen yet, according to *www.itv.com*. It has 24 hours of battery life.

Although the iPod is an extremely convenient device, there have been some minor overall complaints about the product. Sometimes there are specific malfunctions that occur in each iPod.

These problems include the iPod having trouble turning off or occasionally freezing. There are also some users who would prefer to have the option of uploading their own movies instead of buying them off of iTunes. The most common complaint is that sometimes iPods can be unreliable and are not structurally sound. This aggravates consumers who spend a large sum of money on the product.

Despite these few criticisms, students of Etown generally enjoy using their iPods frequently.

Many enjoy the fact that the iPod can store all of their favorite songs in a small, portable space so they don't have to carry around a stack of CDs and a portable CD player.

"I like how iPods are so convenient," said sophomore Kaitlyn Walsh. "The system that Apple has is the best thing out there right now for music players and they're always updating it to make it better."

According to a representative from the Park City Mall in Lancaster, Pa., an Apple store should be opening in the mall within the next few months.

Park City Mall has not yet released an exact date for the store's opening. Students planning to update their iPod and stay up-to-date with the latest technology should be able to take a trip to Park City in the very near future to pick up the new Chromatic.

television review

Grey's Anatomy, The Office return to primetime

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It is the smackdown that many have been waiting for since last May. In what is considered by many as the most powerful time slot on the small screen, two widely popular television shows will be making their way back for a new season. On Sept. 25 at 9 p.m., students, adults, teens, kids and families will huddle around their television sets and attempt to decide whether to watch *The Office* or *Grey's Anatomy.*

The Office debuted in America in 2005 and was based off of a popular BBC Television show by the same name. It illustrates the daily lives of the employees at Dunder-Mifflin Paper Company and is set up in a "mockumentary" format.

The Office is one of the few comedies shot without a laugh track or a studio audience, and it is filmed with a single camera. The show has won a number of prestigious awards including Emmys, Golden Globes and Peabody Awards, to name a few.

Image: *tvguide.com*

In the first episode, airing next Thursday on NBC, the workers at Dunder-Mifflin will begin a weight loss program and become overly concerned with shedding the pounds, according to TV Guide.

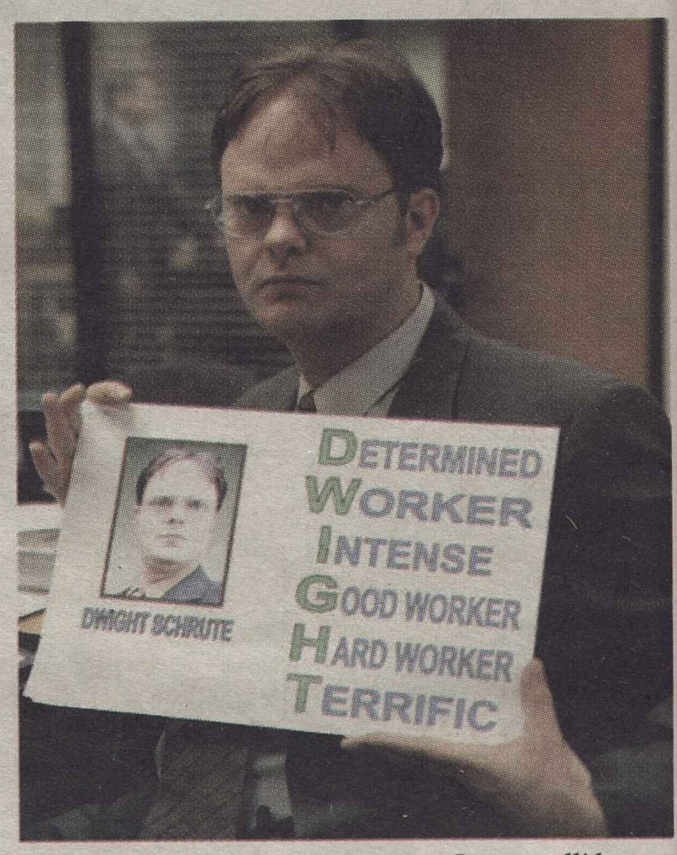
Grey's Anatomy also debuted as a midseason replacement in late 2005, and has since become one of the most popular dramas on television. The show revolves around Meredith Grey, who began the show as a medical intern at the fictional Seattle Grace hospital and has since gone on to begin her residency.

ABC's *Grey's* is known for its uniquely diverse cast. Producer and creator Shonda Rhimes used a blind casting technique and did not specify race for any of her characters. *Grey's Anatomy* has won both Emmy and Golden Globe awards as well. In the upcoming season a new doctor will join the hospital staff, Meredith and Derek will begin their rekindled romance, and the Chief of Surgery will learn that the hospital has slipped in National Rankings.

Students around campus may have numerous commitments on Thursday nights, but those who definitely plan to watch television during this time slot weighed in on who they think will win this battle of the Must See TV heavyweights.

Junior Keira Feagely will be watching *Grey's Anatomy* and said, "It's intense and exciting to watch. You can't miss an episode." Many other students on campus agree wholeheartedly with this statement.

There are however, fans of *The Office*, such as sophomore Allison Gower, who said that she likes the style of humor that the producers incorporate.



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"They have a way of making nothing into something," she said.

Each show has its own design and structure that makes it unique, and it is because of the cutting edge writing styles and off-the-wall events that make both of these shows must-see TV events.

Either way, students across campus will be glued to their televisions on Thursday nights for what is sure to be either a dramatic or humor-filled hour.

college issues

Graduates choosing to return home

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Guest Writer

Though still in their final year as Etown students, seniors will soon encounter the terrifying prospect of life after Elizabethtown College. Now more than ever, college graduates are moving back home.

These graduates, named the "boomerang" or "back-to-the-bedroom kids" by U.S.A. Today, are finding their financial situations the number one reason why they are forced to live with their parents once again. In a 2008 survey conducted by *http://www.collegegrad.com*, 77 percent of graduates moved in with their parents - an increase from 66 percent of graduates in 2006.

The increase of college grads moving back in with their parents is becoming an economic and cultural trend that can no longer be ignored. With the increase of living costs and the rise of college debt, living with your parents after graduation just makes economical sense.

Like many soon-to-be graduates, senior Mike Azzalina agrees that financial issues are the primary reason for moving back home.

"I can save money by living with my parents, and I will have an easier time paying off college debt," he said.

However, many seniors hope to only live at home for a year or until they find a job.

Another reason why living with your parents after college may be a good idea is because of the ability it gives you to concentrate on beginning a career.

Senior Andrew Hauser admits that he wants to move back home until he finds a job.

"Looking for a job is my top priority," he said. However, Hauser believes that living with his parents might put off the "growing up" process.

"Moving back home is like pausing the inevitable; it'll soon be time for me to live a real life," he said.

The idea of moving back in with parents after college has occurred to many generations; however, our generation seems to "wait longer to embrace the trappings of adulthood: a college degree, marriage and financial independence," according to Jane Adams, a social psychologist from Seattle.

Senior Jake Keeler jokingly admits, "I would call my mom and dad if I can't find a job, maybe work for my mom's shop if I can't afford to have an apartment, and even do some extra chores around the house."

Even though moving back home has many positive attributes, living with your parents may call for a few lifestyle changes.

"I will probably have to make a few adjustments, like abiding by my parents' rules," senior Katie Krissinger said.

Elina Furman, the author of "Boomerang Nation: How to Survive Living with your Parents the Second Time Around," mentions a few tips for college graduates to make moving back home easier.

Furman suggests discussing the arrangement with your parents before you move back into your house because once you are at home you will have less bargaining power.

It may also a good idea to establish a date to move out of the house. Your parents will likely be able to relax more if they know your exact goals of leaving, saving and finding a job. You should also offer to pay some sort of rent to make the boomerang relationship work better.

Furman also suggests cleaning out your room. This means getting rid of baseball pennants, dolls and other memorabilia in order to remind yourself that this is a step forward, not backward.

If you are a college senior planning to move back into your house after graduating take some of these tips into consideration in order to make the process as painless as possible for both you and your parents.

Peter Butter and Jam(eson)

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Life got you down? Mysteries of the universe clogging your sleep? Meet Peter and Jameson. P's got crazy schemes, terrible capitalization and a wild, buttery affectation born of reckless youth. J's got the skills to pay the bills: warm, sensible cynicism; boundless, gentlemanly sanguinity; and a pretty sweet vocabulary. Together, they're the *Etownian*'s very own Peter Butter and Jam(eson), the Fall '08 ticket to kickin' rad advice. Don't know nothin' 'bout quantum mechanics? Need to score legit digits off the HB-10 you been creepin'? Stuck with a philosophy major, but don't want to end up dead like Socrates? PB&J can help.

For the funkiest of freshness, either catch the stymie-fighting team in the hallway, pop a query through the *Etownian's* letterbox or email editor@etown.edu. Find us on Facebook!

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movie review

'Reading' burns high expectations

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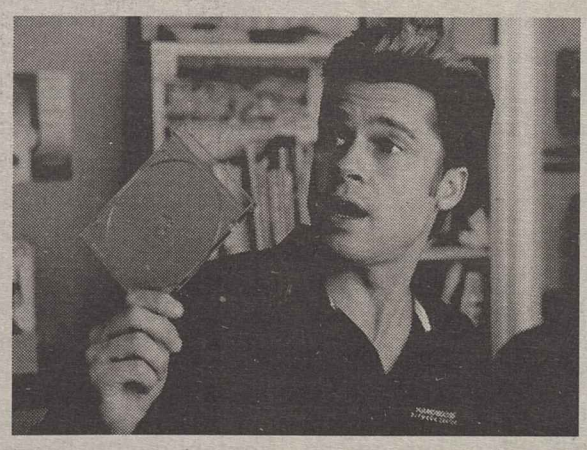
On occasion, a movie comes along that wows the viewer so thoroughly that tears come to his or her eyes for utterly no reason — an artistic experience so brilliant that words alone would not do it proper justice. This review has gone through at least three revisions, four complete rewrites, and an untold amount of tweaking, yet it can't quite grasp the genius that the Cohen brothers let shine through in their latest *coup de grâce*, "Burn After Reading."



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The strangest thing about "Burn After Reading" is that it has no real concrete plot. It is simply the story of how the lives of five strangers collide as a result of a cacophonous series of events beginning with one man's (John Malkovich's) vulgar resignation from the CIA. From the beginning onward, "Burn After Reading" never slows down. It explores many themes such as distrust, betrayal, infidelity and how the smallest flaws can lead to one's downfall.

The acting in "Burn" is simply brilliant. Normally, in a movie starring both Brad Pitt and George Clooney, one would expect just another "Ocean's Eleven" where Clooney and Pitt essentially play themselves as supercharismatic manly men gaining fame and women left and right with about the same effort required to open a bag of chips. That kind of tomfoolery is cut out of "Burn" outright.

Pitt and Clooney portray characters so grounded that it's astounding. Pitt plays an oafish and oblivious personal trainer that is so obsessed with his own fitness that he seems to never stop jogging all throughout the film.

At the same time, Clooney portrays a womanizer who, despite constantly cheating on his wife, is eternally eager to please her. The acting done by the other stars is beautifully *human* as well.

Tilda Swinton plays Brad Pitt's distraught coworker, obsessed with being successful, being in love and getting the plastic surgery she thinks will help her attain that. John Malkovich portrays a temperamental alcoholic ex-CIA agent with severe trust issues with his wife. The best part is how all these incredibly diverse characters are thrown together so elegantly in the plot.

As stated before, the film begins with John Malkovich being fired by the CIA and deciding to write his memoirs. At the same time, his wife begins the process of divorcing him. She gathers all of their financial data, along with her husband's unfinished memoirs, and puts them on a disk that she can give to her lawyer.

In a bizarre twist, she leaves the disk on the locker room floor of the gym that Brad Pitt and Tilda Swinton's characters work at. Assuming that the data in the disk is secret government documents, Pitt and Swinton decide to blackmail John Malkovitch's character. From there a ludicrously twisted plot emerges, so that at the very end the movie makes fun of itself for not making any sense at all.

In general, "Burn After Reading" is a truly wonderful movie experience, the likes of which will be hard to top this year at the box office. Seriously, go see this movie. Right now.

Jameson's Word of the Week

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Callipygian: Having extraordinarily beautiful buttocks. Alternatively, a woman of reasonable age endowed with same. "Wegmans, it seems, has today renewed its callipygian stock," or, "My, Joanna, your radiance is positively callipygian." Avoid use in reference to family members. Also note the opposite, "cacopygian" and "dasypygal," which refers to an excess of hair in the same region. For amusement at parties, exhibit your rarified, guileless pretention by comparing a lady friend to an original Venus Kallipygos (any of the line of Hellenistic Greek statues that featured Aphrodite and her trunk's magnificent junk.)

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Double Take

New Facebook: easier navigation or more aggravation?

As an avid Facebook user, I was thoroughly disappointed when I logged onto my account, only to be "welcomed" by the New Facebook and all of its splendor. Filled with disorganized content and less overall user control, this change has been one step back for Mark Zuckerberg and the rest of the Facebook team.

Don't get me wrong; I'm an advocate for change. But please, Facebook, if you're going to change around your Web site, at least make an improvement. The new layout feels almost as if the web designers poured all of their content in a blender, set it on "frappé," and let all the remnants spill out on the Web page, forming what they call "the New Facebook."

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Before the layout change, the single profile page provided the mini-feed, profile information, wall posts and applications of a user's choice. All of a user's information was visible and at his or her fingertips. Now they have to navigate through several pages to view all of the information previously shown on just one page.

The updated navigation is almost an inconvenience. The new Facebook displays all of a user's information sprawled out among various tabs on the top and bottom of the Web page. Instead of being able to locate all of the content within one or two clicks like before, it now can take three or four clicks to navigate. Not only is this a bit irritating, but for those with slow Internet connections, it's also time consuming. I'm no Web design guru, but shouldn't a designer at least strive for ease of navigation?

Although newcomers to Facebook may not resist this change, veterans of the Web site value its simplicity, which has been compromised with this alteration. Prior to the change, Facebook was organized into sections of information and applications so that a user could easily move throughout a single page and extended profile. In the new layout, this ease of manipulation is taken away from the user.

No longer can its users change the organization of their profile pages. That is, unless, he or she wants to cram content into the narrow sidebar.

The new layout is not only congested along the sidebar, but also throughout the rest of the page. Now the profile page is littered with wall posts, the mini-feed and other random updates all jumbled throughout the main column. If Zuckerberg's prerogative was to create a commingled mess, I'd say he succeeded.

In the midst of all this change, as of last Friday, Facebook has also taken away the option to convert back to the old layout, despite unhappy feedback from its users.

With such a plethora of online social networking sites, it will become vital for web designers to consider their users' feedback, whether the feedback applauds or condemns their changes. When it comes down to it, Facebook's recipe for success will be in listening to its users' input. Hopefully, next time Zuckerberg will read the recipe before dumping all of the ingredients into a blender.

For the millions of users of Facebook, the newly designed Web site came as quite a surprise. Although some users might not be overly fond of the new web page, many find its simplicity to be a nice feature.

Shawn M. Cotton

Even if change is not always welcome, it is a step in the right direction in this case. The new layout lends itself to a more organized page. It is easier to navigate and includes more features than its predecessor.

For instance, you can set what "top stories" you want to know about first, and whether to show more or show less of a certain kind of story. For example, if you are very interested in people's "wall-to-wall" posts, you can set it so that your home page feed displays mostly updates in "wall-to-wall" posts.

On top of that, there is "the publisher" which allows you to publish content like your status, photos and videos directly to your profile.

Another new feature allows a user to delete and edit any posts they want. There are pencils placed all over the page showing the places that one can edit to add and delete information on the site.

There is also an "applications bar" which makes all of a user's applications available to conveniently use when wanted or needed.

The final innovation permits you to create a "badge" for your profile. This allows a user to share their Facebook information on other Web sites.

"I like that when you are looking at other people's photos, you are able to see all of the pictures at once instead of having to go to separate pages," sophomore Jen Melnick said.

"Although I prefer the old layout, the new one is definitely more organized and easier to get through," sophomore Adam Liddle said.

Although change can often cause confusion and aggravation, the New Facebook layout is an improvement over the previous design. It allows for easier navigation throughout its pages and applications and also offers numerous user-friendly features.

on the web

Wikipedia finally achieves status of "reliable" resource

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Some of us are old enough to remember a time when researching a topic involved opening up the latest edition of World Book or Compton's to its alphabetically-assigned page. For those without home copies (i.e. the typical student), it involved making the arduous trek to the closest library and retrieving the appropriate encyclopedia. Then, sometime around 1994-95, many people across America discovered a newfangled tool: the Internet. The Internet had been developed throughout the late 1970s and 1980s as a method of internal communication for businesses and research institutions; however, by the early 90s dial-up providers and the universality of personal computers made access convenient for the average Joe. Suddenly, folks in all corners of the nation were experiencing a communication revolution on the "information superhighway."

As the years passed, the Internet became more dynamic with the addition of new Web sites for companies, TV shows, fan clubs, chat rooms and other things that go beyond the editorial standards of the *Etownian*. Schoolchildren were introduced to the Net in school libraries and at home as a tool for research of culture and material for science and history reports. Encyclopedias went digital with the creation of online versions of Encyclopaedia Britannica and other books. However, their scope of content was limited to topics deemed scientifically and sociologically significant by their editors, and, as such, would definitely not include information about upcoming Pokemon games or the impact of 2Pac's and the Notorious B.I.G.'s murders upon the "gangsta rap" community. This dearth of critical encyclopedic content continued until early 2001, when bulletin board mavens Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger introduced "Wikipedia," the first user-contributed and -edited online encyclopedia. While the site would gradually become more popular and expansive throughout the years that followed, even claiming the title of largest compiled encyclopedia from its 600-year holder, it was, from the start, a breakthrough in information exchange.

It was not long before elementary, secondary and college students across America discovered the virtues of this groundbreaking new creation in academic research; however, the vast majority of teachers and professors originally scoffed at Wikipedia, criticizing its credibility due to their perception that anyone could place anything about any subject on the site without their contributions ever being edited. They were partially correct: changes to the site remain in place for a short while before being edited by a site administration-approved board of editors. These e-editors review the contributors' postings for veracity, accuracy and clarity, deleting or adding to a revision list any entries violating these principles. The revision list is placed on the site for the opportunity of any user who wishes to assist the site in maintaining its standards.

Wikipedia selects certain users to be administrators of the site, searching the articles for invalid content and ensuring the validity of approximately 2,000 "feature articles," which hence are guaranteed by the admins to be factually correct and unbiased. They also classify topics as having either high, mid or low importance relative to their counterparts, and request improvement of topics depending on their importance and present accuracy.

As mentioned earlier, Wikipedia broke the traditional mold of encyclopedic content with its user-generated nature, and, true to expectations, articles on such obscure and unconventional topics as witchcraft incantations and the ancient royalty of the Zulu tribe appeared in encyclopedic format online. The nature of the site contributed to the ability to find information on virtually anything online. Although the site has been copied and mirrored by countless other hosts, it remains the most prolific and highest regarded due to its generally reliable standards of content quality. From personal experience, I can attest to the fact that the majority of what is presented on Wikipedia appears valid and that I have come to depend on it for quick information.

After all, where else can an effort as simple as a few keystrokes on your computer yield answers to everything one could possibly ask about the most peculiar of interests? As long as the content is trustworthy, which for the discerning reader is usually not that difficult to determine, I cannot imagine anything more utilitarian than a site compiling all the encyclopedic content available online. I recall with much unpleasantness the hassle of searching endlessly on search engines such as Yahoo and Google for trivial academic information, and am infinitely grateful that Wikipedia is now available with a click of the mouse and a touch of the keyboard.

on campus

Students frustrated by cost of Meal Plans

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Staff Writer

I want A … no, C …, maybe B would be better? Which Meal Plan do I choose? Do I want more Jay Bucks or more meals at the Marketplace? For those of you who have been at Elizabethtown College for more than one semester, you know this feeling. The decision is tedious and time consuming. I can relate to the people who whip out that calculator at the beginning of each semester trying to figure out how many meals a day they can get with each plan. Why is it so difficult to choose a plan? I feel some changes should be made to make it easier for students.

When I was a first-year, I had Meal Plan B. It seemed to be the happy medium. I would have plenty of meals. I had so many meals that I ended up with some 60 unused meals by the end of the first semester. I even swiped my friends into the Marketplace towards the end of the year to get rid of some meals. The Jay Bucks, however, were spent faster than I could keep track.

The following semester, when I thought to switch my meal plan, it seemed unreasonable to go to Plan C. The cost of the plan in comparison to the content of the plan did not seem reasonable. It felt as though I was losing money.

The plans break down into about $8 per meal in the Marketplace if each plan costs $2,000.

Now, if Plan A is 320 meals and $50 in Jay Bucks; and Plan B is 100 meals less than A (220 meals) and only one hundred more dollars in Jay Bucks ($150); you pay $6 per meal in the Marketplace for A, and you pay $8 per meal in the Marketplace on B. If you get C, then you pay $10 per meal. It really doesn't seem that fair. I feel that Jay Bucks should be equivalent to "meal bucks". If I drop 100 meals from A to B, then I think I should have the difference of $200 more in Jay Bucks. The balance of Jay Bucks to meals is way out of whack and needs to be changed to accommodate those who want more Jay Bucks rather than meals.

After speaking with some students, they seem to feel the same way.

Senior Trent DeArment said, "I think there shouldn't be a difference per market. If I use up a $7 meal, it is only worth $3.50 in the Jay's Nest. I don't think the switch off between Jay Bucks and meals are equal."

DeArment currently lives off-campus and has a mini-block meal plan where he has 20 meals and $185 in Jay Bucks. This plan was apparently designed specifically for off-campus students. He finds that this plan works best for him now but still does not think there is a balance between the Marketplace and the Jay's Nest.

Senior Dan Ascanio, a resident of Brinser, agrees that there really is no comparison.

"I can't really eat in the Jay's Nest for the amount of meals that I would lose in switching meal plans," he said. Ascanio has Plan C this semester. He also thinks that we should actually be able to use Jay Bucks in other places such as copy machines or the Book Store rather than charging these items.

It is a common consensus that the meal plans do not balance out. I can understand that Dining Services wants people to eat in the Marketplace; but I almost feel like they are forcing us by ripping us off with changin of the meal plans.

The plans should just balance out so that every meal equals the same, and each meal is worth the same amount of Jay Bucks. That way, if a person decides that their hectic schedule that semester requires them to grab something quick from the Jay's Nest, they aren't penalized by their meal plan.

in the nation

A recap of recent politics, with commentary

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The last four weeks of presidential campaigning — four deeply redundant studies in the fundamental fundamentalism of human character — have revitalized the political arena, rejuvenated its smear pageantry and generally infuriated columnists. I reserve this week's particular brand of fury for you, voters. You're *super annoying*. You've approached me, society, in coffee shops and in supermarkets, begging for validation. I see your Facebook status, society; I got the text message.

Many of you — most of you — are sheep. McCain mobilized many mothers with his prickly Palin pick. The effects of his decision have ceased to be surprising (two weeks ago, it may've astonished offline issue-voters, but by now even the lowest common denominator can, based on party registration, rhyme it with either failin' or whalin'). But we're still talking about Palin, and I'm still assembling alternate alliterations about how boss she is, and how old McCain — and you're still reading.

While I haven't tired of sharing my opinion, this particular one has withered somewhat. I shan't repeat it here — find my last two articles; discuss. I have, however, become rather less sympathetic to friends and countrymen that complain about mudslinging or relative unfitness or personal corruption or such-and-such. In these repetitious times, irony feeds my soul and mitigates my choler.

And here it is. Right now. every word spoken about McCain does McCain good. Every word spoken about Palin does Palin good. It's Coke vs. Pepsi: blue complains about red, red remains consistently extraneous. Pepsi tastes better, but America buys Coke because it's *consistent*.

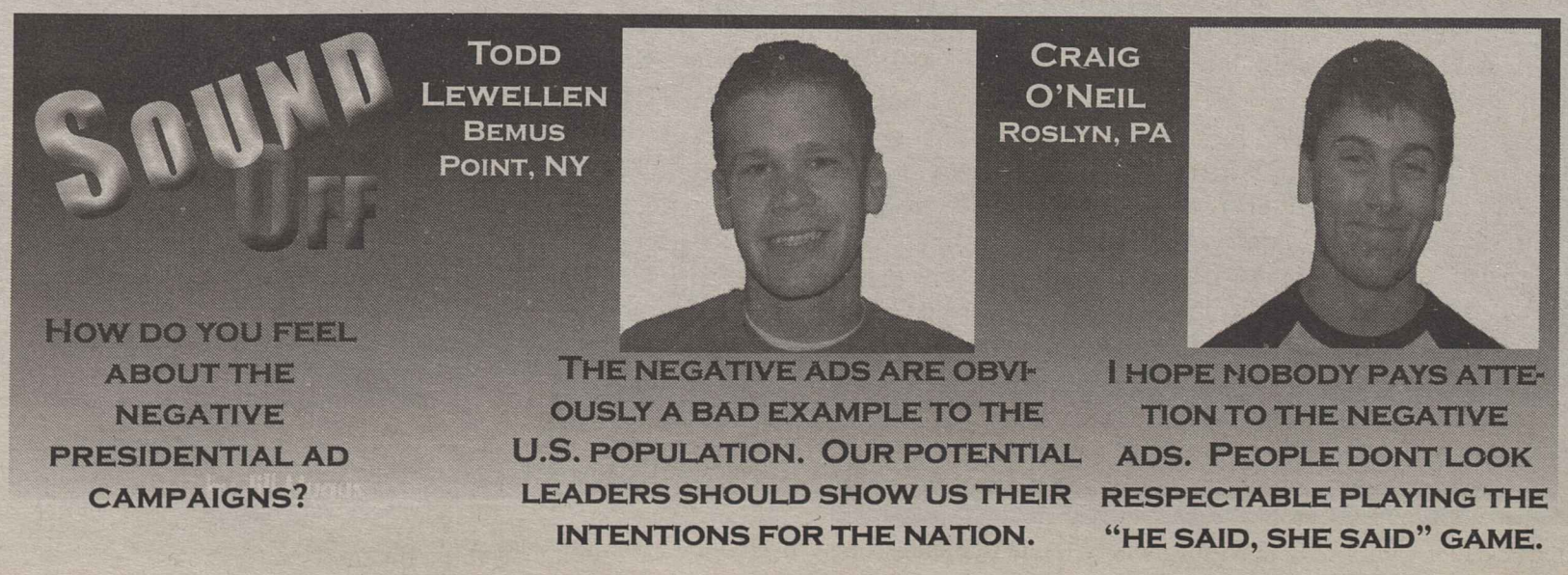
For the first several months of the year, all media attention was divided squarely between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. (Edwards and Kucinich occasionally dented larger venues.) We liked Obama more. Meanwhile, CNN, MSNBC and FOX neglected the Grand Old Party. And despite eight years of a (generally) reviled, (probably) awful administration, the Republicans became the underdogs.

You pitied them. Democrats approached September with confidence; Republicans trudged on, heartbroken. Then McCain, once lauded and hated in equal parts for espousing social liberalism within the GOP, used the opportunity to backslide into bog-standard conservative values.

Youth of the nation were not impressed. "I think [McCain] knows how to run the country, just not in a relevant way," colluded the anonymous. They are symptoms of a growing Republican disillusionment with party policy. My own father, 'Pubbie since 1980, reregistered Democrat to pick Obama over Clinton in the primaries. (My old man worked on the John B. Anderson campaign, by the way, not for Reagan.) Most Republicans let their hopes die, scraping the '00 Bush/Cheney stickers from their driftwood sedans and burning their party affiliation.

In August, the coot stirred. His clique compiled a highly controversial (hilarious) torrent of slur ads, implying that Obama was a narcissist, idol, pedophile and player-hater. People *believed*. Scandalized, the Democrats whimpered and whickered, plying each other with litigious buzzword sludge remaining from 2000. But the now-indignant GOP had a voice. With Palin, it found a heart — a sexy, inexperienced heart, but a heart nonetheless. And for each Democrat that clamored, a Republican raised bleary eyes, heavy with two terms of hibernation, and saw the sun.

In short, it doesn't matter where your affiliation lies: y'all better hadn't complain about Palin, or you're going to wake up more of the GOP. (Not that they're very impressive individually — Republican values, like Democratic ones, are generally inherited. This political nepotism breeds wildebeests, not lions. Still, a herd of wildebeests killed Mufasa.) Many leading polls actually *favor* McCain now. Even conducted over landlines, *that's* surprising.



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etown volleyball

Volleyball has solid start to season, has hope for future

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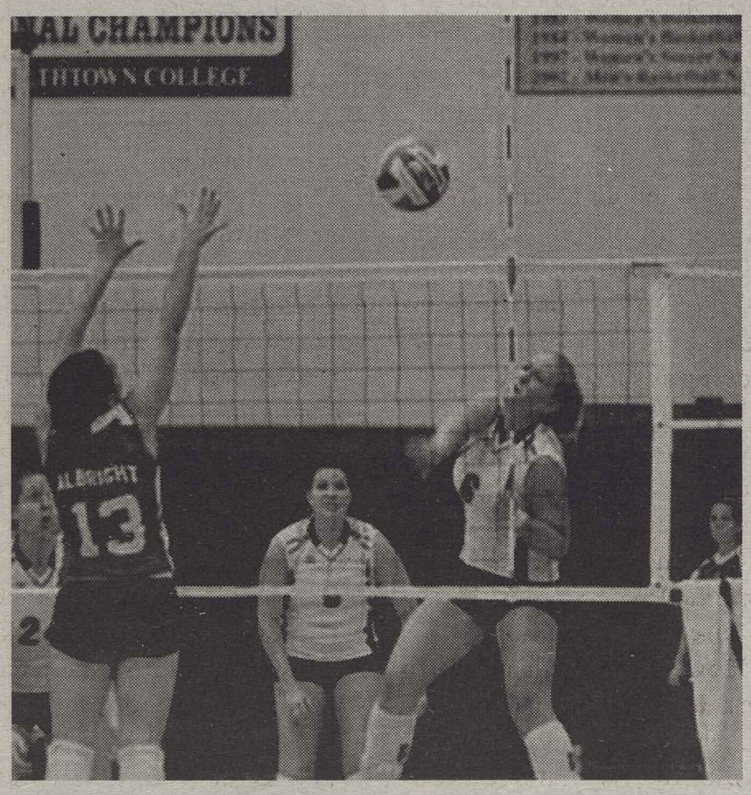
After a Commonwealth Conference-winning season last year, the women's volleyball team has come back with a vengeance and a determination to compete for the title again.



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Led by junior captains Paige Tanner and Kayla Deats, the team is currently looking to improve on a 5-4 record with a win over Messiah.

"We have a long way to go," Tanner said, "but we're getting more comfortable with each other, and we'll be there in the end."

This seems to be the consensus with all the girls on the team, as after losing five starting seniors to graduation, they are just starting to get back into their championship form.

"We've shown we can compete with some pretty good teams, and I think that before too long, we will show that we're not a bad team ourselves," coach Randall Kreider, who is currently in his eighth season here at Etown, said.

Although the team's record is just slightly over .500, there have been some huge matches so far for them this season, shining spotlights of hope on the rest of the year.

One of these matches was their win over Franklin & Marshall, which Etown beat for the first time in over 11 years.

During the match, Etown was led by their two captains, with 21 kills between them, and Deats scored on over 52 percent of her tries.

"Beating Franklin & Marshall really brought us together and we really started to play a lot more like a team and rely less on a couple people," Tanner said about the match.

In addition to Franklin & Marshall, the team has had wins over Dickinson, Randolph-Macon, Catholic and Swarthmore, allowing only one game per match.

"By design, we play a pretty tough schedule," Kreider said. "It's always a tough conference and this year is no different."

So far, however, the women have succeeded fairly well throughout and know their ultimate test is against Messiah.

"I think we expect ourselves to push for a win against Messiah. It's our first conference match of the season and is very important to us," said sophomore defensive setter Amanda Ritchey.

Messiah is the women's main rival in the conference and is entering this year ranked higher than Etown, but Kreider seems to appreciate that.

"We were picked as the underdog in this match; we don't plan to be," he said.

Overall, the women's team has had a solid start to their season and is showing large promise that they will continue to grow as a team.

If you'd like to help the women's team succeed, the one thing they ask is to show up at their games.

It helps fire them up, and they have certainly been a much better team in front of a packed house of Etown students and fans.

The Lady Jays' next match will on Friday at the Capital Mid-Month Madness tournament. Their next home game will be held next Tuesday against Lycoming College.

etown men's soccer

Men's soccer improves wins

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The Elizabethtown men's soccer team was still in search of their first win on the season when they squared off against Alvernia College this past weekend. Although the match would not count for the overall conference record, it was still imperative to the team's morale to put a notch in the win column.

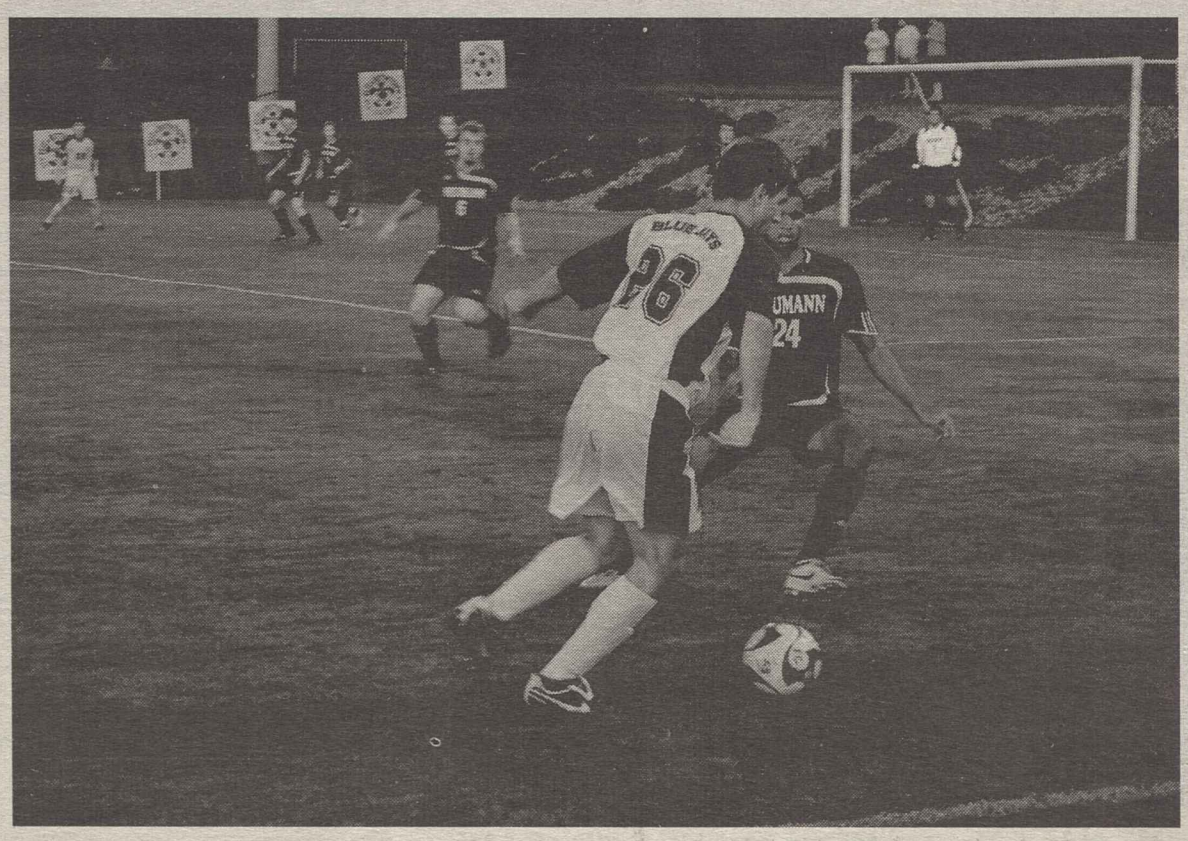
The team pulled through and did just that, outscoring Alvernia 1-0. The crucial goal came in the 57th minute as sophomore Taylor Helsel fought through two defenders to cross the ball to fellow sophomore Tony Pacella who scored off a left-footed volley.

The Jays made sure to protect their lead, maintaining the majority of possession for the rest of the game. They edged out Alvernia 10-6 in reference to shots, as senior keeper Jeff Mullen made four saves to secure his second shut out of the season.

When asked about his team's performance, head coach Skip Roderick said, "Well, it's obviously good to have a win. That's the highlight. We finally got the monkey off of our back, and hopefully things will turn around from here."

As for possible changes to make for the next game, Roderick said, "We have to tweak a little bit, and we need more offensive numbers. We've got to find some kids that want to balance their defensive roles."

Yesterday, the Blue Jays defeated Neumann College by an impressive score of 6-0. Their next game will be against Wilkes University at home on Saturday.



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etown women's soccer

Women's soccer team ahead of game

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When Sophia Esparza of St. Mary's College scored just six minutes into the second half to take the lead on Saturday, it seemed only a matter of time before the Lady Blue Jays answered back. After all, the score at the end of the first half was 2-2, and both teams had rallied in response to each of the four goals.

It turned out to be the last goal of the non-conference game, ending in a score of 3-2 for a Seahawk victory. Last year, the Blue Jays beat the Seahawks with a score of 3-1.

"St. Mary's has always been a tough team," senior defender Gretchen Geiger said. "They've been consistently getting better. They just came out on top this time."

Etown sophomore Mallory Murphy scored the first goal of the game within five minutes after receiving a pass from senior Carly Hoskins, for her first goal of the season. St. Mary's Lauren Carrier scored the Seahawks' first goal ten minutes later. Both junior Christina Sheppard and Esparza scored unassisted goals in the first half to tie the game.

The Blue Jays outshot the Seahawks 11-9, and senior goalkeeper Angela Freeland had four saves in goal.

"We're still trying to see what works [on defense]," Geiger said. "We're trying different things and we haven't found the one system that completely clicks yet."

On Tuesday, the Blue Jays played York College. Before the matchup, Geiger said, "York is another team…that's consistently good."

The Blue Jays beat the Spartans 2-0, their first shutout of the season. Senior Brooke Dotterer scored the goal in the first half and assisted senior Jenna Russo's goal in the second half. With that goal and assist, Dotterer moves to third place on the Blue Jays' all-time points list, which awards two points per goal and one point per assist.

Etown outshot York 11-9, with Freeland making three saves in goal.

The Blue Jays play at Delaware Valley today at 4:30.

etown men's cross country

Young talent, team gives Blue Jays success on track

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Although the Elizabethtown men's cross country team's first two events were held four hours apart, the results and statistics are very close.

For the second straight weekend, the team finished in a respectable yet comfortable 5th place.

On Sept. 6, at the Lebanon Valley College Invitational, the team finished 5th out of the 14 teams competing, which included Middle Atlantic Conference opponents Messiah and Lebanon Valley Colleges. The team was led by first-year Eric Reichert, senior Jeremy Matula and first-year Evan DeArmitt, who finished first, second and third for Etown, respectively.

"The team 100 percent met my expectations," head coach Christopher Straub said.

At the Waynesburg University Invitational on Sept.13, Elizabethtown finished yet again in fifth place out of 13 schools.

The team ran without standout sophomore Chris Heisey and finished behind a strong Allegheny team and MAC rival, Messiah.

However, the team finished one spot ahead of nationally ranked Carnegie Mellon. Reichert again finished first for Elizabethtown and crossed the line ninth overall.

Reichert was followed by DeArmitt and Matula, however, their places reversed.

Reichert, who has emerged as a serious talent and contender for Elizabethtown, is more concentrated on the team's overall performance.

"It's an honor to have already made an impact for our season," he said. "Without the support and motivation from my teammates and coach, I doubt I'd be running as successfully."

At first glance, the roster that contains seven first-year students and a total of 11 underclassmen out of 17 runners, one could make the assumption that the team is preparing for a rebuilding season.

However, Straub refers to the team's status as a "reloading season," and the immediate impact by his first-year runners solidifies this statement.

The varied ages may be the key to the team's success this year.

"I couldn't be happier with the merge of the young, talented first-years with the hard-working and patient upperclassmen," Straub stated. "Our upperclassmen are national caliber runners, and we've surrounded them with eager and excited underclassmen."

Senior team co-captain Scott Derkacz agrees with his coach.

"The first-years have done an excellent job of developing into collegiate cross country runners and have adapted very well to [running] an eight kilometer race," he said. "They have the potential and talent to work off of, and at the same time, they've been guided by great leadership."

Only two events into the season, Straub already sees an obvious difference between last season's outcome and this year's predicted one.

"We've taken it up two levels, to the point while last season we were competing on the conference level, we are now competing on the national level," he said.

The team's next invitational will be held this Saturday at Dickinson College, where the team will divide and compete in a four and an eight kilometer race.

While the team is satisfied with 5th place finishes, they are striving and training towards a stronger performance this season.

"Although we have finished fifth in both meets, there's always an attitude within the team that more can be done," Derkacz said. "There is a strong desire to keep pressing for better performances and setting higher goals."

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etown women's cross country

Jays finish 5th at Waynesburg, practice for regionals

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Staff Writer

The Waynesburg University Invitational, held last Saturday afternoon, may have seemed like a normal meet to some people. For the Elizabethtown women's cross country team, it was practice for regionals.

In just two months, the Lady Blue Jays will return to that same course with hopes of qualifying for nationals.

At the meet, the Blue Jays took fifth place out of 14 teams.

"Our strategy was to learn the course and race it hard while observing the other teams from our region and the strategies they used," senior captain Tiffany Kulp said.

With that strategy in mind, Kulp led the team and was the first Blue Jay to cross the finish line. Kulp came in seventh place with a time of 23:46 to secure her a spot in the top ten finishers of the race for the second straight meet.

She was followed by sophomore Kristen O'Brien, who took 14th with a time of 24:08.

Coming in 29th was junior captain Megan VanDenHengel at 24:49, followed by senior Amanda Daws in 34th at 25:09. Sophomore Teresa Beshore came in 43rd for the Blue Jays in 25:36.

Messiah won the invitational, with Haverford College trailing in second place. Third was Allegheny College, with Grove City College in fourth, leaving Etown in fifth.

"[The Waynesburg meet] wasn't our best performance, but we are going to use it as a stepping stone for our bigger meets," VanDenHengel said. "I think overall, we ran a much better race as a team."

The next meet for Etown will be the Dickinson Long/Short Course Invitational, held at Dickinson College on Saturday, Sept. 20.

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2008 Women's Cross Country Roster

Abbey Anderson
Theresa Beshore
Kristin Bowen
Amanda Daws
Caralie Focht
Kathryn Howser
Tiffany Kulp
Sarah Lanphier
Kate Leibrand
Katie Nordyke
Kristin O'Brian
Megan VanDenHengal
Alex Walmer

etown field hockey

Lady Jays ranked 13th, still aiming higher

Kalie M. Desimone
Staff Writer

The Lady Jays field hockey team's season is off to an illustrious start, shutting out all five schools they have played so far this year.

The team's coach, Sharon Sweger, who serves as a regional coaching director for Pennsylvania in the United States Field Hockey Association, stated that the team is excelling this year due to hard practicing, getting into the game and gaining control of the ball and racking up game points.

Sweger credited the whole team for its successes, but she said the five seniors have really taken the team to a new level. Kelsey Diehl, Alison Duval, Tiffany Vogel, Andrea Miles and Megan Angstadt have been great leaders both on and off the field, according to other teammates.

"This year's seniors have been especially wonderful at encouraging each member of the team to do their best," Sweger noted.

In addition to the team winning five consecutive games, the team has also been ranked 13th in the nation.

This is quite an honor for our Lady Jays, since the ranking is decided by other coaches in the division.

According to Sweger, the overall goal for this season is for the team to qualify for the MAC tournament.

However, this year especially, the competition is tough. The team must battle Albright, Arcadia, Widener and their rivals: Lebanon Valley and Messiah colleges. Both Lebanon Valley and Messiah teams will bring especially tough games to win however, they are not out of the team's reach.

The Lebanon Valley game is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m. on the home turf.

The Messiah game will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 4:00 p.m. on Messiah's turf.

Both games will be vigorous for the Lady Jays, so student attendance would be greatly appreciated to help pump up the team.

On Sept. 6, the team encountered York College and played in hurricane-like conditions.

Harsh winds and heavy rains made it hard for anyone to take control of the ball, let alone play the game.

The Lady Jays were unable to finish the game due to thunder and lightning, so the game has been postponed until Oct. 2 with 14 minutes and 51 seconds left.

Photo: E. Adam Quinn

One thing is for sure: the team will continue to be strong for many years to come because of its size and many different skill levels. Etown field hockey offers a unique opportunity to help student athletes make the jump from a high school level to a college level by having a junior varsity team.

The junior varsity team plays their own games and eventually bridges into the varsity team.

The best part of the season, according to Sweger, is playing and winning all the games, and the not so good part of the season comes when we all say goodbye to our seniors at the end of the season.

For more information about the team including game schedules, rosters and coach information, visit *http://www.etown.edu/FieldHockey.*

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Athlete of the Week

Brooke Dotterer

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

The *Etownian* is excited to name senior forward Brook Dotterer the *Etownian*'s athlete of the week!

In the Lady Jays' home game against York College on Wednesday, Dotterer scored one goal, had two shots on goal and had one assist to help Etown win by a score of 2-0.

So far this season Dotterer has three goals, four assists, 14 total shots and eight shots on goal.

Last year, Dotterer received the honor of being named to the second team, all MAC conference team.

Dotterer has earned three varsity letters so far in her three year career at Etown.

Dotterer and the Lady Jays hit the road to Delware Valley College today at 4:30 p.m. in hopes of getting their fourth win of the season and first win in the conference. The Lady Jays' overall record is 3-2-1.

Congratulations, once again, to Brook Dotterer for her outstanding performance on the the soccer field and for being chosen as the *Etownian's* athlete of the week!

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My favorite movie:
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Etown 1, Alvernia 0
Etown 6, Neumann 0
Soccer (W) (3-2-1, 0-0-0):
St. Mary's (Md.) 2, Etown 3
Etown 2, York 0
Volleyball (5-4,0-0):
Etown 3, Dickinson 2
Etown 3, Messiah 1
Tennis (W) (0-1, 0-1):
Messiah 5, Etown 4
Golf:
1st over Albright, Lebanon Valley

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Sept 20: Dickinson Long/Short Course Invitational

Soccer (W):
Today: @ Delaware Valley
Sept 20: @ Moravian
Sept 24: @ Wesley

Soccer (M):
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Sept 24: Muhlenburg

Field Hockey:
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Sept 24: @ McDaniel

Volleyball:
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Tennis (W):
Sept 20: vs Lebanon Valley

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on campus

Student assaulted, Borough police still investigating

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In the early hours of Sunday, Sept. 21, an Elizabethtown College student reported that she had been assaulted near the College. A description of the suspect has been taken.

The Elizabethtown Borough police was notified of the incident and is continuing the investigation.

"The Elizabethtown Borough police was called, and they have a detective who is currently working on the case," assistant director of Campus Security Dale Boyer said. "At this point in time, we don't have a specific suspect."

The Borough police were contacted about the investigation but cannot release any information.

The weeks from the start of the academic year leading up to the week of fall break, which is typically the second week of October, are the most dangerous for college students.

Generally known as the "Red Zone," this period contains the highest number of sexual assaults annually and renders young women more vulnerable than usual.

Boyer estimated that only six assault cases have occurred in the last five years.

"Remarkably, we haven't had many of these incidents in the last five years," Boyer said. "Two years ago, we had two incidents in the same year."

> **Because everybody feels safe, they tend to let their guard down and they don't take common sense precautions.**
>
> **Dale Boyer**
> Campus Security

Statistically, a large number of cases of sexual assault or rape go unreported.

"A lot of times, the victim feels ashamed and feels as if [he or] she's the one at fault and doesn't want to get blamed," Boyer said. "Other times the victim is embarrassed because alcohol was involved."

"I think women are more likely to report the situation now. Only when we know these things can we take steps to reduce those numbers," he said.

Boyer suggests several ways for women to protect themselves from potentially dangerous situations.

"The biggest thing is to use common sense," Boyer said. "The other thing I would say is … to be very, very cautious of strangers and people that you don't know well."

Boyer suggests finding a friend to walk with after daylight hours. He also stressed the importance of staying aware of your surroundings to sense impending dangers and to avoid compromising situations. Even simple things, like personalized license plates with provocative slogans, are dangers; predators will wait for the victim to return alone to his or her vehicle.

"Learning how to recognize the possible risk factors in your day-to-day lifestyle can help you to stay safe," Boyer said.

Elizabethtown College is known for its safe environment, but students are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and act with caution when alone.

"It's a double-edged sword: our students feel very safe here at the College as a general rule," Boyer said. "But because everybody feels safe, they tend to let their guard down and they don't take common sense precautions."

Boyer acknowledges that intoxication is a factor that can increase the risk of sexual assault.

"Just because you can [consume alcohol], doesn't mean you should," Boyer said. "Going out and drinking to the point where you have no control over your body means what happens to you is not responsible. Going out and having a glass of wine with your friends, that's responsible drinking. Getting so trashed that someone has to take you back to your home — that scares me."

Students sometimes find themselves in situations where they have no one to walk with at night or feel unsafe. Campus Security is on duty 24 hours a day to escort any student who feels vulnerable or afraid while traveling to his or her destination.

Blue lights, a recognizable safety feature on many college campuses, are located throughout campus to provide direct contact with Campus Security.

A list of blue light locations on campus can be found on the Campus Security Web site.

According to the site, the College currently accounts for 15 blue lights at various locations throughout campus.

"The blue light phones are checked periodically by SPOs [Student Patrol Officers] while they're on duty," Boyer said. "The yellow boxes located at each

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in the nation

Gas prices reflect economical slump, hurricane scares

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While oil and, consequently, gas prices have been increasing every summer over the past couple years, the economy summer of 2008 has afflicted drivers with more than their standard share of "pain at the pump."

It was obvious from the beginning of the year that summer driving would be costly, and consumer pessimism was justified as crude oil prices soared to $147 per barrel in July, and U.S. gas prices consequently increased to anywhere from $3.50 to $4.50 per gallon regionally. In contrast, crude oil was a mere $10.87 per barrel in 1998.

Although recent months have seen a slight slackening of prices to approximately $115 per barrel, an onslaught of Gulf Coast hurricanes within the past month has heightened consumer fears about the scarcity of oil.

Photo: Kevin J. Smith

While Gustav and Ike might have temporarily shut down offshore oil platforms, the impact was not nearly as remarkable as the American media predicted. The U.S. is the world's third largest producer of oil, ranking behind Saudi Arabia and Russia respectively. There remains plenty of imported oil available, as well as oil from other regions of the United States.

Congress has recently been considering a new energy bill that would permit offshore drilling anywhere farther than 50 miles off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. In addition, the economic damage from the recent hurricanes has fallen short of public fears, limiting the expected increase of gas prices.

Market research indicates the price of crude oil has held the greatest influence over gas prices in 2008, holding an approximate 80 percent influence in comparison to the eight-year average of approximately 55

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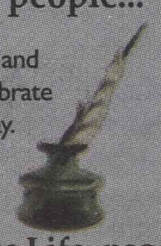
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The effects of high gas prices are evident within the economy but apparently do not affect government officials.

A recent publication in Newsweek decried McCain's 13 vehicles, as opposed to Obama's single hybrid.

McCain himself drives a 2004 Cadillac CTS, which is the only car officially registered in his name. McCain's wife Cindy, though, has a whopping eleven registered vehicles. Three of the family's cars are 2000 NEV Gems.

Obama, on the other hand, sold his Chrysler 300C, after lobbying in Detroit for the production of more fuel-efficient vehicles. He and his wife are currently driving a 2008 Ford Escape hybrid.

An Arkansas compound under investigation was bombarded Saturday, where evangelists could not avoid the 100 federal agents as they swept the 15-acre area.

Six children were taken and are being evaluated for physical or sexual abuse.

The accused ring-leader, Tony Alamo, was asked why the investigation was taking place. He responded "Why are they after Jesus? It's the same reason. Jesus is living within me."

Several features available in Microsoft's new "Windows 7" operating software will be outlined in late October during the Professional Developer's Conference.

Microsoft plans to utilize multi-touch screen capabilities in it's new software. The Operating System (OS) will be server-based rather than client-based.

Apple's up-and-coming OS release, code-named "Snow Leopard," is promised to be full of "performance enhancements" and will "enable breakthrough amounts of RAM."

Snow Leopard will be released within a year.

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on campus

Campus clubs concur: students should vote

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Historically, the 18 to 25-year-old age group has been one of the most underrepresented demographics in terms of voter turnout.

Although 2004 saw one of the highest turnout rates in decades, less than half of the country's youngest voters reported to the polls.

In contrast, nearly three-quarters of those aged 65 and over voted.

However, with an unpopular war, a tanking economy and two history-making campaigns, Elizabethtown's College Democrats and College Republicans expect this year to be different.

As the election quickly approaches, both are engaged in a last-ditch effort to garner support for their respective candidates.

The College Democrats' primary strategy is to register as many voters as possible, particularly students.

With help from Kevin Busher, the college coordinator for Elizabethtown on behalf of the Obama campaign, the student-run organization is conducting "Dorm Storms." This process involve hanging "Register to Vote" posters in the residence halls and going from through dorm rooms, registering students to vote.

Much of the club's energy is devoted to voter registration drives like these.

Because the Democratic Party almost always carries the majority of college students, the most efficient way to help promote a Democratic victory is to expand this base.

Statistics suggest that as many as two-thirds of student voters will pull the lever for Obama in November.

However, given that Elizabethtown is fairly conservative compared to many other colleges, it is unclear if this will be the case with the approximately 70 voters the College Democrats have registered in the past few weeks.

"They don't necessarily have to register to vote for Obama, but to vote in general because it is something that is really important," senior Megan Hoffa said.

The College Republicans are also getting students set for the election by planning door-to-door registration. They are not only going across campus, but also through the Elizabethtown Borough, as well as (hopefully) Harrisburg.

Junior Meghan McNaughton of the College Republicans wants as many students as possible to register and take pride in their duty as citizens, knowing that they can make a difference.

The club is also busy with other events, including appearances by former State Senator Mark McNaughton and Adrienne Mitford, executive director of the Dauphin County Republican Committee. The two will be visiting the Etown college campus together to discuss what it means to be a Republican.

Because absentee ballots can be very confusing, the Obama campaign — along with the College Democrats here at Etown — encourages students to register so they can vote while at school.

It is much easier to visit the local polling facility than trying to figure out the absentee voting process.

Students can pick up a registration form at the Financial Aid office, or they can print them off on the Internet at *http://www.votespa.com*.

While the College Democrats claim that absentee ballots may turn students away from voting, College Republicans feel very differently.

They point out that statistics have continually shown it is difficult to get many people out to the polls to vote, especially those of college age. Mail-in votes are much easier, according to McNaughton.

"You don't even have to leave campus!" she said.

With Pennsylvania being a key state in the upcoming election that could make history, it is no surprise that both organizations are more than ready to get students to the polls.

They seek to break the widely regarded notion that young adults care about neither politics nor the direction that the world is taking.

Both the Republican and Democratic organizations on campus want students to get out to make a difference and be part of the change that is coming to our nation.

"The government is not going to help our age group if our age group doesn't vote to help it!" said McNaughton. "It's a cycle, so let's break it."

on campus

CFACT member speaks on global warming

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The political scene lit up again Tuesday as the College Republicans invited a speaker to present on the issue of global warming. The event was billed as "The Other Side of Global Warming: Discussing the Other Side of the Al Gore Propaganda Issue." The speaker was a Mr. Ryan Nichols of the organization Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT).

Nichols began the talk at 8 p.m., first giving a brief outline of his life. He was born in Madison, Wi. and attended the University of Madison, where he earned a degree in civil and environmental engineering. He then became a part of the Leadership Institute, a noted thinktank.

From there, Nichols got "down and dirty" with the controversial stuff. Nichols outlined his views on the "critical issue" of global warming in a very concise manner. He used statistics to show that despite the popular view that society is on the brink of destruction because the world is heating up, things might actually be okay. He cited that all around, the environment is doing a lot better than it was in the 70s, when we first became active about protecting the environment.

Firstly, he cited that since the ratification of the Clean Air Act, the air had become substantially cleaner. He then went on to say that water quality around the U.S. is also much better. He used the Hudson and Potomac rivers as an example for this, citing that while no one in their right mind would fish there a few decades ago, now we find people fishing there all the time, catching "large, healthy fish." Finally, Nichols said that the quality of forests had gone up in recent years as well, forming the overall opinion that our global state is improving, not faltering.

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Nichols continued by belittling global warming as a threat, stating that not only is carbon dioxide a lesser greenhouse gas, but that the human contribution of CO_2 is "negligible." He also stated that global research stations for measuring the earth's aggregate temperature were inaccurate, citing that after stations in Siberia were closed, the earth's average temperature suddenly rose due to the lack of the Siberian data.

He also discussed that over the past 114,000 years, the earth's temperature had fluctuated "over 7 degrees," whereas people are freaking out because in the past 100 years the global temperature had gone up "only a slight fraction of one degree."

Rather than human action, Nichols blamed the warming trend on solar cycles, that is the regular cycles of heating and cooling of the Sun.

Nichols then pointed out that alternative energy resources would be less applicable than the current use of fossil fuels since they are five times more expensive and far less efficient than petroleum.

Rather than making alternative energy more efficient, Nichols proposed that we continue using petroleum until it runs out to the point that it is five times more expensive than current prices. That way, alternative energy sources would be comparatively priced to petrol, and at least there would be more incentive to make the switch.

He concluded his talk by discussing the benefits of drilling for oil in Alaskan Wildlife preserves and then offered a conclusion of his various points.

The rest of the event consisted of a large array of questions from the sizeable crowd. They mostly consisted of correcting Nichol's argument that solar power was inefficient, with many citing the vast improvements that had been made in solar technology. After the fiery round of questions, the presentation concluded.

The event was sponsored by the College Republicans.

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Gas prices will continue to fluctuate

percent. However, a *http://www.cnn.com/* article indicated the central driver behind oil prices is supply and demand.

Consumer behavior has played a significant role in the recent increase in demand, due to concern over continually rising prices.

Many have rushed to the pumps to take advantage of gas prices prior to anticipated disasters such as Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

With the discretionary income of many college students already constrained by tight budgets, the effects of increased gas prices have been felt amongst the Elizabethtown student body, as well as the faculty and staff.

"I'm hesitant to drive because I fear that gas prices will just keep going higher," sophomore Valarie Hetzler said.

Marketplace aide Linda Lokey remarked, "Gas prices are simply too high," and consented that she believes oil companies and speculators are driven by greed.

From a finance professor's perspective, Hossein Varamini advised, "Oil prices, just like anything else, should be based on demand and supply. However, we saw an unexpected rise in price of oil this summer, mainly due to speculation and the fear of supply shock. In recent months, concerns about the state of the economy in the U.S. and the lower worldwide demand for oil brought the price of oil below $100. While many speculators made a lot of money earlier in the year, many have also lost a lot when oil prices started declining very quickly."

However, not every interviewee expressed overt dismay about the uncharacteristically high gas prices.

"Gas is actually not that expensive when compared to prices in Europe and Asia. Americans take the [lower] cost of gas for granted because we are accustomed to cheaper prices," sophomore Kevin Yu said.

Whereas the effects of gas prices are undoubtedly felt amongst the everyday citizenry, the root influences are inexorably tied to oil speculators as well as the financial interests of petrol companies.

Many Americans are beginning to embrace more unconventional methods of transportation — such as bicycles or public transit — as alternatives to driving.

Additionally, hybrid and electric cars, once met with skepticism by the general public, have begun to garner more favorable reviews.

While it's possible that gas prices will eventually drop below $2 per gallon again, that time does not appear to be on — or even near — the immediate horizon.

Photo: Kevin J. Smith

in the nation

Ike hits Gulf region

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Sept. 1, a tropical storm was reported west of the Cape Verde Islands. This tropical storm soon became the destructive Hurricane Ike. Hurricane Ike was the ninth storm of the 2008 season and the fifth hurricane recorded this year.

By Sept. 4, Ike had peaked at speeds of 145 mph and became a Category 4. According to the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, a Category 4 hurricane produces 131 to 155 mph winds and 13 to 18 ft storm surges. This was the most intense storm during the 2008 season.

Galveston Island is no stranger to hurricanes. The hurricane of 1900 made landfall in Galveston on Sept. 8; it was a Category 4 storm.

The hurricane of 1900 brought with it a wave of destruction. This storm produced a surge of over 15 feet that washed over the entire island. Over 36,000 homes were destroyed, and at least 6,000 people were killed. When residents realized that Hurricane Ike was on the way, the majority of the island followed the evacuation order.

Sept. 13 at 2:10 a.m., Hurricane Ike made landfall in Galveston, Texas. At this point, Ike only had wind speeds of 110 mph, qualifying the storm as a Category 2. The storm surge was greater than expected and, in many places, as high as 20 feet. Hurricane Ike left at least four people dead in Galveston, as well as millions without power. Along the Gulf Coast, it destroyed homes and businesses.

"Galveston was lucky because the storm surge was not as high as Hurricane Katrina ... the damage could have been a lot worse," prospective student Drew Messina said.

As the day continued, Ike made a turn for the northeast and weakened to the level of a tropical depression. The storm continued to travel northward, passing St. Louis, Missouri. It moved rather quickly, but brought with it heavy rainfall that flooded many rivers in its path.

Residents that were evacuated due to the storm are just now being allowed back into the cities.

Like Galveston, many cities are still taking precautionary measures such as a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, as well as extra police enforcement to caution against Katrina-like unrest, as residents continue to return home and see the damage that Hurricane Ike brought upon them.

Hurricane Ike is responsible for at least 145 deaths, most of which occurred when the storm hit Haiti.

Haiti was already trying to recover from prior storms Fay, Gustav and Hanna when Ike hit.

Hurricane Ike will rank as the fourth most expensive hurricane in United States history, with a cost of about $10 billion.

As an estimate, this gives a starting point for insurance adjusters and a clue on how much the payout will be.

To the uninsured, this hurricane was catastrophic. A total loss of homes, clothes, and vehicles was incredibly widespread in all of the areas affected by Hurricane Ike.

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RAD classes teach self-defense

residence hall have the same function as blue light phones."

By pressing the red button on the blue lights, students will call the Campus Security Emergency hotline for direct contact with a security officer.

No matter where you are, it is always possible to dial the Emergency hotline from a cellular phone. The Campus Security Emergency Hotline is (717) 361-1111.

The Emergency hotline should always be called first in the event of any on-campus emergency.

"We have to send a Campus Security officer over to confirm the incident before the town dispatchers may be notified," Boyer said. "Our average response time is two minutes or less, and we have EMTs on duty so we can have someone there dealing with the situation while county control is still getting the ambulance crew together."

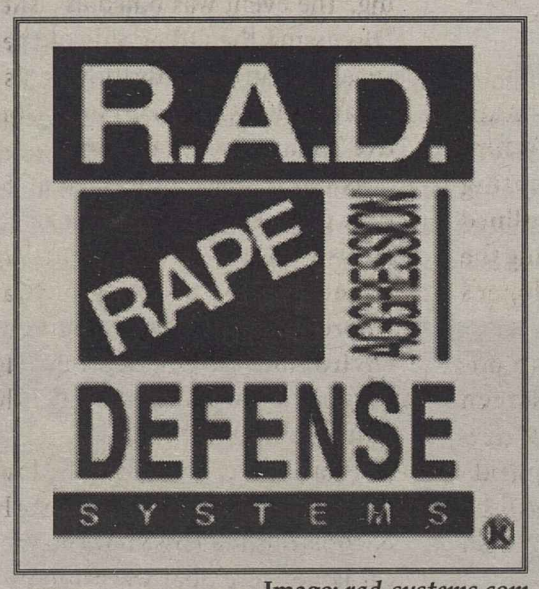
In addition, Elizabethtown College is one of many colleges in the nation that offers "Rape Aggression Defense" (RAD) classes, a 12-hour program widely known for providing women with realistic defense actions.

"[RAD] is the largest women's self-defense program in the world," Boyer said. "It's primarily used in the U.S. and Canada. The program was started in 1985 at the College of William and Mary, [because] they wanted some sort of program for self-defense."

The RAD program teaches women to use their natural physical defense mechanisms, rather than requiring tools, such as pepper spray, or skills, such as martial arts.

"A lot of rape crisis centers were telling women ... 'Don't fight back, because it will just make him madder and he will hurt you worse,'" Boyer said. "To simply tell a woman to not fight back or resist goes against her natural instinct to protect herself and fight back."

The program teaches women self-defense motions that are usable should she feel that she's in a position to defend herself.



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"As part of the RAD program, we do teach compliance as one of our options," Boyer said. "Every situation requires different action. If you find yourself in a situation where your attacker has a weapon or there are multiple attackers, survival is all that we care about.

"Maybe compliance is the option that you would choose. No one has the right to make that decision except you and nobody has the right to second guess what you did or did not do," he said.

The class is broken up into three sessions. The first session is informational, teaching women about what to look out for at home, while traveling and at school.

The second session teaches women to use their personal weapons: hands, elbows, head, knees and feet. Simple physical techniques are emphasized and repetition during the class period utilizes muscle memory.

The third session consists of a physical simulation exercise where females are placed in a controlled situation of "attack" and have the opportunity to physically defend themselves. They are placed in three different situations, with the attacker coming from different angles.

"You don't need someone else to protect you because you can do it yourself," Boyer said. "You just need the skills; you just need to be shown what to do and how to be effective."

If you would like to be a part of the next round of RAD classes, please e-mail Dale Boyer at BOYERDA@etown.edu and keep a lookout in Campus News for advertisements about upcoming classes.

You can learn more about the RAD program by visiting *http://wwww.rad-systems.com.*

In light of recent occurrences, students, especially females, are warned to be especially careful during the weeks before fall break.

Boyer said, "I would tell all students to use the same caution that you would if you were in the middle of Philadelphia or New York City."

on campus

Soul Café provides musical retreat for Etown students

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Free food, live music and good friends: these three things are appealing to almost any college student. To answer the question of "Where can I find them?" check out the Blue Bean or Event Space select Wednesday evenings from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

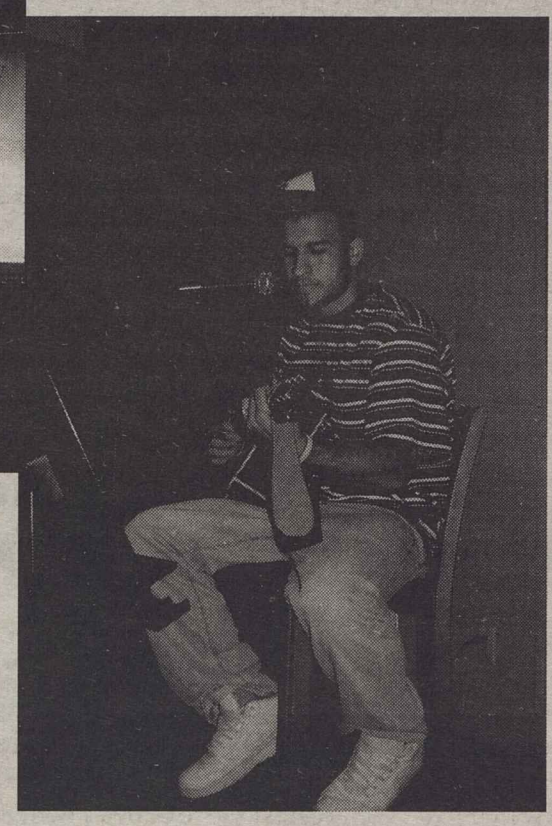
The Soul Café is a social event sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and the Office of Religious Life. The Chaplain conceived the idea a few years ago. Junior Todd Lewellen continued planning for the event this year.

Although the Soul Café is sponsored by the Office of Religious Life, it does not focus solely on religion. Rather, Soul Café aims to create conversation.

"It's a great way to meet people," Lewellen said.

"We try to focus on some sort of spirituality. We try to be faith-neutral."

Each Soul Café provides discussion questions which encourage students to converse with others. These discussion questions, however, are not mandatory.



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Soul Café is a time for students to get together and have meaningful discussions.

The last Soul Café, entitled, "Awaken Your Soul," provided questions such as "What makes you feel most alive?"

In addition to meeting new people, food and live acoustic music is provided.

Both solo acts and bands have played at past Soul Cafés. They play acoustic sets, and all performers are from Elizabethtown College. Many artists have played more than once, and others are encouraged to share their talent as well.

Lewellen's band, Flint, played last year.

"We had a lot of fun performing," he said. "It was a good atmosphere."

The provided food is catered. If the Soul Café is held in the Blue Bean, servers will deliver your food to you. The Event Space, however, is too big for servers.

Decorating your own cookies has been an option in past Soul Cafés.

Other themes for this year include "Root Beer Floats" and "Hot Wings, Hot Topics." This will incorporate questions on topics such as politics and parties. In addition, the Office of Religious Life is contemplating holding the event on Fridays or Saturdays.

"We are a little hesitant to change," said Lewellen. "It is definitely becoming more and more popular."

Lewellen emphasized some of the advantages to attending Soul Café.

"It's very relaxing. Use it as a de-stresser in your week."

Many students bring their homework. Others only attend for a few short minutes to enjoy the food.

He also described the advantages gained by the Office of Religious Life.

"It gives the Office of Religious Life a really good image that we are not just about promoting religious life, but spirituality and human connection ... and having fun."

The next Soul Café will be held Oct. 22 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Event Space. The theme is "Think Pink: Courage & Hope in the Face of Cancer." Pizza and pink lemonade will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For those interested, servers, people to help set up and musicians are always needed.

Lewellen encourages anyone interested to contact him for more information. He can be reached at LEWELLENT@etown.edu.

on campus

Bone Marrow Donor Program seeks local candidates

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This past April, Elizabethtown College volleyball and swim teams sponsored a bone marrow registry drive with the National Bone Marrow Donor Program (NBMD). Two students were selected as potential donors. Juniors Danielle Hopkins and Kayla Deats were both contacted to see if they were still interested in being a donor.

Bone marrow donations can cure leukemia, Hopkin's Disease and Sickle Cell Anemia, just to name a few. When donating bone marrow, the procedure takes out five percent of the hipbone. The bone regenerates in two to three weeks after the procedure. This is a priceless donation.

Photo: Alison R. Kreider

Danielle Hopkins, a swimmer, was contaced by the NBMD to be a possible donor.

After the drive, everyone who was tested was entered into a database with a number that signifies the type of bone marrow with which they are compatible. Doctors can search the database to see if there are any new potential donors that match their patient's number.

"When doctors typed in Tyler's number, 96 potential donors were found," Alison Kreider, who sponsored the April bone marrow drive, said. The drive was held in honor of her son Tyler, who passed away from myelodysplastic syndrome, a form of pre-leukemia, in 1999.

The type of cancer dictates the procedure that needs to be followed, which in turn decides what steps need to be taken to see if an individual is a good match.

"I talked to two different staff at NMDP and answered many questions about my health history. I believe they were asking to determine if I would still be a possible match," said Deats.

As for Hopkins, she was already called to give blood to see if she is the best match for the patient in need of a transplant. Deats is still waiting to see when she needs to go ahead and get tested. They are looking for the closest possible match. Both Hopkins and Deats will not donate, if chosen, until 2009.

"I thought it was cool that members from both the volleyball and swim teams were called especially since this was their service project," Kreider said.

Usually the Kreiders hold a drive every three years, but the Dully family, from Ephrata, is asking if there could be one held in the next year. Derrick Dully received his life-saving transplant 64 days ago, July 23.

If you would like to read more about Derrick's fight and recovery, visit his daily blog at *http://djdully.blogspot.com/*. It demonstrates what a difference a bone marrow donation can make for a person. When a patient reaches +100 day, meaning 100 days after receiving the transplant, it is looking really good for their recovery.

"The fact that I was called should encourage others to participate by being registered with the NMDP. It doesn't take anyone special to save a life. Sign up and maybe you could help someone," Deats said.

This is the best way to help someone you know with cancer, even if you can't help them directly. A donation can give someone back his or her life.

The *Etownian* wishes both Danielle and Kayla the best of luck during the screening process.

Correction

In last week's article, "Upcoming club LINK, autism awareness", there were two claims made that are currently fiercely debated among the Autism community.

"The symptoms of autism become less severe as a child grows up." This idea is not a hard and fast truth about autism. There is so much variation among each case that it may be true to some and not and to others.

The second point is that "Autism can develop as a result of certain vaccines a child receives at birth." This is a huge debate currently among experts in the field.

The Etownian apologizes for any misrepresentation of information.

in the nation

Earth Overshoot Day reviews our waning resources

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Tuesday, Sept. 23 marked a day in history known as Earth Overshoot Day. According to the Global Footprint Network, humankind has hit a time beyond sustainability.

Beyond Sept. 23, we as a society moved into the ecological correspondent of "deficit spending." We have utilized resources at a speed more rapid than what our earth can renew each year.

This problem is one of major concern. Humans need to realize that nature has a certain amount of resources it can use and spend. Beyond that, it becomes a problem for the citizens of the world.

The earth can only produce so many resources and absorb so much waste each year.

International News Service states, "Since the 1980s, humanity has been in ecological overshoot, using natural resources faster than they can be regenerated and putting carbon dioxide into the air faster than it can be reabsorbed."

According to The Global Footprint Network, our world now demands the biological capacity of 1.4 planets.

The result is that our supply of natural resources, like trees and fish, continues to shrink, while our waste, primarily carbon dioxide, increases greatly.

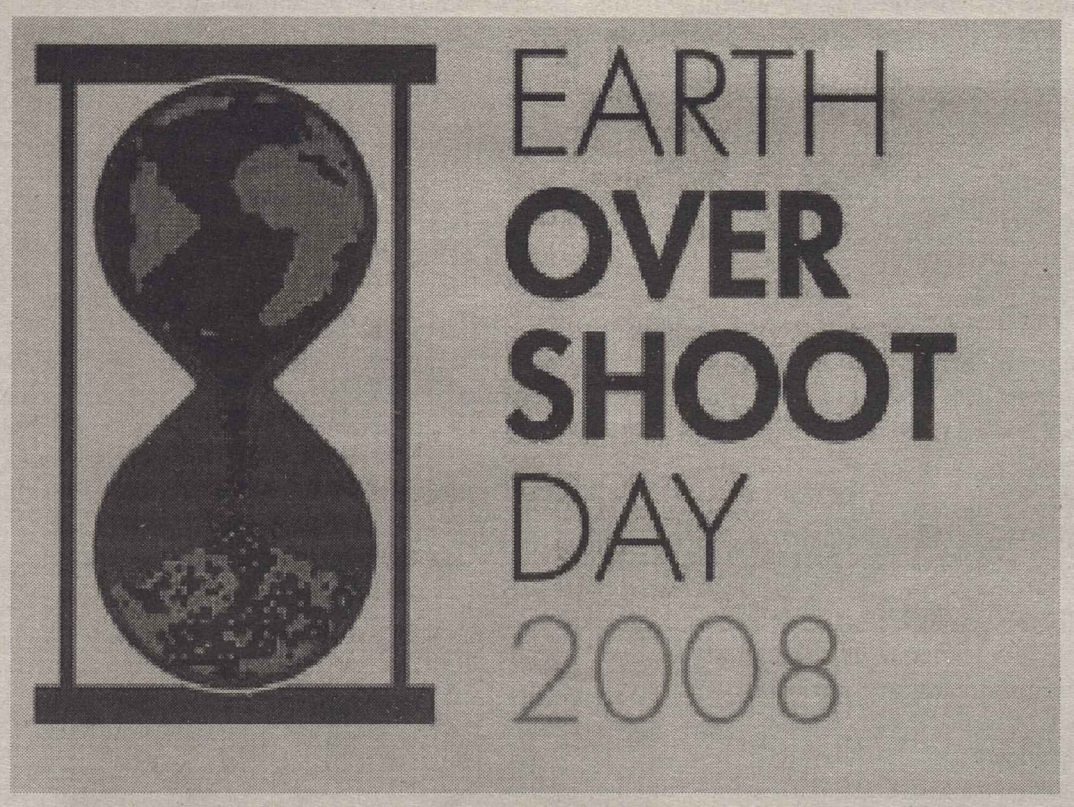
The Global Footprint Network also stated that "the greatest cause of overshoot is our carbon emissions.

"Today, humanity is simply emitting carbon faster than the planet can re-absorb it. Our carbon footprint has increased more than 700 percent since 1961."

The Ecological Footprint is defined as "a resource management tool that measures how much land and water area a human population requires to produce the resources it consumes and to absorb its wastes under prevailing technology."

If all humans on Earth continue to use the amount of resources they have been consuming and keep throwing away the amount of trash that is wasted each week, the end result will be catastrophic for future generations.

What this comes down to is that each human on Earth needs to cut down the amount of resources they use every day.



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Many of our greenhouse gases come from things we do in our everyday lives. Driving a car or using electricity isn't wrong, but humans just need to be much smarter about it.

Carpool: if you know a friend who is going to the exact same place as you, carpool with them. A lot less energy is used by carpooling, even to places very close by. You can also walk to nearby places or use public transportation.

Conserve electricity: instead of leaving lights, televisions and computers on when you leave a room, turn them off. There is no reason to waste this amount of electricity if you are not going to be using them. Buying products with ENERGY STAR® labels will help protect the environment as well.

Recycle: take time to put plastic, glass, paper, old batteries, etc. in the recycling bins; even if it means you have to go out of your way to do it. Also, buy recyclable products. They are usually made out of things that have already been used. It usually takes less energy to make products out of recycled products than to make new ones.

The bottom line is the less energy we use, the better!

Help keep our planet more earth-friendly.

Just by doing little everyday things to help, you are making a huge difference.

on campus

Tales from abroad, last spring and summer's journeys

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We all know that feeling; the feeling of relief once we've finished our last final of spring semester and the summer is wide open. Many have internships or vacations planned with family and friends to which are looked forward. No matter what we have planned, nothing can compare to those first few weeks of summer. Especially, if they were amongst the group of Elizabethtown students who decided to study abroad last May.

Etown students had barely put down their pencils and handed in their Blue Books and Scantron sheets before heading off to China, Ireland and many other places around the world. Students, as well as faculty, had been planning these trips for a long time and were anxious to get on their way. They not only got to start off their summer in another country, but they were also able to earn college credits.

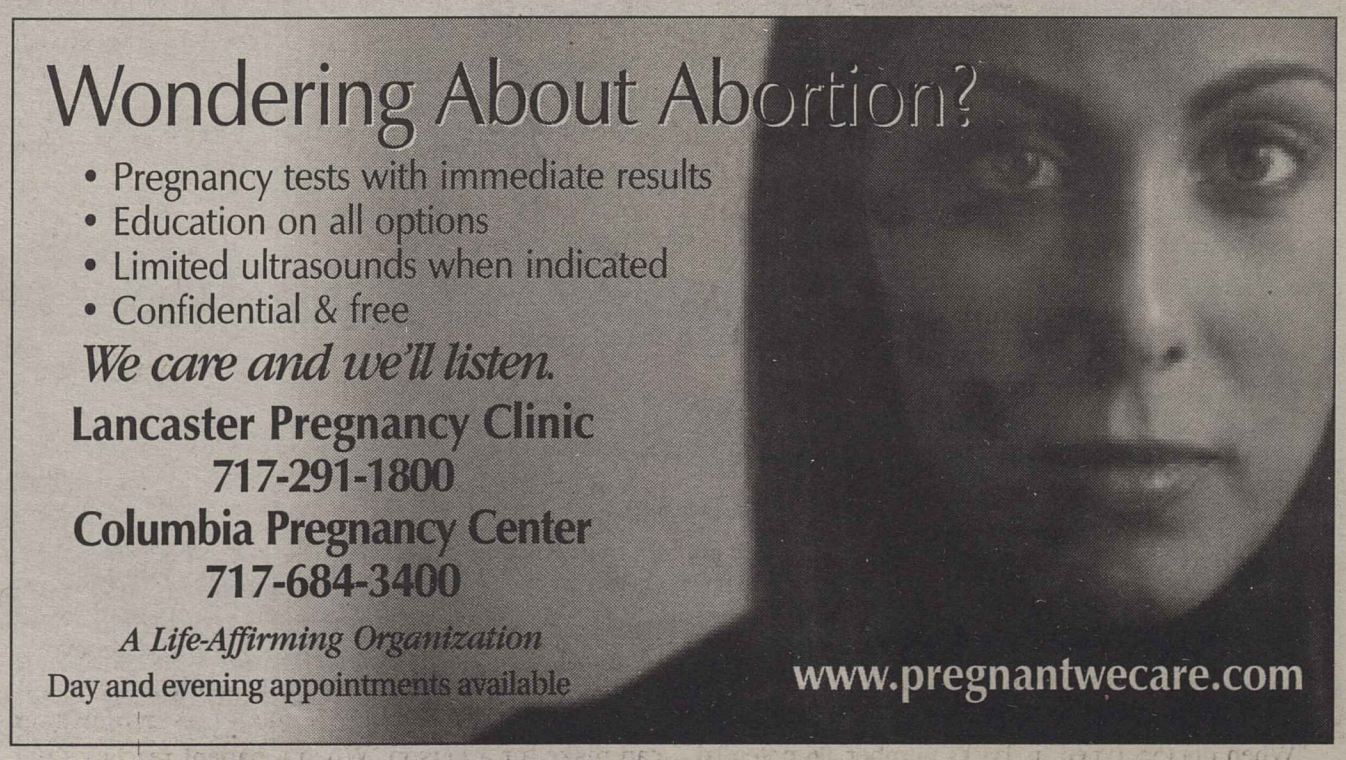
A group of nine students chose to study in Beijing and Shanghai, China, a trip led by Dr. David Kenley, associate professor of history at Elizabethtown. The two-week trip cost students $1,580 plus the cost of airfare. While there, the students attended some classes and visited sites like the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square and the Yanjing Beer Factory.

Over in Europe, a group of 24 education and occupational therapy students studied in Limerick, Ireland. The trip cost students under $3,000. The group was able to see the sights and work with children in Ireland's Salesian Girls School (an all-girls elementary school) and Ardscoil Rif (an intermediate school for boys). The group was able to interact with students and compare Ireland's teaching styles to those in America. Students who went on the trip are now enrolled in Comparing Inclusion Practices in Ireland and the United States and will receive four credits at the end of the semester. Etown students also had free time to enjoy sites like the Ring of Kerry and the famous Irish pubs. Students attended a learning day at Mary Immaculate University. Seniors Kristen Paporello and Mike Azzalina viewed the trip as a chance of a lifetime. Paporello found the opportunity to work with Irish students and compare teaching techniques from Ireland to those of the United States to be extremely gratifying and interesting.

Students may be hesitant to take trips abroad over the summer due to the price tag. When asked if the experiences of the trip were worth the cost, senior Jason Matakas, who went on the China trip, said, "Yes, definitely. The trip was way cheaper than if I had planned to do all that stuff on my own. Plus, I got four credits out of it."

Taking trips like these through the College also offers students the chance to get to know other Etown students better. The trips are planned out by people who have been to the locations before, so students won't miss out on anything.

When spring semester rolls around this year, and you're wondering what you will be doing next summer, consider taking a trip abroad. Make sure to keep an eye out for Campus News with important dates and information about the trips. If you're still hesitant about going abroad then take some advice from Azzalina, who has been in your shoes: "I would say if you are thinking about it, then do it. It is something you will never forget and something every single student should do since the opportunity is there for them."



The Jayd-ed edge

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He takes the term "Tree Hugger" to the next level.

An 83-year-old man in Croatia killed himself recently under very bizarre circumstances.

Road workers were trying to widen the road he lived on but found it necessary to cut down an oak tree on his property. The old man begged the workers to leave the tree standing as he had a strong emotional attachment to it.

The workers ignored him and took down the tree. In protest, the man grabbed a gun from inside his house and promptly shot himself in front of the workmen.

No comments were given by any parties involved.

Well, at least she's good for something.

A farmer in Norfolk, England, had been having problems with pigeons severely damaging his sugar beet plants before deciding to take matters into his own hands.

In dealing with this pigeon problem, he chose to have a new take on an old method. He made a scarecrow in the middle of his field, but to ensure that the effect was extra scary, he made the scarecrow as a near-replica of the controversial singer Amy Winehouse.

The farmer's take on Winehouse was made with a cigarette in one hand and a booze bottle in the other, just to help her characterization.

The farmer notes that pigeons no longer bother his crops.

Take THAT Al Gore!

The Old Farmer's Almanac is a 200-year-old periodical mainly used by, you guessed it, farmers and other rustic types.

It provides predictions for the year's weather and advice on how to survive it. In the recent 2009 edition, the Almanac announced that the earth's climate was teetering on the brink of a global cooling trend, despite current worries about global warming. Though skeptics may scoff at this, the almanac does have an 80 percent success rate in its predictions.

The Almanac also offers handy tips on how to survive the impending cold.

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on campus

Mineral collection shimmers in Masters

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Imagine climbing through banks of various places ranging from Australia to Central Pennsylvania creating a passion of uncovering the world's beauty. This is what Frank Masters, creator of the Masters' Rock and Mineral exhibit at Elizabethtown College, has done for the majority of his life. Fluorescent quartz, fluorite and crystallized minerals that sparkle in an array of colors from pink to yellow to green are located in specially crafted cases right here at Elizabethtown College.

The beautiful rock and mineral collection is displayed in the Masters Center for Science, Mathematics and Engineering. Frank Masters donated a capital gift to Etown that was used to create the state-of-the-art Masters Center, named in October 2007.

"The new building really adds value to the College, especially for incoming students," first-year Colin Lynch said.

The natural wonders act as a conduit to the surrounding community of Elizabethtown, encouraging the residents of Etown to engage with students on campus. As a member of Elizabethtown College, Erin Flaherty is very excited about the possibility of meeting and interacting with the community members outside her volunteer work. The exhibit is the only display of international minerals between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Because of its rarity, local schools and universities have the opportunity to visit and take advantage of the unique learning experience — another way connecting Etown to the community.

Overall, students of the College value the opportunity mineral collection offers.

"I appreciate that [Masters] cares so much about this school and the well-being of its students to donate such an appealing collection that is so meaningful to him personally," Lynch said. The recruitment opportunity the collection offers in turn increases the value of students' diplomas, an immeasurable importance for college members.

"The mineral collection sparks an interest in me about the world's natural beauty that is all around us," Flaherty said. As a social work major, Flaherty comments on how the exhibit brings her outside the world of social work, allowing her to appreciate other majors on campus. "It is hard to imagine stumbling upon something so beautiful, especially as your job," Flaherty commented.

The specimens range in shape and origin, including spheres, eggs, petrified wood, dinosaur eggs and gems. The educational component of the cases includes descriptions of the composition as well as pictures of the pieces in their original form. The captions are extremely helpful to those who do not understand how rocks are formed or are different majors.

The cases that house the beautiful display bring out the color variation and accent the shapes of the minerals. The glass is state-of-the-art and designed specifically for this exhibit. Some cases include a rotating disc, activated by the press of a button, allowing the viewer to see all angles of the mineral. The various pieces range in size from approximately three feet long to as small as six inches.

The complex exhibit is a valued addition to Etown because of the beauty and educational enrichment that it offers. The reflected light catches the eye of students of all majors passing through the Masters Center. Frank Masters is very generous for sharing his collection with the students of Etown.

Photo: Julia N. Hadinger
An wide array of rocks and minerals are on display in the newly updated Masters Center.

on campus

Gaffney to discuss Middle Eastern virtue

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Thursday Sept. 25, the Rev. Patrick D. Gaffney will be coming to Etown to give his lecture entitled "Lost in Translation? Bringing American Ideals to the Middle East." Gaffney is an associate professor in the department of anthropology at the University Of Notre Dame and was given the opportunity to give lectures through the Hesburgh Lecture Series.

The program was initiated by the Notre Dame Alumni Club that reviews a list of lectures submitted by faculty members at the university and arranges dates with chosen members to give their lectures. Gaffney's lecture will address many issues and misunderstandings our American society has toward the Middle East.

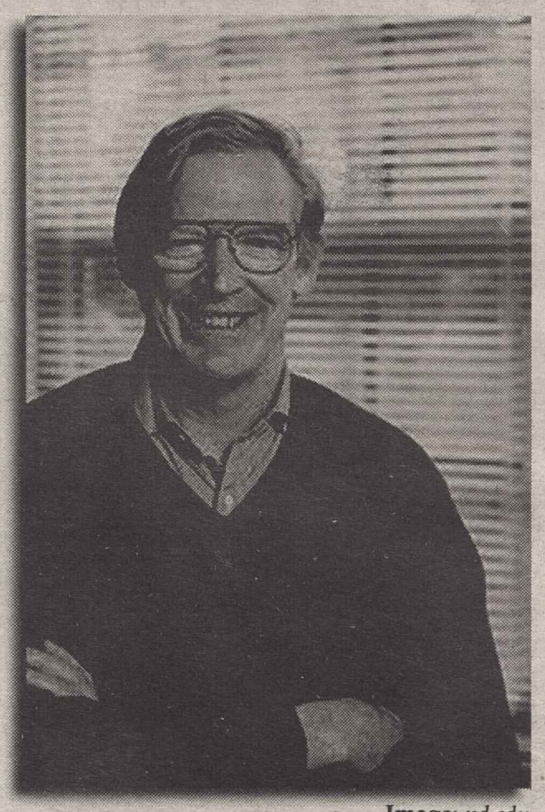
Inspired by his work in anthropology, work as a priest and "enormous misunderstandings" our American society has toward Middle Eastern countries, Gaffney will discuss the indigenous Arabic Islamic government, the history of Iraq and how religious groups interact. Gaffney explains that media is the most obvious problem because of its overall portrayal of Iraq and other countries of the Middle East. The media has a broad range of influence over our society and often shapes the way we view things. He also explains that post-9/11 has sent our country into "paranoia," and we tend to generalize and stereotype Middle Eastern countries. His lecture will shed light on the positive things that are occurring in Iraq that haven't necessarily been shown in the media.

According to Gaffney, our culture tends to place its own beliefs and ways of life on such countries as Iraq, where they are in a completely different situation. "What we think is normal may not be so," Gaffney explained. He also says there is an "assumption our military can solve the problem." The U.S. hasn't been so upfront about negotiating and has invaded countries with good intentions but sometimes overlooks that our beliefs and values may not carry over to a different country. Although the media constantly displays the negatives of what is going on in Iraq, Gaffney says there has been some success for the military. There are many political and diplomatic differences between our two countries, and there is hope that a path between the two can be properly negotiated and met on both ends.

"The Middle East is a controversial topic," Gaffney said. Because of the one-sided view many Americans have of countries like Israel, he hopes to persuade others to see a better side of the Middle East that we may have gathered from the media or found depicted elsewhere.

He hopes to not offend anyone. "I often find people who have relatives in Iraq or victims of the monument," Gaffney said, referring to audience members who have come to his lecture. When asked whether or not he got nervous before a lecture, Gaffney responded with a small laugh, "I always get nervous."

Although Iraq is still a touchy subject for most, Gaffney will be presenting us with a possible new outlook on the country. In turn, his lecture may have us reviewing the way we judge things, and also the way we place our standards on others.



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The Rev. Patrick Gaffney will be speaking about the Middle East in his upcoming lecture today, Sept. 25.

Elizabethtown celebrates Constitution Day

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In commemoration of the 221-year anniversary of the Constitution, institutions across the country celebrated and studied what the Constitution meant upon its completion Sept. 17, 1787, as well as how it governs our legislation, executives and judiciary today.

Dr. Scott Hendrickson, assistant professor of public law and director of the pre-law program, began Wednesday's assembly by emphasizing such sentiments. Introducing his fellow speakers from the panel, Dr. W. Wesley McDonald, Dr. Thomas Winpenny and Dr. E. Fletcher McClellan, Hendrickson continued by drawing attention to the Constitution's special scrutiny in the current political season due to the presidential election.

McDonald took the stage to draw light on the increasing amount of power that the American people give to the president. The public expects him to be a "miracle worker," the political science professor said. American citizens ask him to undertake projects that are constitutionally out of his realm and in the jurisdiction of state and local governments, and, in doing so, we are the chief culprits in his rise to power.

McDonald explained that the framers of the Constitution would be "shocked" and "dismayed" at the current state of the presidency, which contrasts the original intentions of the second article of the Constitution because of the heavy power our president holds.

McDonald went on to say that there is no mention of political parties in the Constitution. This is an entity that the American people have endorsed, inflating executive power. War, however, more than anything, leads to presidential despotism. McDonald explained that according to the example of the nation under Lincoln, Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt and George W. Bush, once the government gains more power, it does not revert back. The president needs to be seen as less of a powerful "personal savior" and "messiah," McDonald insisted.

Winpenny spoke about how the number two cause of the rise in presidential power is acquisition of land. Previous presidents have been notorious for raising executive duty standards by unconstitutionally taking land for the country. Jefferson practically "doubled the acreage of the United States overnight." Polk was only elected for his "commitment to expansion" campaign and Secretary of State William Seward took Alaska under the precedent of a House of Representatives bribe. The "icing on the cake," Winpenny expressed, was President Theodore Roosevelt's "take it, then debate it" means of building the Panama Canal in foreign lands. However, Winpenny commended the government on its "self-restraint" for not yet invading Canada.

After all is said and done, American history only proves that the Constitution has, and still is being, brushed aside for wealth and power. Winpenny ended expressing his doubt that wealth and power are always good things.

When McClellan, professor of political science and department chair, spoke, he modernized the presentation by bringing to light the fact that neither of the current presidential candidates have blatantly stated their views on constitutional presidential power. He criticized the Bush Administration's abuse of executive power, mainly by condemning Bush's excessive use of signing statements throughout his term in office.

In disagreement with the Patriot Act, military in Afghanistan and warrantless surveillance, McClellan reiterated how important it is to monitor McCain and Obama's views on constitutional power. He relayed how both candidates have disagreed with President Bush, but McCain says he will not issue signing statements, while Obama says they are necessary under some occasions. McClellan called attention to the way in which the candidates propose to lead: will they impose on America or be persuaded by America? The best way to get America's questions answered is to contact the facilitators of televised presidential debates and "tell them you want answers."

Hendrickson closed the debate by emphasizing the president's influence over the judicial system. Because the executive branch's responsibilities are only vaguely described in the Constitution, the judiciary is subsequently affected because the president appoints the Supreme Court justices. The president further expands his power by appointing justices who hold views similar to his own. The next president will more than likely appoint at least one justice because five out of the nine justices are over 70 years old, the traditional retirement age.

Therefore, America must recognize the strengths and weaknesses in McCain and Obama's views on constitutional power. Hendrickson restated that his goal was not to influence the audience's decisions on who to vote for, but to enlighten about how the next President will hold excessive power, especially over the judicial system.

Although the Constitution was written 221 years ago with only the imagination of how the country would grow in the future, its principles (or executives' lack of respect for the principles) still shape federal politics and everyday life.

By underlining the Constitution's magnitude and continued relevance, Hendrickson, McDonald, Winpenny and McClellan educated Elizabethtown on Constitution Day about the importance behind "We the people...."

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¡Bienvenido!

¡La Comida De Hispania!

Kevin J. Yu
Staff Writer

When Christopher Columbus first landed in Cuba and Puerto Rico, little did he know the influence that would be brought by countries after him. Expanding into the Americas, the food production industry brought about a new revolution in cooking. Styles from separate cultures merged. Many of the American foods we take for granted derive from different Hispanic cultures.

Hispanic foods vary from culture to culture. They include a mix of indigenous and foreign influences from cooking. Senior Diego Cruz, from Ecuador, says his country was influenced by the Spanish under colonization. Main dishes in his country are known as "paella," which include seafood, rice and other ingredients. Traditional dishes include cuy, which is guinea pig and goat.

Many people from Hispanic countries, like Brazil and Mexico, eat beans, rice, wheat and other grains.

More importantly, Hispanic food has influenced all channels of life, from the selections of salsa and Goya lines. Even on our own college campus, we eat everything from quesadillas at the Jay's Nest to the oh-so-glorious taco in the Marketplace. "It's good," remarked first-year Manrique Arrea from Costa Rica. "The tacos in the Marketplace are somewhat similar to the cooking of tacos at home."

However, it can be said that other Hispanics disagree, as sophomore TaLisa Romos, president of the LSU Latinos Student Union, felt that it "does not reflect her country's food at all. But, it's a nice attempt."

In new culturally-diverse restaurants, the many spicy dishes can bring you back to the scents and aromas of Puerto Rican or Dominican food.

BCA, Mundo Lengua send students to Barcelona, Cadiz

Allison L. James
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If campus seems a little less crowded this semester, it is probably due to the fact that many students are traveling abroad.

Many of these students chose to study in Barcelona, Spain for the semester, or even for the entire year, through the BCA program.

Elizabeth Huskin, who works with BCA at Elizabethtown, said that studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and should be taken full advantage of during the college years.

Huskin advises students going abroad to find a healthy balance between studying, learning about your host city and having fun with new friends.

The university that BCA students attend in Barcelona is directly in the center of the city. Most students use public transportation to get to school and to travel around the city.

Barcelona is "a very cultural city," according to Huskin. There is a variety of museums, restaurants and tourist attractions to keep students entertained.

Every student stays with a host family while in Barcelona. They fill out a housing questionnaire after being accepted to the BCA program and are matched up according to many different characteristics such as eating and sleeping habits.

Sophomore Becca Morgan studied in Cadiz, Spain for one month over the summer.

Cadiz is a small town in the south of Spain. She went through the program Mundo Lengua.

Morgan described living with a host family as "one of the most important parts of my overall experience ... the host family has a lot to do with whether you enjoy it."

She continued to say that she was included in family life and always felt comfortable at their house.

They also helped her gain confidence while speaking Spanish.

Do not pass on the opportunity to learn a new language and experience a different culture.

Studying abroad in Spain, whether in a big city like Barcelona or a little town such as Cadiz, will be an exciting adventure you remember for the rest of your life.

Photo: Rachel J. Moatz
Gaudi Church in Barcelona

National Hispanic

¡Viva Los Hispanos!

Latin America, United States meld cultures, lifestyles

Theresa M. White
Staff Writer

Welcome to Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month officially began on Sept. 15, as it has every year since it was first observed. That particular date is when five Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua gained their independence, according to Fact Monster.

It first began as a week-long celebration, thanks to former President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, but was later extended to a month long celebration in 1988, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Each year around this time, Americans honor traditions and customs that are upheld by Hispanic cultures. The government regards Hispanics as people who speak Spanish.

According to associate professor of education Juan Toro, there are many people with Hispanic backgrounds that have positions in the government today. Funeral services are different for Hispanic people because the dynamics of families is not the same as other cultures. Families are more dependent on one another.

Toro said that religion and family are two traditions that are well-known in Hispanic cultures. Hispanics tend to be Catholic and stay loyal with the church. Hispanics have cultural roots with Spaniards and Latinos from many years ago.

According to Toro, it used to be that when a woman got married, she would include her husband's name with hers, such as Juanita Sanchez de Sandoval, the de meaning that she belonged to the man. These days, women are not always taking the man's name. A lot of Hispanics use both of their parents' last names as their own, which can get confusing when dealing with deeds for property in the United States.

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Mexicans and Puerto Ricans are the two most widespread Hispanic cultures in America. "Not all Hispanics are the same," Toro said. They share some cultural values. The main similarity among Hispanic cultures is the Spanish language. Yet words cam vary in meaning across cultures. Moreover relationships are different for the various Hispanic cultures in the United States.

There have been many dramatic changes in Hispanic customs and traditions. "Puerto Ricans have been taking aspects of United States culture back to theirs," Toro said.

The main difference between Hispanic and American cultures, customs and traditions is that for Hispanic ones, child rearing is slightly different. Hispanics tend to be more protective and authoritative with the upbringing of their children. Traditionally, in Hispanic cultures, children are not supposed to look up at authority figures when in trouble because it is seen as challenging them. They have to learn to adapt to the American way of keeping eye contact with authority figures when being reprimanded.

Some South American countries with Hispanic cultures are not as well-known as others. "Some people don't think about Spain when talking about Hispanics," Toro said. There are not too many Hispanic students on the Etown campus, but the school does have several overseas trips to Spanish-speaking areas such as Costa Rica and Ecuador. Toro said that having these trips available to students helps to spread the awareness of different Hispanic cultures.

There are many differences between the various Hispanic cultures. They have made some major contributions to our society throughout the years. Every year, Americans are learning more about their customs and traditions — not just during the month that is designated for them.

Flan

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Ingredients:

One 12oz. can of evaporated milk

One 14oz. can of condensed milk

1 cup of sugar

2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

5 Eggs

Directions:

First mix all of the ingredients (except the cup of sugar) in a blender.
Next, melt the cup of sugar to make caramel.
Using a double boiler, pour water in the first pan.
Then empty the caramel into the other pan, making sure to cover the entire bottom of the pan.
Next, pour the blended ingredients from the first step into the pan contains the caramel.
The final step is to place the pan with the caramel and other ingredients in the pan with water. Bake both in the oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour.

anic Heritage Month

I'M registering to vote because I want a job when I graduate.
Emily C.

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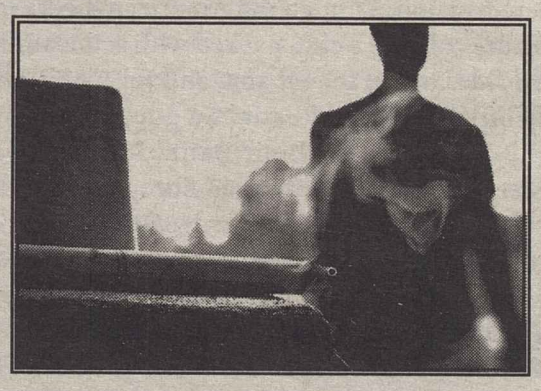
college issues

Tobacco marketers target students

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

According to a press release from the American Lung Association (ALA), moving from high school to college is identified as a prime time for acquiring new behaviors. The tobacco industry takes advantage of this vulnerability by sponsoring promotions in bars and nightclubs to encourage smoking as a social norm in an attempt to make "experimental" smokers become "pack-a-day" smokers. And it's working. Though it is a record low, today nearly 20 percent of college students smoke.



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For first-year college students, nerves are "through the roof," as they are expected to balance school, work and friends, along with all the other responsibilities required of them. The rush of being independent for the first time can be frightening. This fear, along with the added stress of a new environment, is what the tobacco industry feeds upon each year.

Currently, fewer college students are smoking than in previous years. The ALA warns that this statistic doesn't mean the problem is fading away. ALA stated that in 1989 the number of college smokers was around 20 percent, but this statistic skyrocketed the following decade to a new high of 30.6 percent. The organization also shared that in 2005, the tobacco industry spent more than $1 million a day sponsoring events that targeted college students.

Students at Elizabethtown College are concerned about the influence of tobacco industries. Sophomore Meredith Sefcik believes that the tobacco industry's targeting of college students will continue to be an issue if we don't try to put a stop to it now.

"Coming to college is scary enough. When the tobacco industry tries to manipulate the first-years, saying that smoking is normal, that's not right. Students should be aware of the risks and harm they are doing to themselves and the people around them," Sefcik said.

Over the summer, Pennsylvania decided to join surrounding states — New Jersey, New York and Delaware — to activate a smoke-free law in which 95 percent of establishments will become smoke-free. According to the law, only bars, where food sales don't exceed 20 percent of total sales and don't allow minors to enter, can still allow smoking. Governor Ed Rendell said to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that the new law will "protect Pennsylvanians from the deadly health effects of secondhand smoke."

Sophomore Melissa Cangialosi believes that the smoke-free law should be only one of many steps to keep Pennsylvania smoke-free.

"We should be concentrating on preventing smoking and helping those already addicted, not plotting to target vulnerable students," Cangialosi said. "Offering other ways to release stress and teaching them the dangers of smoking are things we can do to keep these numbers low."

Keeping stress low is an effective way to control the increased level of smoking. At Elizabethtown College, the students have many opportunities to decrease their stress without turning to smoking. During finals, Learning Services provides massages to students. Counseling Services also has a program called "Your Etown College Stress Kit," which identifies what is causing stress and offers ways to relieve it. Additionally, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship holds free yoga sessions from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the Royer basement to help students relax.

Students interested in the "Etown College Stress Kit" can go to *http://www2.etown.edu/counseling/Stress/index.htm*. Anyone interested in learning more about the American Lung Association can visit their website at *http://www.lungusa.org*.

entertainment

ECTV prepares new programming

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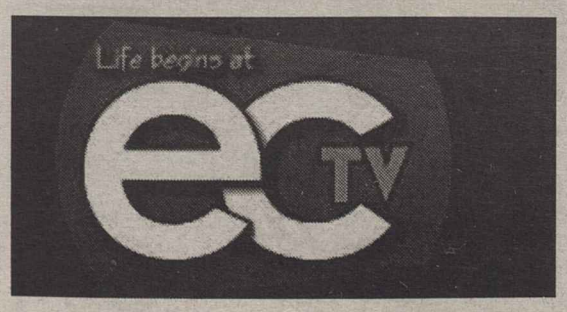
ECTV will kick off its fall season this week with new and original programming as well as returning favorites. Reaching an audience of 25,000 on campus and in the surrounding community, the station ECTV-40 offers a wide variety of options for viewers.

Following in the tradition of years past, ECTV will continue to air a biweekly news program "Etown Tonight." Although at one time the show aired every evening and featured national and international news, it has recently narrowed its focus to highlight the events around campus and the surrounding community.

Junior Stephanie Kichline, the station manager, said, "We want students to have a resource where they can watch the news [happening] on campus."



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The news program will begin airing Sept. 25.

In the sports lineup, the station will continue to cover Friday night high school football games. Coverage of these games will air on Tuesday evenings. In addition, ECTV sports will air a feature every other week that will include interviews with two sports teams and an athlete of the week.

New to this year's programming, ECTV plans to cover country radio station WIOV's Fallfest. The festival will take place Oct. 5 and feature concerts by five country artists. Those scheduled to perform include Jeremy McComb, Adam Gregory, Heidi Newfield, Bucky Covington and Jo Dee Messina.

Messina, an award-winning, multi-platinum recording artist with nine number-one singles, will be headlining the festival. The special guest this year will be "American Idol" season five contestant Bucky Covington. Also featured will be the 2008 "Kidz Idol" winner, Coral Consylman, age 12, from Lancaster, Pa. ECTV plans to do a television production of the concert set to air sometime in October.

Also in the works for this year is a movie review show, the details of which are still being worked out. As put by Andy Williams, director of Broadcasting, "Like the movies, it's coming soon."

Production is also set to occur for a cooking show with Dining Services. The program will spotlight cuisines around campus. Tune in for more information on these upcoming programs.

In addition to its original programming, ECTV will also air old television favorites such as "Rocky and Bullwinkle." When deciding what to air, the station looks for programming that will attract a wide audience. The station must not only appeal to the interest of the students on campus but also to the surrounding community.

"We try hard to get local," Williams said.

All original programs on ECTV are student-produced, and the station is run by a student board of 11 directors. Kichline acts as a liaison between Williams and the rest of the board.

Though the ECTV station is housed in the communications building, participation is open to all students on campus. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the program or sharing any ideas should contact Kichline at KICHLINES@etown.edu.

Peter Butter and Jam(eson)

Dear PB&J: I think I may have a stalker. What do I do?
-Anxious in Ober

Dear Anxious,
Welcome to college. When we're given that first dose of real freedom, a little creepiness can't help but happen. First, make sure that the gent is actually *a stalker. Creepy coincidences* do *happen. Just because he is in the Marketplace every time you are doesn't mean that he worships you from a shrine in his closet. However, if you exit the shower only to find the guy standing outside your door, then we have a winner. Creep them out right back. Creepy people like control — take it away from him. Give him a disgustingly detailed fact list about your likes, your dislikes, how long you spend on the toilet — you get the picture. Sure, this is weird, but if you creep them out, why would they want to continue to stalk you? – PB*

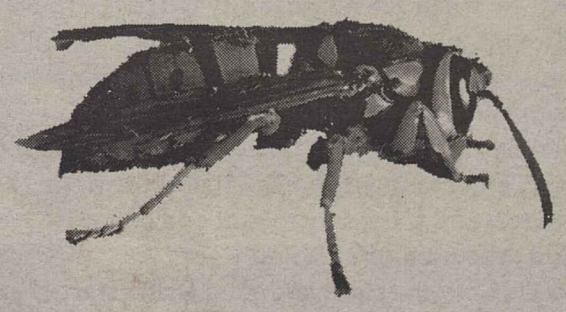
Creepy people are generally lonely and insecure, yet they have a hard time understanding that you're wholly unavailable. Don't worry about hurting feelings — you need to send a clear message. In short, get a fake boyfriend. Find some dude that's funny, theatrical and chill enough to seem (to the stalker) unassailable. Next, update your Facebook status until the real thing comes along. Finally, send your proxy to the creeper. Proxy plays politics, creeper is compelled by the bros-before-hos man law and you're clear. Don't know any actors? I recommend mister Peter Starr Northrop. – J

Thanks, buddy. – PB
Any time, man. – J

Jameson's Word of the Week

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Schadenfreude: Delight in someone else's unhappiness or general bad luck. Maliciousness, sadism, etc. Exceptionally popular in middle school. "The live yellow-jacket in Jameson's peanut butter sandwich filled his peers with schadenfreude." This emotion is generally seen in polite society as unsporting, though the Internet has given rise to a new of glut of it. Avoid schadenfreude whenever possible, even applied to spectacularly black-hearted specimens of humanity (Nazis, investment-bankers). Given the term's verbal unwieldiness, limit use to one-word Myspace survey responses: "Q: What is the first emotion that you feel in the morning? A: Schadenfreude"



in the nation

Teen genre's comeback

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Television today is losing more and more creativity. The reality era is upon us and everyone is getting sucked into watching it. Yes, I must admit I unfortunately watch a couple of the shows too.

"The Hills" is one of the extremely popular shows on MTV right now, and not only is it a reality show, it's a show all about young adult drama.

This seems to be a hit because most, if not all, of the girls I know watch it. I don't think this show is necessarily bad for teens to watch as much as some of the other shows are.

The non-reality shows seem to be more influential on teens because they are mainly focused on sex, drinking and the usual problems and drama that come up in high school and college.

"Gossip Girl" seems to be the new show that the majority of teens like.

In only watching the commercials for the show I can tell that it would be an extremely sexual show. I know a lot of parents who allow their kids to watch whatever they want, but I also know some parents who would be extremely angry if their child were watching it.

I know they say "sex sells," and it has been true, but when is it going to be too much for television?

Aside from younger kids watching these shows, the influence it could have on teenagers could be bad.

More impressionable teenagers and younger kids watching might try and imitate much of what they see on these drama shows.

"90210" is back on television now, and I doubt it will be any cleaner or more edited than the other shows.

The original "Beverly Hills: 90210" was on television when I was younger, and I was never allowed to watch it.

Although I did sneak a couple of episodes, so I knew what it was about, I didn't really get to see too much of it.

Another teenage drama show called "Degrassi" used to air on PBS, but now airs on a channel called "The N."

This show started off a little bit shy with its content, but now it is complete with girl-on-girl hook-up sessions and contains all the same content as the other shows.

At first, I thought this show was angled towards younger kids, but it is clear to see that they are no longer the target.

Now the show is called "Degrassi: The Next Generation," and it has obviously fallen under the new teen drama category.

Television is targeting teens and young adults with drinking and sex-driven shows because they know that is what we are interested in.

If you put something on television that has the majority's common interest, then the majority will watch it.

And in today's society, teenagers are the majority for watching television.

recap, with commentary

Drama begets drama queen

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Copy Editor

In case you missed it: about a month ago, Russia and Georgia did some mean things. Georgia killed 1,800 civilians in South Ossetia, prompting an illegal Russian invasion. Though the American media missed most of it, this bloodbath did feature colorful a cast, packed with scum and villainy and showed previously-unseen sides of Barack Obama and John McCain.

The official boss of Russia is a puppet-clown named Medvedev, but he's not actually in charge. Vladimir Putin, former KGB man-god and current Prime Minister, manages everything in Europe that Sarkozy (the French dude that runs the EU) doesn't. Putin is clever, powerful and ridiculously fit (though some of it's propaganda — a few weeks ago, Russian press produced the news that Putin, wielding a tranquilizer gun, saved a group of reporters from a *terrifying bear*.) Putin's Georgian counterpart is Saakashvili. Saakashvili is a *douchelord*.

Everyone in the Balkans hates everyone else. It's a cold, rocky peninsula, and most people just want to get out and chill with Sarkozy and civilization. However, because North Ossetia is in Russia, the South Ossetians think of themselves as Russian. Most speak Russian. Cue decades of agonizing conflict.

The world, specifically Putin, reacted to Saakashvili's ethnic cleansing with (surprising, suspicious) alacrity. Georgia shot down a few planes and killed a few soldiers, all the while calling for US and EU aid. Meanwhile, as conspiracy theorists freaked about a new USSR, the American news media was torn between the opening weekend of the Olympics and John Edwards' lechery.

We didn't do anything about it, though the presidential candidates issued some press releases. McCain, bless him, took a strong anti-Russkie stance. Democrats played it up as a Red Scare racial thing, but the reality is that Johnny was dead right: the Russian reappropriation came as a clear violation of international law. Worse, elements of both sides attempted to manipulate British and American press with poll-hacks, conspiracy and outright lies. Obama seemed to miss this. Despite his meaningless statement about acting slowly and getting along, one sin doesn't justify another. Obama's half-opinion betrayed either a glaring shortcoming in international law or gross apologism. Moral relatives aside, Obama had best hope that Mr. Biden can cover for his ignorance in the future.

In the end, Russia routed Georgian forces and pushed over the border, rolling all the way to Tbilisi. Saakashvili had a nervous breakdown and ate his own tie on live television. (This is not a joke; please Facebook message me if you'd like a .gif.)

on campus

ITS clarifies malfunctions during beginning weeks

Christopher T. Care
Opinion Editor

I was all set to sit down and rant about how terrible ITS is. From their inability to diagnose a Mac malfunction to the amount of time it took them to get all the computers connected to the Internet during the first week; they always seem to have problems.

I fondly remember trying to access the network from the RA office in Ober, only to realize that the computer there would not recognize either my name or the network.

We called ITS, and what did we hear? "The person who knows how to fix that has left for the day." No worries, we thought. He would just show up the next day to fix what was initially wrong. Instead of this happening, though, they replaced our computer tower.

This did nothing to fix our problem, so days later we still could not access the server from the RA office.

This was great for me since I did not have to do any paperwork, but it inhibited the processes put in place to allow us to know what was going on in our own building.

And so, when the opportunity to write about ITS appeared, I jumped on it.

I was ready to blast them for their incompetence and terrible response time.

I had heard the horror stories from other students about ITS not knowing how to fix problems on their computers and was ready to rant and complain until I could type no more.

I decided to start how any good writer starts: I sent emails to the right people and gathered the correct information.

I posed follow-up questions and insisted on clarification. I expressed concerns I had heard from other students to gauge reactions from the respondent. Mostly, I was looking for inconsistencies to support my view of ITS.

Several emails later, I began to experience this strange feeling.

It was not a feeling of satisfaction and smugness as I had anticipated, but a feeling of education and understanding.

I must admit, it was a confusing bundle of emotions, but I gradually recovered.

I discovered from my communication with Steven Rutter, director of Network/Electrical support, that some people at ITS actually know what is going on.

The people at the Help Desk may not be able to answer a question about why I cannot connect my Mac to the network, but if you go high enough up the chain, there is an answer.

I was able to placate fears from other students that this mysterious "Bradford" item they had to download would allow ITS access to any part of their computer at any time; it actually just scans your computer to ensure you have the correct operating system and security updates. No files on your computer are accessible.

So yes, some things at ITS are a little frustrating.

Their statistics on Mac usage on campus are a little off, and the Mac registration page actually links you back to the Windows page (can you tell I use a Mac?).

Their registration instructions apparently need to be updated, and the help at the Help Desk may need some improvement.

"Go back to your room and play with it and if it still doesn't work then bring it back," they have been known to say; but usually the knowledge can be found somewhere in the department.

letter to the editor

Chemistry club's reaction to going green

On behalf of the Elizabethtown College Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (Chemistry Club), kudos to the *Etownian* for its recent two-page feature on "Green Etown." Both articles highlight the College's efforts to reduce its impact on the environment. Not only are administrative members of the College community active in "greening" our campus, but student and faculty-led initiatives contribute to the process as well. We admire the efforts of the TREE and GREEN House SDLCs, as well as Dr. Kozimor-King's "Simple Living" first-year seminar, which have significantly increased environmental awareness on campus.

In the chemistry department, we take green chemistry very seriously. Junior Nick Wetzel's undergraduate research project last year was to "green" a common organic chemistry II laboratory experiment so students could perform the Wittig reaction using water instead of harsh chemical solvents. Additionally, the department encourages small scale syntheses in all levels of chemistry to reduce our hazardous waste production and our chemistry demonstrations are largely performed using safe, non-toxic household chemicals.

The Etown Student Affiliates wish to promote not only green, chemical-free homes as mentioned in the Sept. 18 article, "Classes, departments go the green way," but also a green, chemical-free campus. We would like to encourage Elizabethtown College to go even greener by banning dihydrogen monoxide (DHMO) on campus.

DHMO is wreaking havoc on our environment. This clear, colorless, odorless and tasteless substance has been detected in streams, rivers, lakes, oceans and in malignant tumors. Commonly, DHMO is a liquid, but it is not uncommon to identify its solid and gaseous forms as well. In fact, gaseous DHMO has been cited as a major component of greenhouse gas, which is notorious for the rising average surface temperature of Earth. DHMO in the atmosphere also contributes to the formation of acid rain.

Small quantities of DHMO are necessary to maintain human life. Some regions of the world suffer from DHMO deficiency, which can cause death. However, excessive intake could also lead to death. High concentrations of DHMO in the environment were widely blamed for injury, death and property damage in areas like Indonesia and New Orleans during recent natural disasters. Clearly, the chemical DHMO poses multiple risks.

While it will be impossible to permanently eliminate DHMO from the environment, we would like to try to do our part by raising awareness and rising to action to address this problem. Perhaps we at Elizabethtown College can set an example for other universities by petitioning our administration to ban DHMO on campus. We encourage you to contact us at CHEMCLUB@etown.edu if you are interested in joining our crusade against DHMO. Visit *http://www.dhmo.org* for more information about this chemical and its impact on your lives. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. Let's go green Etown!

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in the world

Russian imperialism threatens sovereignty

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After years of trying to break away from Georgian rule, South Ossetia, using Russia as an ally, is recognized as their own region. Russia signed a friendship treaty with Georgian separatists Sept. 17.

The treaty ensured military assistance, economic and diplomatic cooperation between South Ossetia and Abkhazia, the rebel cities, and Moscow, Russia. One of the main concepts this treaty addressed is that of individual military power.

South Ossetia and Abkhazia agreed to let Russia improve their military bases to protect against any attack from Georgian rule. Russia also agreed to pull most of their troops out of Georgia and return to their original pre-conflict position. They plan to keep a few thousand troops in the rebel cities to address any other problems that may occur, like continuing acts of resistance that might threaten the peoples' safety.

Russia now recognizes Georgia as two independent regions, that under the Georgian Rule and that of the newly pronounced separatist, South Ossetia and Abkhazia's rule. When the fighting broke out on Aug. 7, Russian troops ousted and maintained both Georgian regions during the severe fighting amongst the disagreeing groups.

Allowing South Ossetia and Abkhazia to separate from Georgian rule raises debate about how to deal with separatist movements around the world. World leaders have struggled for years with these decisions on whether to recognize a country as independent.

They react and treat each problem differently, recognizing that every situation is unique to the region. No higher power voiced their opposition with Moscow's decision on South Ossetia or Abkhazia's call for independence from Georgia.

Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia, claims that Russia succeeded in annexing South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Russia issued citizens in the rebel Georgian cities Russian passports and Visas in order to justify their continued presence in Georgia. By issuing Russian government documents, those citizens are considered members of the country. Russia needed a justified reason to take over and control Georgia's Separatist movement. They used the excuse that their citizens were in danger.

The U.S. White House has been kept updated on the matter of Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia. President George Bush guaranteed U.S. support for Georgia's territorial integrity. This means that, under international law, nations should not try to encourage secessionist movements or support border changes within another nation.

Russia clearly broke this agreement when they tried to invade and annex Georgia.

"I want to reiterate on his behalf that the United States supports Georgia's territorial integrity and we call for an immediate ceasefire," Dana Perino, Bush's spokeswoman said. "We urge all parties, Georgians, South Ossetians and Russians to de-escalate the tension and avoid conflict."

It appears that Russia is a modern-day imperialist. They are expanding their territory by slowly reclaiming regions that were once owned by Russia. They have established economic, military and diplomatic power over South Ossetia by offering their support while having an underlying motive.

Russia is known for supporting dissent wherever and whenever it suits them. Russia seems to wish for the fall of these independent regions, which will result in their falling back into the arms of their main ally, Russia, and being back under then Russian Flag.

With South Ossetia under Russia's wing, what will happen with the rest of Georgia? Will Russia be found guilty of violating international law? Did South Ossetia set an example for other regions trying to become independent? This treaty has proved Russia's repetitive image and created a more unpredictable future.

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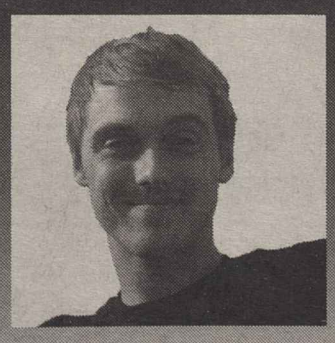

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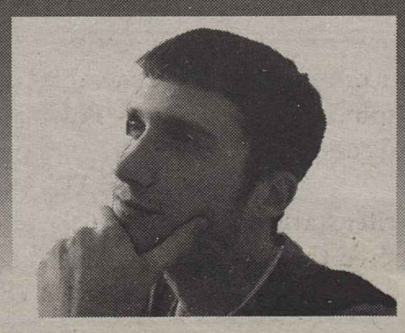

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Cross country seeks to continue impressive seasons

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With coach Christopher Straub heading the men's team and his assistant of last year, coach Brian Falk, heading the women's, cross country, Elizabethtown College is looking forward to a promising season this year.

Both teams came out strong from Dickinson's Long/Short Invitational on Saturday. Straub acknowledged that "the meet was an improvement from the Waynesburg Invitational a week ago for both the men's and women's team. If we can make improvements from week to week, we'll be where we want to be come MACs and regionals."

"On the men's side, Eric Reichert posted the fourth fastest 4K time (12:32) on the Dickinson course in ECXC history, only seven seconds slower than 2001 All-American Dustin Scott," Straub explained regarding the outcome of Saturday's invitational.

For the women, sophomore Kristen O'Brien ran a time of 15:23, making her the top finisher of the meet.

When asked how both the men's and women's teams are doing so far this season, Straub expressed a positive outlook, but also stated that "Falk and I have both seen a lot of things we want to work on."

Junior Megan VanDenHengel expressed feelings similar to Straub's.

"There are a lot of good quality runners [this year], but a lot of people are doubting us right now," she said.

Straub explained that the loss of star runner Erin Fisher last year has brought on doubts about the team's strength without her. Regarding the team's ability to still perform well without Fisher, Straub said, "We still believe that we can."

However, he did state that as far the size of the teams, they are a "little lower on the women's side than we would like."

As far as the rest of the season goes, "We're close to beating three men's teams I feel we should be at by the season's end: Messiah, Gettysburg and Muhlenberg," Straub said.

"If we can beat these teams, we should find ourselves in position to finish as high as sixth in the region. There are five teams in the Mideast Region that are head and shoulders above the rest of us. Carnegie-Mellon, Haverford, Allegheny, Dickinson and Johns Hopkins are clearly out of our league right now."

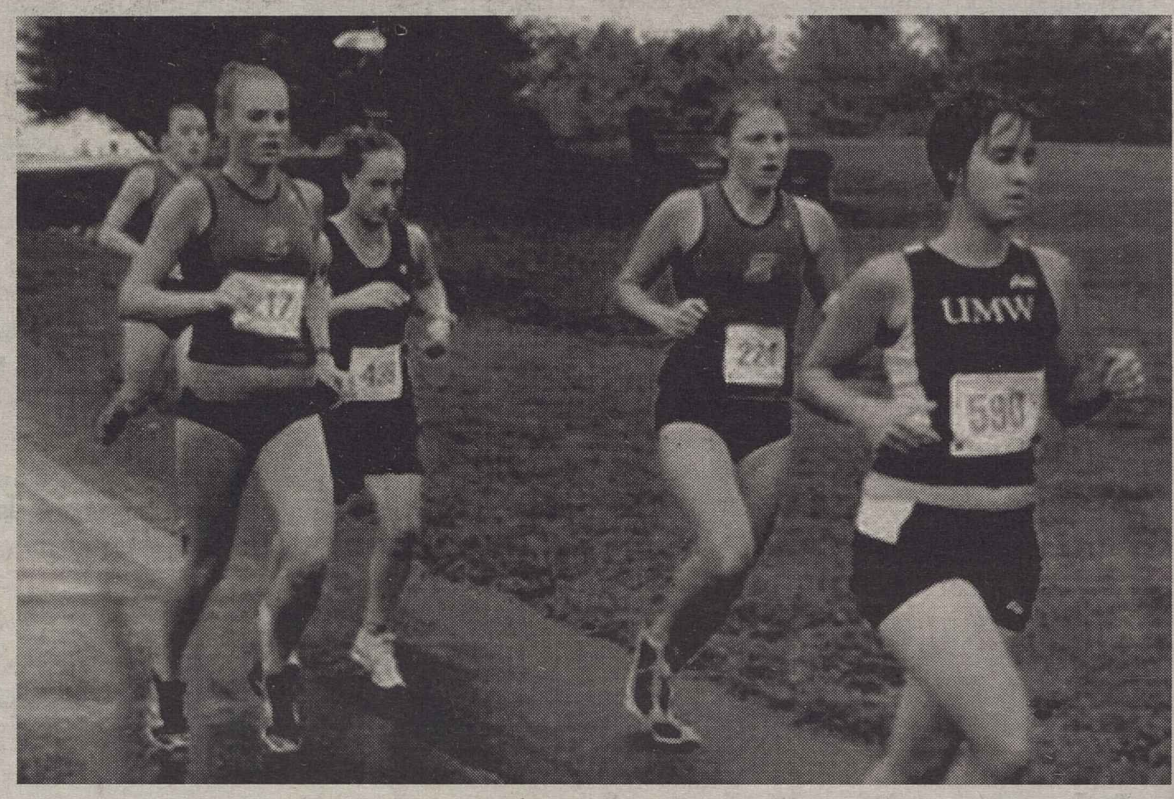
When asked how this year's first-year students are adapting to being on a cross country team at the college level, Straub confirmed that they are a "very talented group and are adjusting really well." He also explained that they come from very well established high school programs, so the transition for them is not too difficult.

"Generally speaking, we get looked over," Straub said. "But we like flying under the radar."

The cross country team is happy with its niche at Etown.

As Straub put it, "I don't like saying, 'oh, poor us' I like embracing the underdog mentality."

Both teams' next meets is not until Oct. 4 when the teams will travel to Delaware for the Goldey-Beacom Fall Classic, and then on Oct. 11 they travel to Juniata for the Juanita Invitational.



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etown women's soccer

Lady Jays enter midseason with two overtime wins

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

The Lady Jays are continuing this season with a kick. With a current record of five wins, two losses, and one tie, they persist in maintaining their goal of winning the conference championship. Women's soccer coach Bob Scotten, said "Our goals are reachable, but we have a lot of hard work to do to get there."

The team has been doing a lot of work at practice and in games. One aspect of the game Scotten says that the team has been working on in practice is playing the game as a team. It is easy to have a superstar or two and let them do all the work, but it is a team sport, so the goal to make it to NCAAs can only be reached if they play as a team. Their efforts are obviously working because they wouldn't have been able to win last Saturday if they didn't play as a team.

They traveled to Moravian to battle the Greyhounds, and after a double overtime, the Jays pulled out a victory. Scotten remarked, "Our last game was won by never giving up and working hard, and a great shot by junior Erin Scott."

It was a tough game played well by both teams, but at the end of the day, Etown had more hustle and perseverance. With Etown dominating the last 65 minutes of action, the Lady Jays soccer team completed their third shutout for the season with a final score of 1-0. Earlier in the week, on Thursday, the women's soccer team defeated Delaware Valley 1-0.

With the help of senior captains Carly Hoskins and Jenna Russo, the team is able to have wonderful spirit. "Our seniors are fantastic. All five of them are a huge part of this team," Scotten replied.

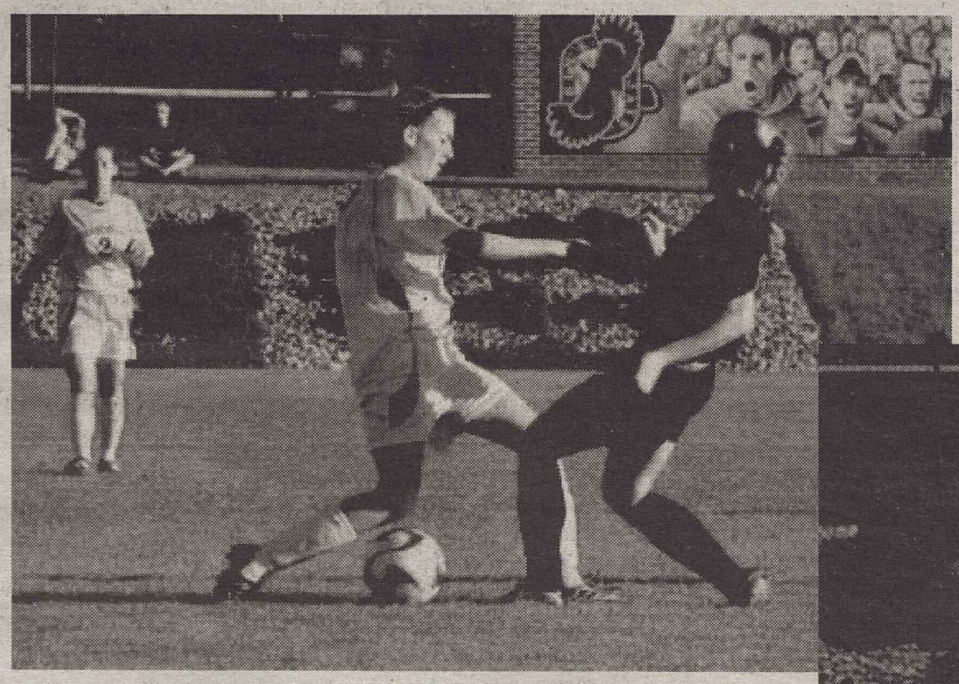
Having five victories so far along with two losses, the team obviously has some very strong characteristics, but they are still staying modest and working hard in practice.

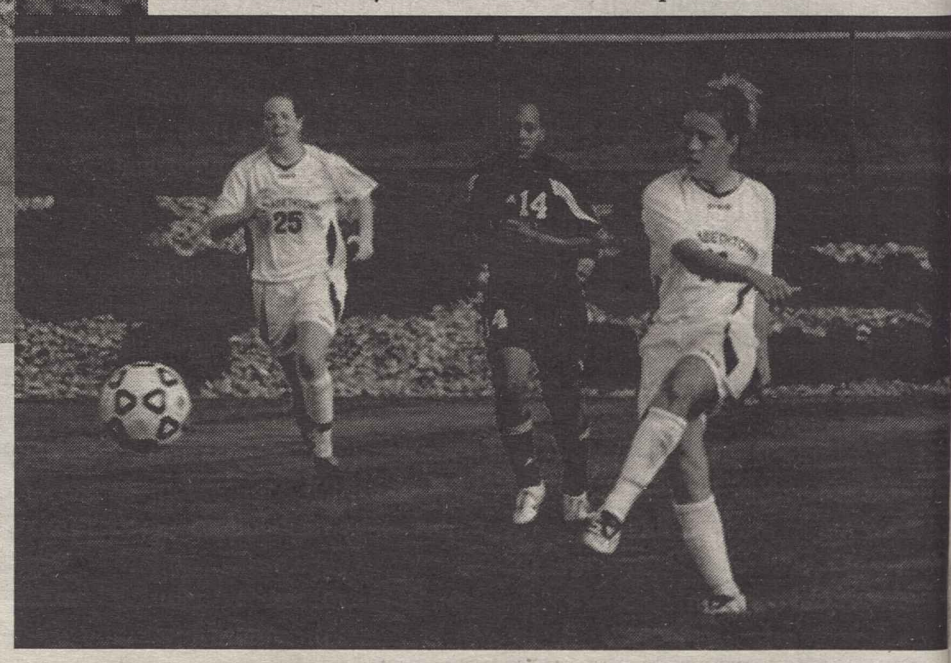
"Strong aspects of our team are good work ethic, tough players and a willingness to never give up," Scotten said.

The team isn't necessarily young; it is more of a mix of players of all classes, so that makes the team as a whole a threat because the opponents know that Etown isn't going away and will only get better. On Tuesday, women's soccer defeated York College 2-0 and dominated the shots on goal.

This past week, the Lady Jays have dominated every team that they have come across and hope to continue this winning streak. Each game that they play is one step closer to the conference championship. "We have a lot of work to do in order to reach our goals. We work on getting better every practice and every game so by playoff time we will be ready for the challenge," Scotten said.

It will be a challenge if the Lady Jays make it to the NCAA playoffs, but with their team playing strategy, they should be able to go beyond their goals, and make Etown proud.





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etown field hockey

Conference games to start soon, first against Dutchmen

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

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Despite losing their first game of the season to the unbeaten Monarchs of King's College on Saturday, the Elizabethtown College field hockey team still has high spirits.

"Saturday was our toughest game this season," said senior forward Andrea Miles. "It's never good news to lose a game, but our outlook on it is positive. We see this loss as our last loss of the season. It was a hard game to lose, but all we can do is grow from it and learn how to be an even better team."

Junior forward Katy Boone scored her first goal of the season with ten minutes left in the first half to put Etown up 1-0. King's Candice Russ answered with less than three minutes to play in the half to tie the score at 1-1.

With 15:57 left in the game, the Monarchs' career leading scorer, Debbie Wychock, scored the last goal of the match.

The Monarchs had a 12-11 advantage in shots, while the Blue Jays held a 7-4 advantage in penalty corners. Junior goalkeeper Liz Hannegan had eight saves of the day.

"Just because we lost on Saturday doesn't mean people aren't still out to get us," said senior captain Tiffany Vogel. "We are still a really good team ... we had to remind ourselves that it wasn't a conference game and to keep our heads up."

The Blue Jays now turn their focus to McDaniel, who they faced on Wednesday. Last year, the Green Terror beat the Blue Jays 2-1.

"McDaniel has always been a team that has always pushed us to play harder," senior midfielder Kelsey Diehl said. "We go into every game with the mentality that this is going to be a tough team, and we need to give this game everything we have. That is exactly what we are doing with McDaniel."

The Lady Jays ended up beating McDaniel in a shutout of 2-0, increacing their record to 7-1.

The Blue Jays are certainly inspired by the fact that they are still ranked 13th in the nation.

"We made the biggest jump in the rankings ... and it was great to get that recognition," junior defender Caitlin Smith said. "We are working hard, but we also have room for improvement. A ranking like 13th gives us the opportunity to improve."

"We definitely deserve it," Vogel agreed.

In less than a week, the Lady Jays will face their first conference opponent: Lebanon Valley College.

The Dutchmen are currently 6-1 and have not yet had a Commonwealth Conference matchup.

"In the [three] years that I have been here we have not beaten them," Diehl said. "We all are anticipating that game next week and looking forward to it, but right now, they are in the back of our minds. We have two games this week that need to be focused on before we can prepare for LVC."

"We know that they will be a tough match, but we need to focus on what is in front of us right now and use each game to help us get better and work on the little aspects of our game to help us play our best when we face them," Smith added.

etown volleyball

Volleyball looks to enter home tournament strong

Meredith L. Pritchard
Staff Writer

The Lady Jays volleyball team started off their Commonwealth Conference games with a 3-1 victory over Messiah College Wednesday, Sept. 17. Junior captain Paige Tanner ended the game with a match high of 14 kills and 16 digs. First-year Kelsey Hayes followed closely with eight kills while junior captian Kayla Deats contributed seven kills, eight digs and four aces.

The Lady Jays won by scores of 25-18, 25-14, 25-23 and 25-15 over the Falcons (7-3 overall, 0-1 Commonwealth). Last weekend the team attended Capital University's Mid-Month Madness Tournament. Unfortunately, they were not as successful Friday and Saturday, losing 3-1 to Albion College, 3-0 to Denison University, College of Mount St. Joseph and host, Capital University.

As the 2008 sports season begins, the girls are at 6-8 overall and 1-0 in the Commonwealth Conference. After winning the Commonwealth Conference in 2007, the Lady Jays are ready to dive into a new season. "Our ultimate goal for the season is to win the Commonwealth Conference Championships again this year," sophomore Amanda Ritchey said.

Head coach Randall Kreider is very optimistic for his team and said, "We have started out the season pretty well, but have a lot of challenges ahead." However, he sees the potential for a lot of success in the upcoming games and season.

"Our two captains, juniors Deats and Tanner, are really our 'go to' players and they keep the team together," Kreider said.

"This season is not for building but more for regrouping. We really need to prove ourselves, especially in this first Commonwealth Conference game against Messiah," Deats said.

The team is young in the sense that there are no seniors this year, which means the girls can work together to assemble a strong team bond over the next two years. Two previous players, Kelly Downs '08 and Stacy Wasserman '08, are returning to the team as assistant coaches this year.

The Lady Jays had their second Commonwealth Conference game against Lycoming this past Monday.

The Lady Jays had their second win in the Commonwealth Conference against Lycoming this past Tuesday. The girls swept the court and proved themselves against Warriors in Thompson Gymnasium. Tanner totaled 14 kills, while Deats added seven kills and two blocks. Sophomore Kara Burkholder had an incredible game with 18 assists, helping them to a 3-0 final outcome.

"It's just the beginning," Ritchey said. The girls are ready to work hard and focus on the regrouping process, so they can be the best team they can be.

"Come out and watch us; it really makes the whole team play better when we have a good crowd cheering us on in the stands," Kreider said.

The next opportunity to support the Lady Jays is at the Blue Jay Classic this upcoming weekend, Sept. 26 and 27. After that they head to Arcadia for a match on Oct. 1.

remembering Yankee Stadium

Goodbye, Old Friend

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Dear Yankee Stadium,

As your long 85-year lifespan quickly comes to a close, it only makes sense to pay tribute to all for which you have stood. Since your construction in 1923, you have become one of the most renowned stadiums in the world and have seen some of the most legendary names in the history of the game.

From Babe Ruth's inaugural homerun the day you were born that gave you the nickname "the house that Babe built," to Lou Gehrig's emotional farewell speech on July 4, 1939, to Reggie Jackson's famous three consecutive homeruns hit in game six of the championship-winning 1977 World Series, you've seen it all. You've housed 45 years of baseball playoffs, including 21 percent of all World Series games. You are to baseball what the White House what to the government.

But you are more then just a stadium. You are a national landmark. No other building in America has hosted three Papal masses, Muhammad Ali's famous fight against Ken Norton, football's "greatest game ever played," and several concerts including Billy Joel, U2 and Pink Floyd.

Remember on October 30, 2001, six weeks after America was attacked, when President Bush visited you to throw out the first pitch in game four of the World Series? Guided by our fearless leader, it was that night that Americans became unified and showed the world that we were strong. No matter what political views people have now, it is hard finding somebody who wasn't in tears after that moment.

But what makes you really stand out is your classic charm. In a world overrun by modern skyscrapers and sports stadiums that, for the majority of them have no character, your presence stands for all that is pure. Even Yankee haters have to admit there is a special mystique about you. Derek Jeter once told his former teammate Aaron Boone, who was new to the park, to "just wait when the ghosts come out here." And maybe it is the ghosts of the past that make you so magnificent.

Your cathedral of baseball is filled with so many secrets that can never be replaced. Between Lou Gehrig's hidden room in which he would meditiate in after he learned of his terminal illness to the tiny bathroom in the back of the Yankees bullpen that closer Mariano Rivera escaped to after being overwhelmed by emotions after winning game 7 of the American League Championship Series in 2003, your architecture is timeless.

In a few months your name will move across the street and your walls will be replaced by a mere park of commemoration. But your memory will never fade. As Yogi Berra says, "I'm not going to miss [you], I'm going to remember [you]."

So thank you, Yankee Stadium, for opening your doors to the world for the past 85 years. It's been a fun ride.

etown men's soccer

Men's soccer streaking towards success

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

After a rocky start to its 2008 season, the Elizabethtown men's soccer team is back on track following a 1-0 win over Wilkes University last Saturday night.

This most recent win puts the Jays on a three game winning streak for the season.

The Wilkes Colonels (3-4-0) was greeted by an electric atmosphere when they arrived to play the Blue Jays on Saturday night in the non-conference match.

After a well-fought first half, both teams headed into halftime in a 0-0 draw.

However, early in the second half, senior Bryan Holt scored off of a solid cross by sophomore Taylor Helsel in the last ten minutes.

Photo: David. G. Breidenstine

With over 35 minutes left to play, the Jays had to play smart defense and protect their coveted 1-0 lead, and they did just that as they soared to a 1-0 win.

Senior Jeff Mullen recorded his fourth shutout of the season as he made six impressive saves throughout the game to hold the Colonels to an empty score sheet.

When asked how the win against Wilkes felt, head coach Skip Rodderick said, "Revenge is always a nice motivation, and it was a sweet win considering we started out very slow. After we went into the half and made some changes we came out much stronger and were able to nullify what they were doing."

Only three days before their victory over Wilkes, the Blue Jays put on a goal scoring clinic at home as they beat Neumann 6-0.

The Jays were fortunate, as the Neumann Knights began the scoring themselves with a goal for etown in the 11th minute. Then, only 43 seconds later, senior Matt Diller put one in the back off of the net on the opposite end of the field off of a feed by sophomore Andrew Filewicz. The Knights added to the score sheet one more time for the Jays, and the next goal was blasted home by sophomore Gavin Nevill off of a pass by sophomore Adam Liddle.

With only seven minutes remaining sophomore Tony Pacella scored his second goal in as many games off of a free kick.

Just 38 seconds later, first-year player Pat Doughty capped off the scoring for the night.

Considering the Jays are on a three game winning streak, an obvious question is, what were the changes made since the beginning of the season?

"Well, we hired another trainer and changed our system according to the teams and players we were facing," Roderick Said.

"We've also been trying to tweak our lineup so we know where the best positions for players are."

woman of year

Etown alumna awaits award announcement

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

The women's cross country team enjoyed plenty of success last season, bringing home the MAC title and ranking 23rd in the nation.

However, while most of those girls are out on the trails preparing for the current season, one member, alumna Erin Fisher, is still basking in the glory of last year's fantastic season.

That is because the NCAA recently announced that Fisher was one of thirty finalists for the 2008 Woman of the Year award.

This award is presented to just one female athlete from over 12,000 institutions across the nation.

To qualify for the award, the female athlete must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and have earned a varsity letter in at least one NCAA-sanctioned collegiate sport.

What makes the award so valuable, however, is the meaning behind it. This is not simply an Athlete of the Year award, or even a Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.

This is the Woman of the Year award, and it takes into account your academic honors, service to the community and athletic accomplishments.

So is Fisher qualified? Well, let's see: she graduated with a 3.98 cumulative GPA, while double-majoring in biology and mathematics. She is an All-American in both cross country and outdoor track and field, while being named the 2007 Mideast Region Athlete of the Year.

She was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America College Division Third Team in 2007 and was also named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association All-Academic Team for multiple years.

She also helped victims of Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi for a week and helped low-income families in Kentucky with home construction projects, all while being involved in many groups including Faith in Action. If you still don't believe she deserves it, try putting a 100 percent commitment into ONE of these things, and then you may change your mind.

There is one other quality about Fisher that really makes her seem to be the perfect fit for the award, and that is that she is all about the team. Never has she let all the awards and accolades she has earned consume her. Even now, after she graduated, cares more about the team than her own success.

"It is so much harder to run for myself [now], instead of for my team. I've been living my running life vicariously through them, watching their successes, and I wish them the best of luck," Fisher said.

It was never really about her success and how she got there, it was all about the team and the mentors that helped take her there.

When asked what it means to be selected as a finalist for the Woman of the Year award, she said, "To know of the accomplishments of the other nominees and finalists and to be named among them is quite an honor.

"I owe Dr. Coren a huge thank-you for this opportunity, as he encouraged me to apply and nominate me for this award. I never would have been in this position without his input," she said.

She also went on to recognize the coaching staff here at Etown.

"I've been very fortunate to have great coaches here at Elizabethtown, both in track and cross country. They have all, whether I've worked with them directly or not, contributed to my athletic experiences and successes. I'd especially have to acknowledge coaches Straub and Dager for their roles in my collegiate career."

If you noticed though, never in her answer did she talk about herself or her accomplishments.

On Oct. 19, at an awards dinner in Indianapolis, the NCAA will announce the Woman of the Year.

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in the nation

Debate heats up between parties

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The road to the White House for Republican presidential nominee John McCain and Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama has been one of the most fascinating contests in recent memory. Obama has attempted to connect McCain's policies to the much-maligned Bush administration, while skepticism has emerged over Obama's relative inexperience. It is a minor miracle that both survived to this stage of the game. The Democratic senator from Illinois staged a triumph over Democratic favorite Hillary Clinton, and the Republican from Arizona had to overcome campaign-related financial woes while counterbalancing Rudy Giuliani's heroic image.

Despite requests from the McCain campaign to postpone last Friday's debate in light of the late-breaking financial crisis, events continued as planned, and the first of three presidential debates took center stage in front of a captive audience at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

College area coordinators Sara Richards-Oliver and Joey Allen, assisted by dorm RAs, hosted viewings of the debate in the lounges of each residence hall. Representatives of campus political organizations were in attendance as well to monitor the debate.

In the Founders main lounge were senior Kristen Ebersole and junior Katy Kauffman of the College Democrats. Prior to the debates, Kauffman voiced her support for Obama: "I support his foreign policy, and it is tied directly to economic policy."

"I like his foreign policy and support for developing alternative fuels, in addition to his stance on Iraq. I just feel that he's the stronger candidate overall," Ebersole added.

Some Etown students remain undecided, including senior Elissa Chappel, who stated, "I don't really like either candidate. They both have their issues."

The College Republicans could not be reached for comment at press time.

Dynamic PBS news anchor Jim Lehrer was selected to moderate the debate, his eleventh such opportunity. After laying out the forum rules, he introduced the candidates. Each candidate began by thanking the hosts and McCain touched upon Senator Ted Kennedy's hospitalization before Lehrer forwarded the first question.

Lehrer led the candidates into questions on the economy and the proposed bailout plan. While both said that they would support a bailout plan Obama emphasized the need for a lack of golden parachutes for responsible corporate officers while McCain stressed his holding the SEC chairman responsible. The Republican senator also remarked that while "we Republicans came to power to change the govern-

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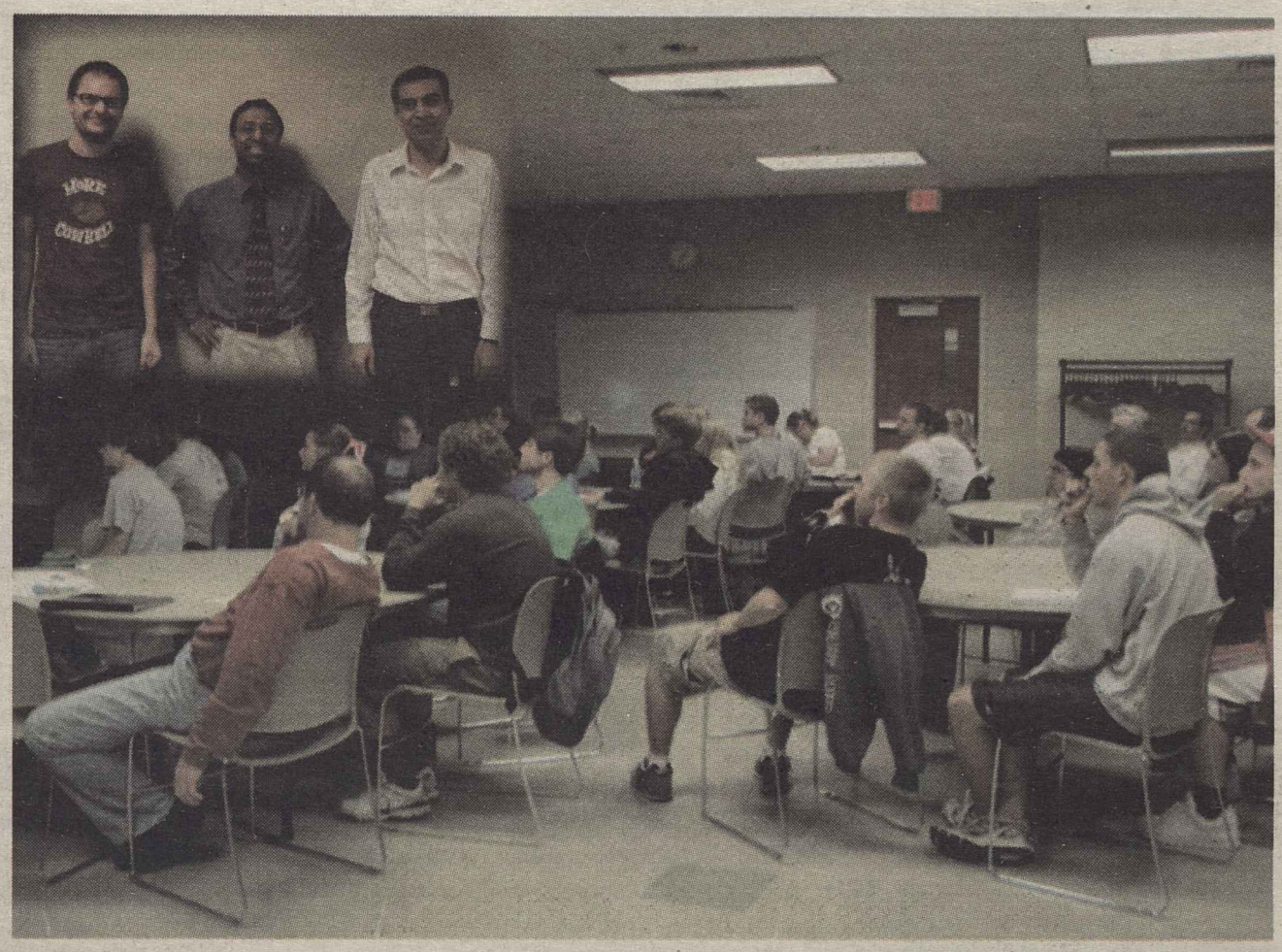
Panel discussion on financial crisis



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Students observed business professors Thomas Sheiding, Sanjay Paul and Hossein Varamini as they presented a panel discussion on the nation's economic state.

Shaleen A. Spulio
Managing Editor

Last evening, business department faculty held a panel discussion on the current economic health of the markets called, "Ben and Hank's Not-so-Excellent Adventure: Bailouts, Markets and the U.S. Economy." The panel consisted of Sanjay Paul, associate professor of economics and department chair; Thomas Scheiding, assistant professor of economics; and Hossein Varamini, professor of business and director of international business.

Discussing the recent fragile financial system, the professors provided their insight on past case studies of similar financial crises, the current situation and future possibilities.

"History repeats itself," Scheiding said, using the well-known maxim to compare the current crisis to the stock market crash in 1929. "When the market needed the credit, the credit wasn't there."

As fewer and fewer lenders remain, over $20 billion in student loans are administered solely by Sallie Mae, out of the $26 million total. "[Students] can't be choosy about the terms, conditions and poor customer service," Scheiding said.

Scheiding also explained that the economic rescue plan would "provide encouragement to banks to be willing to loan to each other," thereby allowing money to flow in the system. The current interbank interest rate is 6.88 percent. The normal range is between two and three percent. Liquidity, the ability to convert into cash, would increase, and thereby buying and selling would increase, leading to a reduction of the negative effect on the economy.

"In essence, we need to re-liquefy the market," Scheiding remarked.

Earlier in the week, the economic rescue plan failed in the House by a margin of 23 votes, 228-205. Senator Barrack Obama commented, "The failure to pass the economic rescue plan in Washington led to the single largest decline of the stock market in two decades." The stock market declined 777 points the same day and then rebounded halfway the next with the hopes of a future acceptance of a bailout plan.

"There is a fear in the markets; you see that in the stock market on a daily basis," Varamini noted in the discussion.

"One step we could take to potentially broaden support for the legislation and shore up our economy would be to expand federal deposit insurance for families and small businesses across America who have invested their money in our banks," Obama said.

Last night, soon after the discussion, the rescue plan succeeded in the Senate and tomorrow, the newly-revised bill, with a provision that will insure bank accounts up to $250,000 — more than double the previous $100,000 — will head to the House for a re-vote. It is not yet definite that the House will approve the new edition.

"While I, like others, am outraged that the reign of irresponsibility on Wall Street and in Washington has created the current crisis," Obama said, "I also know that continued inaction in the face of the gathering storm in our financial markets would be catastrophic for our economy and our families."

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Etown in the "House"

This week's episode of the popular drama is penned by one of Etown's own.

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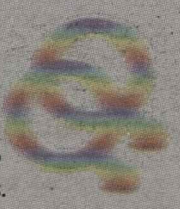
The industry's first gay marriage cards spark differing views from two Etown students.



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news in brief

Hopeful assurances of lost dogs finding their way back home are no longer merely untrue stories told by well-meaning parents.

Pepper, a golden retriever from Atlanta, Ga., ran away from his family nine months ago when they were on vacation in Florida. His family had all but given up hope when he sought shelter outside a travel agency in St. Petersburg, Fla., during a thunderstorm.

Jay Getman, an employee at the agency, took pity on the "soaking wet, filthy, dirty, flea-infested" animal. Getman, concerned that Pepper had run from an abusive family, took the dog to a veterinarian, who discovered his owners' information on an implanted microchip.

Four college students attending George Fox University confessed to orchestrating the hanging of a cardboard cutout of Barack Obama from a tree on their Oregon campus.

This mock Obama, discovered by one of the Christian university's professors, was suspended by its neck with fishing line.

The four students were suspended immediately and must complete mandatory community service.

Additionally, they face a preliminary FBI investigation regarding the possible violation of civil rights.

A New Jersey billboard sponsored by animal rights group PETA made quite a controversial splash in the autism community.

The billboard reads, "Studies have shown a link between cow's milk and autism." The studies referenced were completed by researchers at the University of Rome, but they did not result in conclusive evidence that this link actually exists.

This billboard is part of PETA's new "go vegan" campaign, which encourages the public to drink human breast milk rather than cow's milk. The group claims that milk from cows is meant for calves, not humans.

Compiled by Aimée M. DiMichele from msnbc.com and abcnews.com

on campus

Nike sweatshop conditions cause concern

Kaitlin A. McCaffrey
Staff Writer

Put yourself in the shoes of a parent, then use that mentality to imagine not being able to afford to live with your children. You can't raise them, you can't feed them, and you can't play with them. Why? Because you are an employee of a Nike sweatshop in Tangerang, Indonesia, and you make $1.25 a day.

Jim Keady, a former coach for the St. John's University soccer team, recently spoke to students and faculty at Elizabethtown College in a presentation titled "Behind the Swoosh." In the presentation, Keady delved into his experience gained after spending a month working in a Nike sweatshop in Indonesia.

A student of theology and devout Catholic, Keady seemed to be en route to living the life he dreamed. He was playing the sport he loved and was offered a coaching position at St. John's so he could share that love with others. Knowing the reputation Nike had with their laborers in foreign countries and the injustices they incurred, it made sense that when Keady found out Nike was the chosen apparel for the team, he would take a stand. "Hypocrisy manifested" was how he succinctly explained the relationship between an institution of faith giving their endorsement to a company who cared so little about human decency. Keady was given an ultimatum to either wear Nike and drop the subject or resign from his position. In July of 1998, Keady was fired.

His termination of employment marked the time for change. Along with a college colleague, Leslie Kretzu, Keady packed his bags and was on his way to Indonesia. They had no idea of the living conditions they would endure as they spent a month living the daily lives of Indonesian workers. A barely habitable 9-foot-by-9-foot cement room was what they called home and it was shared with five to 10 families. There was no privacy, no air-conditioning and no quality of life of which to speak. In a movie shown during the presentation chronicling the month Keady and Kretzu endured, it was stated that workers had 7000 rupiah a day to spend. With that small amount, they could only afford two simple meals and barely anything else.

"It's impossible to live on that much a day and maintain human dignity," Kretzu said.

Living conditions for the rest of the city were just as brutal. Keady stumbled upon a massive pile of discarded Nike shoe rubber that got burned in an arena where local children play. This burning rubber was found to give off harmful toxins and carcinogens.

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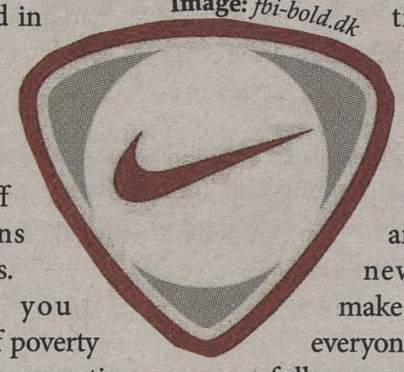


"How can you break a cycle of poverty if there's a lost generation of children you can't educate?" Keady said.

While in Indonesia, Keady traveled to Jakarta to try and gain entrance to Nike headquarters. He was repeatedly denied admittance, and an informational sheet was faxed to workers warning them they were not to speak to Keady. The workers were threatened with physical abuse or even death if they did not comply. Upon returning to the United States, Keady attempted to secure an interview with the CEO of Nike, Phil Knight, but was again denied.

"While I find his life choices respectable, Indonesia is a very extreme example of the sweatshop dilemma and thus makes it easy to portray a very slanted view," sophomore Kyle Ashe said.

Keady now spends his time lecturing at colleges, universities and other institutions, trying to open the eyes of the public and imploring the new generation to make a difference. Not everyone is convinced he fully accomplished his goal. Junior Samantha Schneider said she "wishes he had given us more of a solution, a more proactive way to help."

Nike isn't the only company abusing their workers but they were pinpointed by Keady and his associates because they are the company with the highest impact. Nike is the industry leader and has an unparalleled global outreach. Keady and his team are working to be the change and are looking to students to help fill in the gaps.

on campus

First-year experience extends through fall

Laura E. Kuserk
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown College offers something that not many other colleges in America have. No, I'm not talking about chocolate days or marshmallow games. Etown offers its students a first-year program designed to make that scary transition between high school and college much smoother.

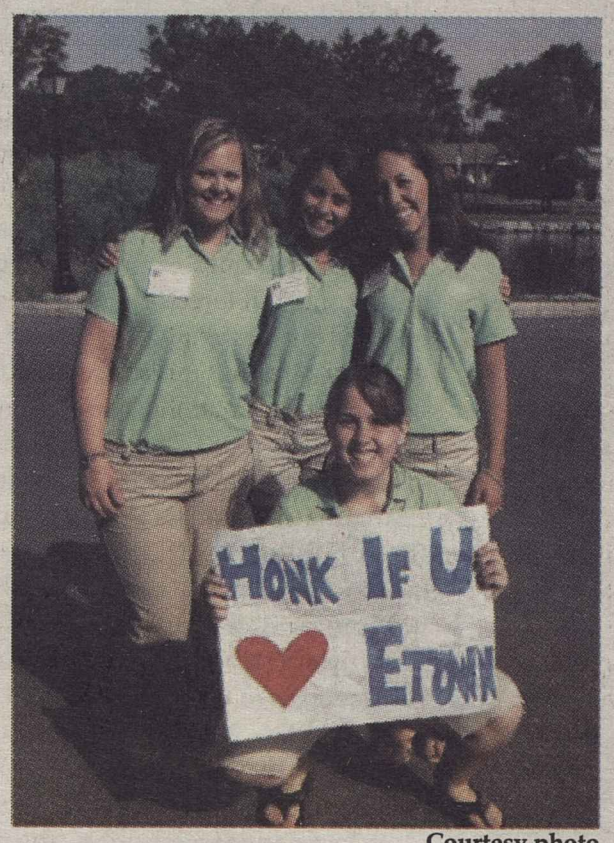
At the end of June, incoming first-year students and their parents come to the campus for a day to meet with their Peer Mentors and First-Year Seminar professors. It is here that they get their fall schedule, as well as meet with a few other students who will be in their peer group. Throughout the summer, some First-Year Seminar professors maintain contact with their students to try and get to know them better.

Once the school year starts, the first-year program is threefold: First-Year Seminar, First-Year Colloquium and advising.

In the fall, a required course for all first-year students is their First-Year Seminar. These seminars are offered in a wide variety of subjects from Shakespeare to recycling.

Also in the fall semester, first-year students are required to go to Colloquium which takes place every Wednesday at 11 a.m. First-Year Seminar professors also become advisors for their students during their first semester.

In charge of Elizabethtown's first-year experience is Thomas Hagan, Assistant Dean of the First-Year Program. His responsibilities include coordinating all the First-Year Seminars and First-Year Colloquiums. He also helps with Orientation and with first-year advising.



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Peer Mentors energetically welcome incoming first-year students and their families to summer Orientation.

"There is a very strong connection between the academics, the admissions people, and student life working together for a common cause—help the student to succeed," Hagan said.

Alexandra Sheakley is also part of the First-Year Program, serving as the Coordinator of Orientation Programs. She begins working with incoming first-years as soon as they hand in their deposit to Etown. She is also in charge of making sure these students get and fill out all the appropriate forms to place them in the courses they choose. Along with Hagan, she runs summer and fall Orientation. In addition, she oversees the Peer Mentor program.

"We have a very supportive network for our first-year students with assigning them a First-Year Seminar instructor and then pairing two Peer Mentors with [them]," she said. "They have a unit right away. It happens at other schools as well, but the investment on the part of the faculty member and the Peer Mentors is at an exciting level here because people take their roles seriously."

"It's a really fulfilling experience," sophomore Peer Mentor Steve DiGrazia said. "I had two really exceptional Peer Mentors last year and I wanted to be a positive role model and friend for a group of first-year students much like my peer mentors were for me."

Patrick Doughty, a first-year student, thinks the program is helpful.

"I think the seminar is good, but Colloquium takes up time that could be used for studying," he said. "But the Seminar and peer group definitely introduce you to a whole bunch of friends right away."

Jennifer Schoonmaker is now a junior. Looking back on her first-year experience, she believes that the College was helpful in making her transition from high school to college easier.

"I think that the Elizabethtown First-Year Program is very efficient and helpful during the first semester of college," she said. "I think that's the most important time to help kids succeed."

on campus

Long outlines Heroic Ambitions for College's progress

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Assistant Online Editor

In a Sept. 18 Campus News memo, President Long released his Heroic Ambitions for Elizabethtown College. Affirmed by the Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees last April, these ambitions outline the president's long-term goals for the College.

The six objectives articulated in Long's Heroic Ambitions range from specific financial watermarks to more abstract goals. Additionally, the effects of the plan will be seen both in and out of the classroom; one of the goals solely addresses Residential Life.

The six Heroic Ambitions are as follows:

- Educate for Service: Distinguish our service emphasis by focusing our educational program on learning for lives of service.
- Signature Attributes: Develop a distinctive, common educational experience expressing each signature attribute in the Strategic Vision.
- Residential Life: Create a distinctive residential learning experience expressive of the college's mission and vision.
- Fiscal Capacity: Grow the College's endowment by $100 million and fully fund depreciation.
- Program Leadership: Achieve a level of programmatic excellence sufficient to be recognized as a regional leader in at least five programs and a national leader in at least one program.
- College Position: Gain recognition as one of the nation's best comprehensive liberal arts colleges.

The objective of the Heroic Ambitions, Long emphasizes, is not to change the College or its mission. Instead, Long intends to gain recognition for what the College does well, while refining and strengthening areas that need work.

"These goals are nothing new, but now that they're written down, we know specifically where we'd like to be in five to 10 years," Long said.

In addressing the most difficult goals, Long said, "In the short term, growing the endowment will be difficult because of the way the economy is right now… In the long run, focusing on educating for service will prove difficult because it's less tangible than the others."

Long specified that growing the College's endowment would be critical to the success of the plan.

"With enough funding, everything else will fall into place," Long said. "We already have a very talented and diverse faculty."

Long explained that the funding is not an end in itself, but the means to that end. Many of the plan's aspects are interrelated. As the endowment grows, the College will be able to improve its programs, leading to more regional and national recognition. At the core is Elizabethtown's dedication to educating for service.

"We want to improve upon the aspects that the College has become known for over the past ten years," Long said.

If it works as intended, the plan will bring countless other benefits to Elizabethtown, including a more culturally, ethnically and geographically diverse student body.

The Heroic Ambitions are designed to promote long-term growth without concrete finishing points.

"We will always have to work on improving the College," Long said.

That work, he stressed, will continue long after his ambitions are met.

on campus

Honor's Council fundraiser

Brielle E. Parady
Guest Writer

Bigger and better ideas are expected to come out of the Honors Council this year, as the club is picking up new projects and more service opportunities in an effort to get students involved. This turn-around is predicted to increase the number of students interested and get the club more connected to the rest of the College.

The Honors Council is turning to the Elizabethtown College community to share in the transformation as changes are being made to the club. The next fundraiser being held is Monday, Oct. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Friendly's in Lancaster. Anyone who comes between these times will greatly help, as a percentage of the profits will go to the Honors Council. The group is also holding more Friendly's nights on Oct. 13 and Nov. 11 in the surrounding areas.

These fundraisers are one step the Honors Council is taking to raise money for the necessary changes being planned, but this might fall through without participation from Elizabethtown students.

The Honors Council at Elizabethtown College has been fighting a difficult battle to keep students involved in the program.

Instead of setting up a table at the Student Involvement Fair and recruiting first-year students, the Honors students are hand-selected through the application process. Only 10 percent of the incoming class will be accepted into the Honors program, according to the Elizabethtown College Honor's Program history. These students are then given the option of becoming a member of the Honors Council.

Remodeling the Wenger basement is one action that the Honors Council hopes to achieve this year. This idea was brought up by students in the Honors Program who are interested in spending more time in the designated study rooms and lounge, but feel it doesn't have a personal touch.

A spring trip is also being discussed, and more money raised means less that the students will pay.

The club is expanding and, with the added publicity chair and the new interest from incoming students, it is calling on the student body to help out.

Holding fundraisers is a way to get everyone involved and raise money for the upcoming events.

If anyone is interested in attending the Friendly's fundraiser on Oct. 6, it is located at 1655 Columbia Ave. in Lancaster.

For other fundraiser information contact Lauren DeMezza at DEMEZZAL@etown.edu or the Honors Council at HONORSCOUNCIL@etown.edu.

Corrections

In last week's article "Campus clubs concur: students should vote," quotes from the College Republicans were mistakenly attributed to Meghan McNaughton. These quotes were actually from junior Alex D'Angola.

Additionally, Mark McNaughton is a former State Representative, not a former State Senator as was printed.

In the centerfold of last week's article, "BCA, Mundo Lengua sends students to Barcelona, Cadiz," the summer program to Barcelona was incorrectly attributed to Mundo Lengua. The program was actually faculty-led by Dr. Montserrat Linares from the modern languages department.

The Etownian apologizes for any confusion.

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Obama/McCain showdown

ment, the government changed us." While he also stated that the United States has the second highest business tax of any country, Obama retorted by criticizing the practice of businesses that find loopholes to avoid the taxes.

The candidates were asked to address the issue of excessive "earmark spending," or special-interest projects for their constituencies. McCain began by promising to veto every spending bill which came to his desk, while Obama emphasized the business tax cuts which his opponent was proposing. McCain also stated that Obama had proposed $938 million in earmark monies throughout his term in Congress, which the Democratic nominee vehemently denied.

The discussion then progressed to the Iraq War. Obama accused the Republican Party of diverting resources from the center of the war on terror, Afghanistan, despite the fact that bin Laden had not been captured.

Both agreed on the need to bring the war to a close respectfully. McCain recounted his Fourth of Julys in Baghdad with General David Petraeus and Senator Lindsey Graham, during which he was told by the soldiers that Obama does not understand the situation — that the surge was, in fact, an effective effort to appeal to the voters' pathos.

Obama countered by stressing that al-Qaeda did not exist in Iraq prior to the invasion, and charging that his opponent was only considering the phase of the war within the last year and not the first four years.

The next point of debate involved the candidates' relationary policies toward such totalitarian states as North Korea and Iran. McCain began by stressing that the United States must not hold discussions with dictators including Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Cuba's Castro brothers, as "sitting across from dictators legitimizes their conduct." While Obama argued that preconditions existed for holding talks, he stated that policies of overlooking diplomatic solutions to international conflict further disenfranchises these nations. Both emphasized that Russia's recent actions in Georgia must not be tolerated.

The next question from Lehrer was unexpected, as he asked the candidates, "What do you think the likelihood is that there would be another 9/11-type attack on the continental United States?" Both Obama and McCain emphasized that the U.S. is safer today than it was on Sept. 11, 2001. McCain mentioned that better human intelligence and working with allies remains an important goal, while Obama discussed the need for a greater focus on nuclear nonproliferation. He also argued that the U.S. is much less respected in the international community now than it was before President Bush took office.

McCain concluded by recounting his experiences as a veteran returning from his time as a POW in Vietnam and witnessing the atrocious treatment of veterans at that time, mentioning that he would continue to honor our country's soldiers. Obama also emphasized the need for an improvement in the medical and psychological treatment of veterans. The debate then ended, but the vice presidential debate between Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Sarah Palin will follow closely on its heels at 9 p.m.

While the candidates' exchanges were generally congenial, there were some interjections between the two. The policies of past presidents as well as the present one were frequently referenced by both the candidates and Lehrer. Lehrer led off with a quote from David Eisenhower, McCain mentioned Ronald Reagan's strategies on several occasions, and Obama connected his opponent to George W. Bush.

Who will come out on top and be inaugurated as president on Jan. 20, 2009? It will all depend on what type of candidate voters perceive as most fit to resolve our staggering economic and foreign policy issues.

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Stop and Vote urges students to vote in 2008 election

Benjamin G. Brewer
Staff Writer

Will you be voting in the upcoming presidential election?

If you haven't made plans yet, you've probably been contacted by groups such as Stop and Vote, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to trying to get people to vote by any means possible.

Stop and Vote focuses on young adults and their voice in politics today. According to their Web site, "We are a voice of a demographic that needs to speak up."

"We are real people with different backgrounds and experiences … Our generation is facing real situations, and politicians don't see the world from our perspective. We want *stopandvote.org* to be used as a tool to make each other aware of our collective potential. We want to be counted."

In addition to supplying links to appropriate voter registration forms and information on voter's rights for each state on the Web site, Stop and Vote provides e-cards that can be sent out to encourage voting, and a "tag your neighborhood" link where stickers and logos can be ordered.

Image: *stopandvote.org*

A customized clock is presented based on the viewer's state of registration in and time zone to count down the minutes the user has left to register to vote.

Stop and Vote began with a group of college interns dedicated to giving our generation a more powerful political voice by encouraging voter registration. The interns came from various campuses and worked together on a project at the Concept Farm, a New York Communications firm.

Ray Mendez, a partner at the agency, describes himself as dedicated to creating an assignment that would make a difference.

Mendez challenged the company's summer interns to create a campaign to drive people to action. "Eighteen- to 29-year-olds have so much at stake. But they don't realize that they have the power to shape this country's future with their votes. So that became their [the interns']assignment: create a campaign to drive their generation to the polls," he said.

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The interns designed Stop and Vote and focused their group on the idea of "overcoming their peers' biggest excuse for not voting, "one person's vote won't make a difference."

The campaign is successfully gaining momentum, and is well known for its customizable and sometimes controversial messages encouraging voter registration.

Stop and Vote's Web site launched on Sept. 11, allowing visitors to create their own messages (no matter how controversial) and send them to friends by uploading images and adding their own political thoughts.

The idea behind these personalized messages is that they can highlight any issue important to the creator.

"If religion is important to you in this campaign, vote; If women's rights are important to you, vote; if you're for or against McCain, vote; if you're for or against Obama, vote … The permeations are endless," the Stop and Vote team said.

"I'm registered to vote and I think Stop and Vote carries a worthwhile message … Our generation is too apathetic!" junior Ashley Marciniak said.

So far, the Stop and Vote Web site has had over 1,300 visitors and over 200 voting messages have been created.

The Stop and Vote Facebook group has doubled in size to over 600 members in recent days.

Over 300 people have accessed the voter registration page from the link, successfully moving the organization closer to their goal of motivating young Americans to action.

on campus

Award-winner Sharon Olds to hold poetry reading

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There can be so much more to words than just black and white printing, especially when expressed as poetry.

A story or thought can be presented to a reader or an audience through woven details, intricate wording and simple placement.

Poetry is one of the many creative outlets that allow us to communicate our feelings, express the deeper meaning of topics and connect overall with ourselves through written or spoken word.

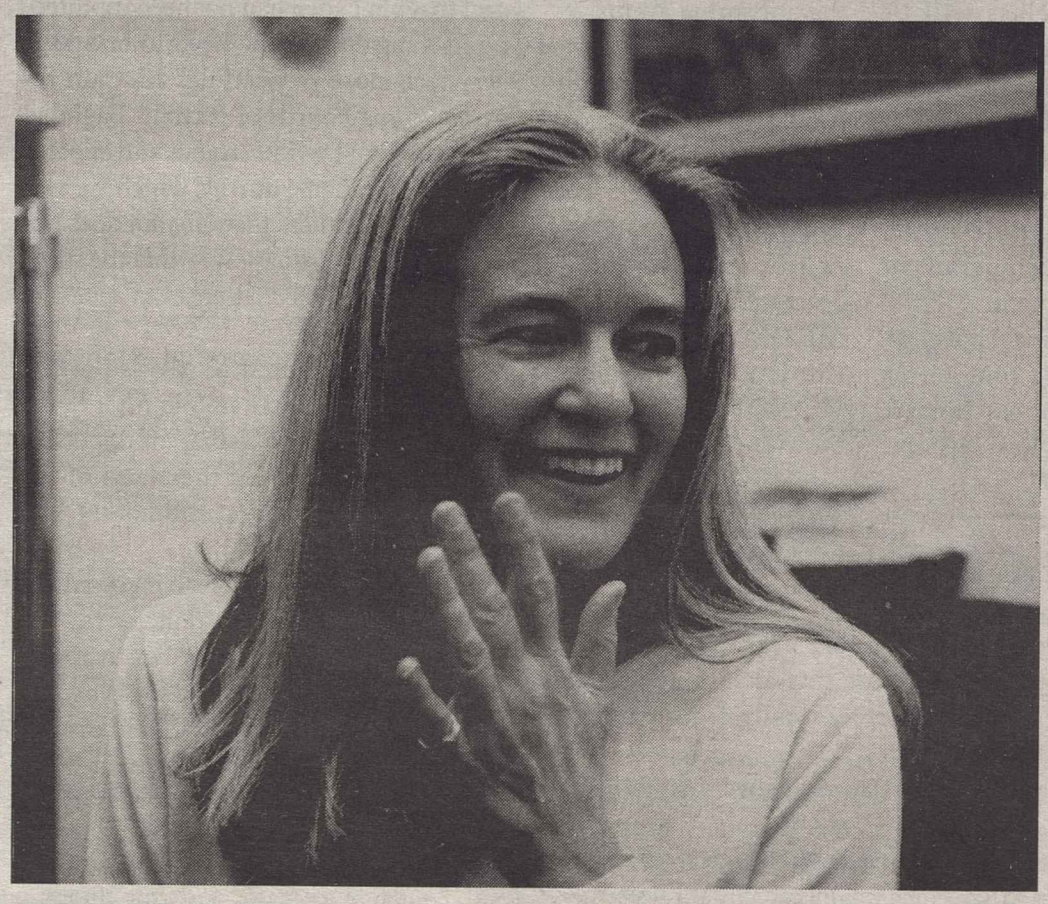
Poetic expression is a great talent, and displaying that talent at Etown on Thursday, Oct. 6 will be award-winning poet Sharon Olds.

Presented by the Etown Poetry Series, Olds will be holding the performance at 8 p.m. in Leffler Chapel and Performing Center.

Olds, born in San Francisco on Nov. 19, 1942, is the author of eight volumes of poetry. She has a B.A. from Stanford University (1964) and received her Ph.D. in English from Columbia University (1972).

Currently, she teaches workshops in the Graduate Creative Writing Program at the New York University and a writing workshop at the Goldwater Hospital in New York.

Her collections include "Satan Says" (1980), "The Dead and the Living" (1983), "The Gold Cell" (1987), "The Father" (1992), "The Wellspring" (1995), "Blood, Tin, Straw" (1999), "The Unswept Room" (2002), "Strike Sparks: Selected Poems 1980-2002" (2004), and has upcoming work to be released in 2009 titled "One Secret Thing."



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Her work has been published in periodicals such as *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The Atlantic Monthly* and *The New York Times*, to name a few.

Her brilliant use of wording and imagery as well as broad range of topics draws the reader in. Her poems range from topics such as sex without love to death.

Olds' direct approach with poetry makes her stand out from average poets.

Her first book, "Satan Says," won the San Francisco Poetry Center Award and her other collections received awards, including the Lamont Poetry Selection and National Book Critics Circle Award for "The Dead and the Living," a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a T. S. Eliot Prize and a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship.

Also among her accomplishments, Olds is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and recently become a chancellor for the Academy of American Poets in 2006.

The Academy itself was started in 1934 "to support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry," according to their Web site *http://www.poets.org.*

It takes a talented mind to form great words of poetry. Sharon Olds' poetry dives into topics that we may not always discuss but describes them in a way that sparks discussion.

Etown gladly welcomes Olds, and hopefully she will inspire others to take their talents to the next level.

on campus

Heritage House interest survey conducted by class

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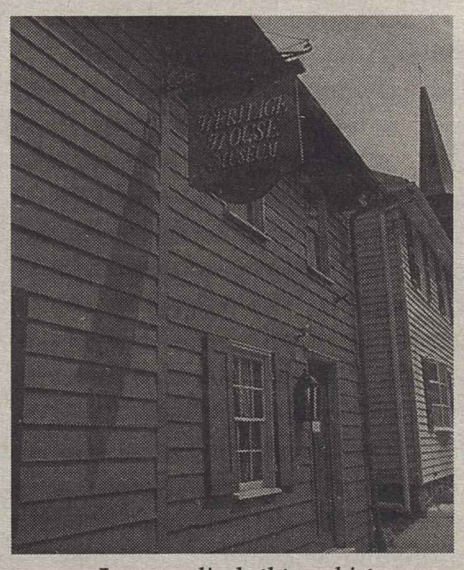
The Winters Heritage House Museum, located on 47 East High St., is a gem in the Elizabethtown community. It "seeks to preserve local history by engaging community support to identify buildings of historical significance; developing and sustaining educational experiences that recognize the area's early cultural groups; and archiving and documenting collections of historical value," according to their mission statement.

Over the past year, the Heritage House has provided many volunteer activities for Etown students. Last year, the Simple Living Community helped to renovate the colonial garden out back. Now the Methods of Social Research class is conducting a community survey for them in the upcoming weeks. The Heritage House is looking to see what they can improve in order to become more appealing to a wider section of the Elizabethtown population. The committee in charge of the Heritage House is looking to raise awareness about this historical asset right in Elizabethtown's back yard. The Methods of Social Research class is lending a helping hand.



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Dr. Michelle Kozimor-King, professor of sociology at Etown, has her class working hard on this project. They are conducting this research project to spread the word about the Heritage House. Kozimor-King split her class into seven groups: research-design committee, IRB group, funding group, sampling group, distribution group, questionnaire group and advertising group. Each of these groups has a very specific task to help the project go off without a hitch.

Richard Grecco, a sophomore, is part of the research-design committee and advertising committee. "We had a two-hour meeting with the committee of the Heritage House to talk about what they wanted to be included in the survey," Grecco said. "All the other groups had to give the research-design committee their specific questions about what they wanted to know about their aspect of the task."

As part of the advertising group, they are responsible for getting the word out about the Heritage House and the survey that is being conducted.

The IRB group has to talk with the Elizabethtown Board members to make sure that the questions and the survey are acceptable to the community and that they uphold the community standards.

The funding group makes sure the project stays within budget and controls the money flow to fund the project, making sure the money is used to optimal standards.

The questionnaire group is responsible for taking all the information collected by the research-design committee and their individual research to create the questions that will be asked on the survey. The questions that are asked need to be brief and to the point so they gather the necessary information in the simplest fashion.

The sampling group is deciding the best way to pick the people who will be surveyed. There is a point where there are too many people asked, so the sampling group needs to decide how many people will suit the needs of the survey. They are also responsible for removing those asked in this survey from the mailing list, since the Heritage House is interested in conducting another survey several years down the line to monitor the changes.

The distribution group is in charge of how the survey is circulated within the community. They decided that regular mail would be the best and most efficient means to send out the survey. If there is a 60 percent response, it will be considered a successful survey.

"This survey is very important us," Grecco said. This assessment gives them the opportunity to help by raising awareness about this important part of the Etown community.

The Heritage House is looking to attract younger people to visit, along with members of the Masonic Village and home-schoolers. The Heritage House is considered "edu-tainment"; they are striving to make history fun.

If you are interested in visiting this historical landmark, contact them at (717)367-4672. It also hosts the Seibert Library that contains valuable resources about Elizabethtown and surrounding areas. Go and check out the Heritage House!

on campus

New short-term study abroad opportunities offered

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Staff Writer

Are you looking to pick up extra two or three credits and go on a whirlwind adventure at the same time?

The short-term, faculty-led study abroad programs provide Elizabethtown College students an opportunity to earn college credits and experience foreign countries. Amy Simes, the director of International Programs at Etown, understands the importance of these brief yet meaningful trips.

"It gives students a taste of a place without having to commit a whole semester," she said.

Dr. Sean P. Melvin, of the business department, is running a trip over winter break from Jan. 3 to Jan. 12 to Prague, Czech Republic.

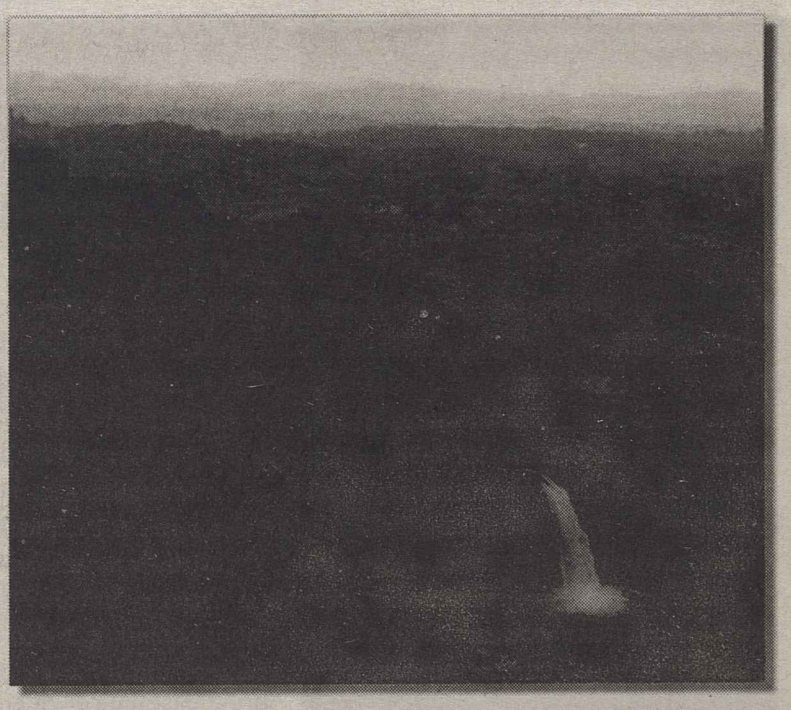
Students will indulge in a 10-day excursion visiting various companies and sitting in on lectures from Czech business owners. The $1,190 cost includes accommodations, private transportation from Prague to Vienna and professionally-guided tours of Prague and Vienna.

The trip is part of the course "The Emerging European Union," a three-credit business class.

It provides students a first-hand look at how a country in the European Union runs and operates its daily politics.

The rolling admissions process for this class begins on Oct. 9.

Vietnam is one of the destinations of the short-term study abroad program during the May term next semester. The two-credit trip, run by the social work department, is service learning at its best.



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Students will visit orphanages and street children centers to help out and gain vital experience. The trip costs roughly $3,000 and is run in conjunction with the Brittany's Hope Foundation, an international adoption advocate agency. Students will be in Vietnam from May 17 through May 31.

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Dr. Peggy McFarland, the Vietnam trip supervisor, is holding an informational meeting Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. in Nicarry 205 to discuss the specifics of the trip.

Another study abroad trip which will be taking place in May is one to Xalapa, Mexico.

In this new trip, the social work, political science and modern language departments have teamed up to create a service learning opportunity to benefit many students.

From May 9 until May 23, students from Etown will learn about history in the Mexican region from the local university, experience the native people and culture and participate in community organizations.

For two credits and a cost of $2,400, students will be provided with two meals a day from host families, trips to museums, historical sites and theaters and will make memories that will last a lifetime.

There will be an additional trip to Mexico that will run over Spring Break. Also, trips to Tokyo, Japan and Beijing and Shanghai, China will take place during May term 2009 and cost approximately $2,000 per student.

Short-term study abroad programs allow students to get ahead or catch up with college credits, but more importantly, get involved with service learning.

A few weeks in a foreign country can be a life-changing experience and provides an opportunity to see the world.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Women Bartending in the Buff

A sheriff's deputy doing a routine check this week at a southern Illinois bar say they discovered a not-so-routine sight. Authorities allege that 33-year-old Janet Brannon was naked while serving bar patrons at the Cabin Tavern in Delhi.

Brannon was arrested and charged with misdemeanor public indecency. She was freed on an $8,000 bond.

She was the only bar employee working at the time, so the tavern was closed Thursday. No telephone listing can be found for Brannon, and the Jersey County sheriff's department does not know whether she has an attorney.

Man Robs Toddler's Piggy Bank

A man convicted of stealing $20 from a toddler's piggy bank has been sentenced to six years in prison. Four-time convicted burglar Ryan Mueller was convicted Thursday of felony burglary as a repeat offender in a Sheboygan, Wis. court.

Prosecutors say 31-year-old Mueller broke into a home in August 2007 and stole money from a 2-year-old girl's piggy bank while she slept. They say the girl's mother walked into the room and caught Mueller.

Mueller was also sentenced to five years' probation. He is to serve his time consecutively after a six-year prison sentence he was handed in June for a separate burglary conviction.

"This Bed is Just Right:" Robber Takes a Nap

A man was charged with burglary after he allegedly broke into a home, ate cheese from the refrigerator, made a mess in a bathroom and fell asleep on a child's bed. Tracy Mullins, 47, of Billings, Mont., was arraigned in district court Thursday.

Mullins pleaded not guilty to burglary. Judge Susan Watters set bail at $5,000 after rejecting a request that he be released without bail. Public defender Richard Phillips, who made the request, said Mullins had been receiving mental-health counseling.

Court records indicate a woman awoke in her home Monday at 8:30 a.m. to the sound of snoring coming from her 2-year-old son's bedroom. Her son had slept that night in her and her husband's room. The woman said she found a strange man sleeping in her son's bed. She woke her husband and left to call police from a neighbor's house. The husband confronted the man with an unloaded shotgun and held him until police arrived.

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SIFE Sense

Ways of avoiding debt after graduation

Plenty of temptation abounds on college campuses, especially for incoming first-years.

Debt is an epidemic that can inflict trouble upon students, and it hampers the prospects for a life of leisure after graduation. "What is this insipid threat?" you are probably wondering. It is actually debt in the form of credit card bills and student loans.

Many banks offer loans to students needing money for tuition or a vehicle, which many former students work for years to pay off.

Along with other financial institutions, they advertise high-interest credit card deals to students, sometimes connected to a "free" prize.

These offers are increasingly presented over the phone and e-mail after restrictions has been gradually enacted, limiting on-campus solicitation, which includes stringent 2001 restrictions in California.

Students can become overwhelmed by credit card offers and feel obligated to subscribe to multiple cards.

While it doesn't hurt to hold a credit or debit account, college students often neglect to consider their ability to pay for credit purchases in the future.

A recent study conducted by student loan agency Sallie Mae determined that the average debt owed by individual college students was $2,700.

More strikingly, approximately 10 percent of students owed credit card fees in excess of $7,000.

This survey also indicated that the majority of college students hold more than one credit card, a side effect of generous-sounding lures from credit card companies.

Evidence suggests that some colleges may in fact sell their students' contact information to such companies.

For purchase-happy college students, a more beneficial alternative to a credit card is a checking and debit card account. They carry a preset spending balance which cannot be exceeded without incurring a financial penalty, typically a fine of $30 to $50 per overdraw.

If you find that a credit card is necessary, buy into an account with a relatively low credit limit and restrict yourself to one credit card.

Having one credit card may be beneficial because using it responsibly establishes good credit, which can help after graduation in securing loans and purchasing a home and vehicle.

However, one must realize that credit cards do not provide "free" money to spend haphazardly on unnecessary items and that such irresponsibility can really come back to haunt you later in life.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

profile

Etown alum co-authors "House" episode

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Tuesday, Sept 30, Elizabethtown College Alum Dustin Paddock will become a legend here on campus.

While Paddock attended Etown, he was a communications major and worked for ECTV. He even helped to develop the first script for ECTV when it originated. His goal has always been to become a television writer, and this coming week his dream will become a reality when his co-authored episode of *House*, entitled, "Adverse Events," is broadcast nationwide.

After graduating from Etown, Paddock moved to Los Angeles to find a job.

He knew only one person, another Etown College Alum, Brian Carroll.

Carroll helped Paddock to get a job at Dick Clark Productions as an assistant producer.

Paddock continued on his job search in the following years, and even landed a position with the Drew Carey Show. He started out as a writer's assistant and then moved up to become a script coordinator.

Paddock's big break was five years ago when he scored a job on Fox Network's hit television series *House*.

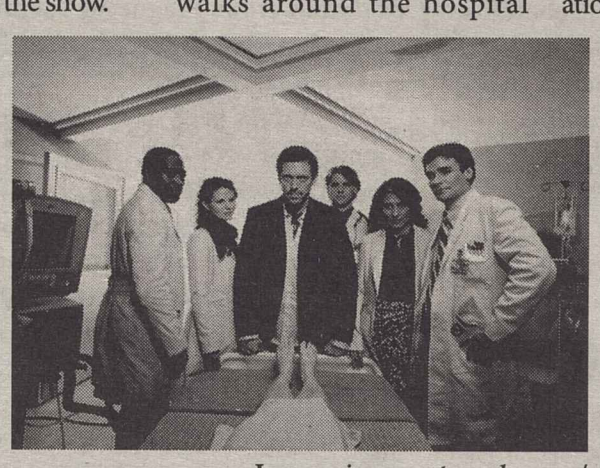
The head writer for *House*, Emmy-winner David Shore, helped to inspire Paddock and his writing partner, Carol Green.

Last year, Shore offered Paddock and Green the opportunity to write a story for the show.

They suggested three ideas for the show, and Shore was particularly impressed with one of them.

Shore told the writers to start crafting a script for the episode.

Now in its fifth season of broadcasting, the hit drama television show *House* is commonly watched among Etown students. This witty and comedic show is about a doctor named Gregory House (played by Hugh Laurie) who is an extremely uptight and arrogant man.



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With only half a muscle in his right leg, House is addicted to pain medication and walks around the hospital with a cane in hand. Why, you may ask, is this show so incredibly addicting?

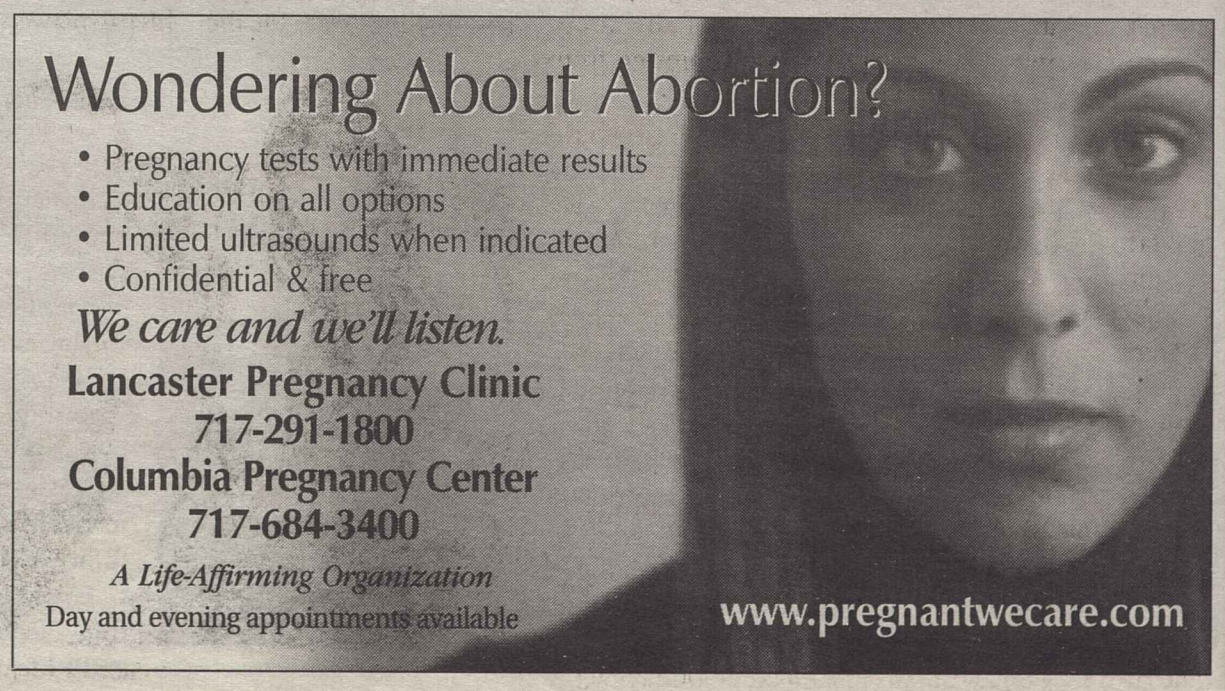
Well, aside from Gregory House being the biggest egotistical individual known to man, he only accepts medical cases that are extremely rare and uncommon.

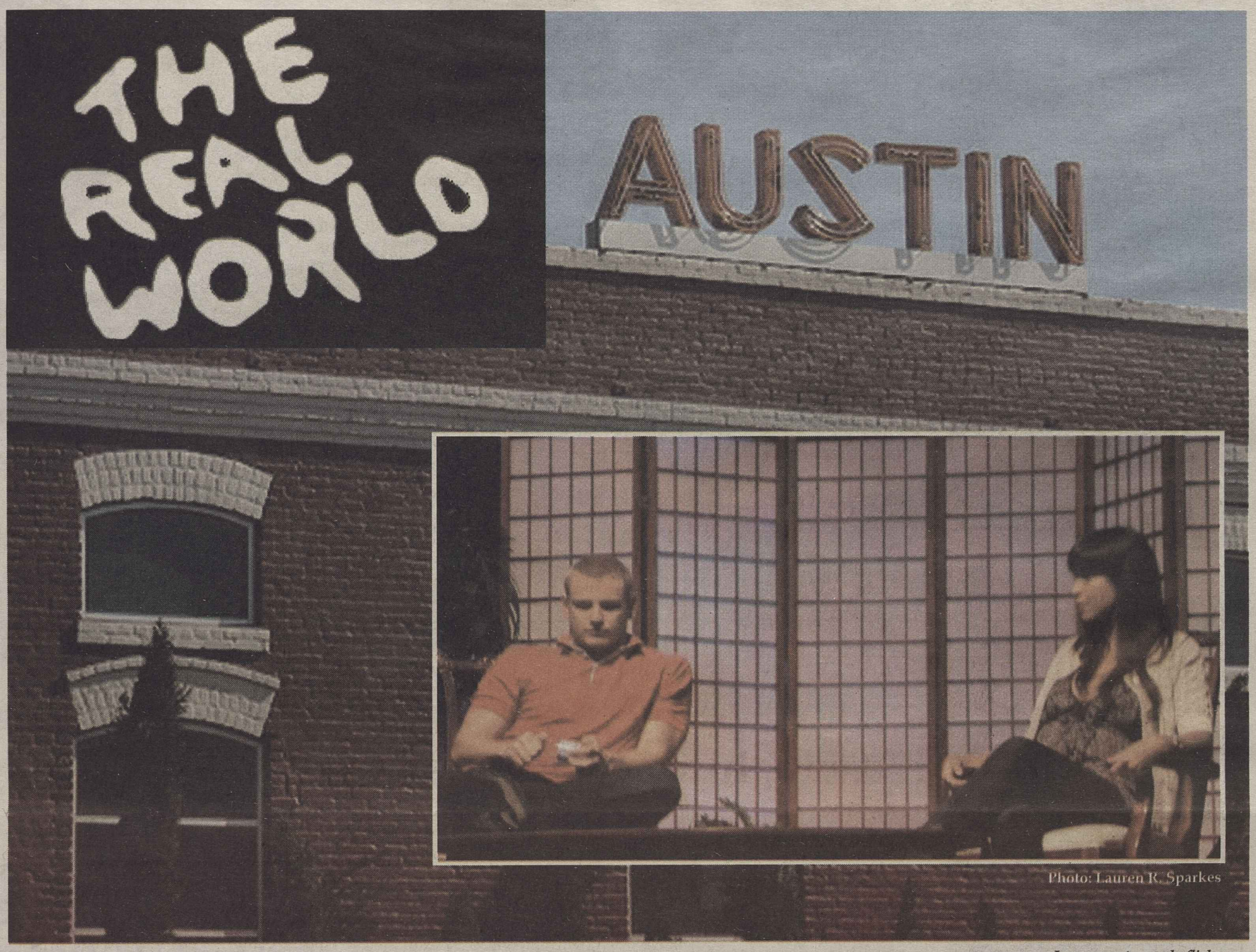
House can become an infatuation after tuning in for a couple of episodes, so be prepared.

Even if you have never seen the show before, tune into FOX this Tuesday at 8 p.m. to witness Dustin Paddock's claim to fame.

It quite an honor that Paddock's script was chosen as the subject for an episode of *House*, so don't miss this great opportunity to witness a fellow Etown Alum's extremely hard work.

It is sure to be a great episode, so clear your schedules and get ready!





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campus events

Wes, Johanna of "The Real World" visit Elizabethtown

Lauren R. Sparkes
Staff Writer

When thinking of the famed MTV reality show, "The Real World," most people usually picture wild parties and a great deal of drama and fighting. How could these images somehow relate to promoting smart decision making and responsible drinking?

In association with the Elizabethtown College chapter of Students Promoting Awareness and Responsible Choices (SPARC) Wes Bergman and Johanna Botta from "The Real World: Austin" came to speak with students about their past experiences with the show.

Upon hearing about this event, many students thought it would just be an opportunity to learn about all the scandals that went on in "The Real World" house in Austin, Texas, where seven strangers agreed to have their lives taped. However, this wasn't quite the case.

Wes and Johanna have been traveling all over the country (Elizabethtown College being their first appearance since their breakup) admitting to students that the four months they spent in the house revolved primarily around alcohol consumption. The two kept repeating the same cycle every night during the taping of the show. They went traipsing from bar to bar all over the city in one night and would come home extremely late just to get up the next day and do it all over again. Many of us were witnesses to their drunken escapades on national television.

Realizing how ridiculous and immature they appeared on television, Wes and Johanna now spend their weekends going to colleges and universities in order to promote healthy alcohol consumption and mature decision-making.

Wes and Johanna both admitted that alcohol was even a part of the casting of the show. Open call castings were often held in bars.

Once they received their confirmation calls, both Wes and Johanna had to figure out how to tell their parents they were going to be on the show.

Johanna had no problem with bringing this up to her parents, but Wes, on the other hand, knew this was going to be a huge obstacle. Wes was never even allowed to watch the show, so he decided to put off telling them about his audition until it had been officially confirmed that he was casted. Wes told his parents that he was dropping out of school in two weeks, and was planning on moving to Austin to appear on the show. At first his parents were exceedingly unhappy with his decision, but they eventually accepted the idea.

Photo: Lauren R. Sparkes

Once the show began taping, the daily routine for the housemates involved waking up at around 5 p.m. after sleeping off the previous night's intake of alcohol.

Wes and Johanna explained that this cycle ultimately led to nothing more than weight gain and a lack of energy.

Johanna explained that for her, being on "The Real World" was a learning experience.

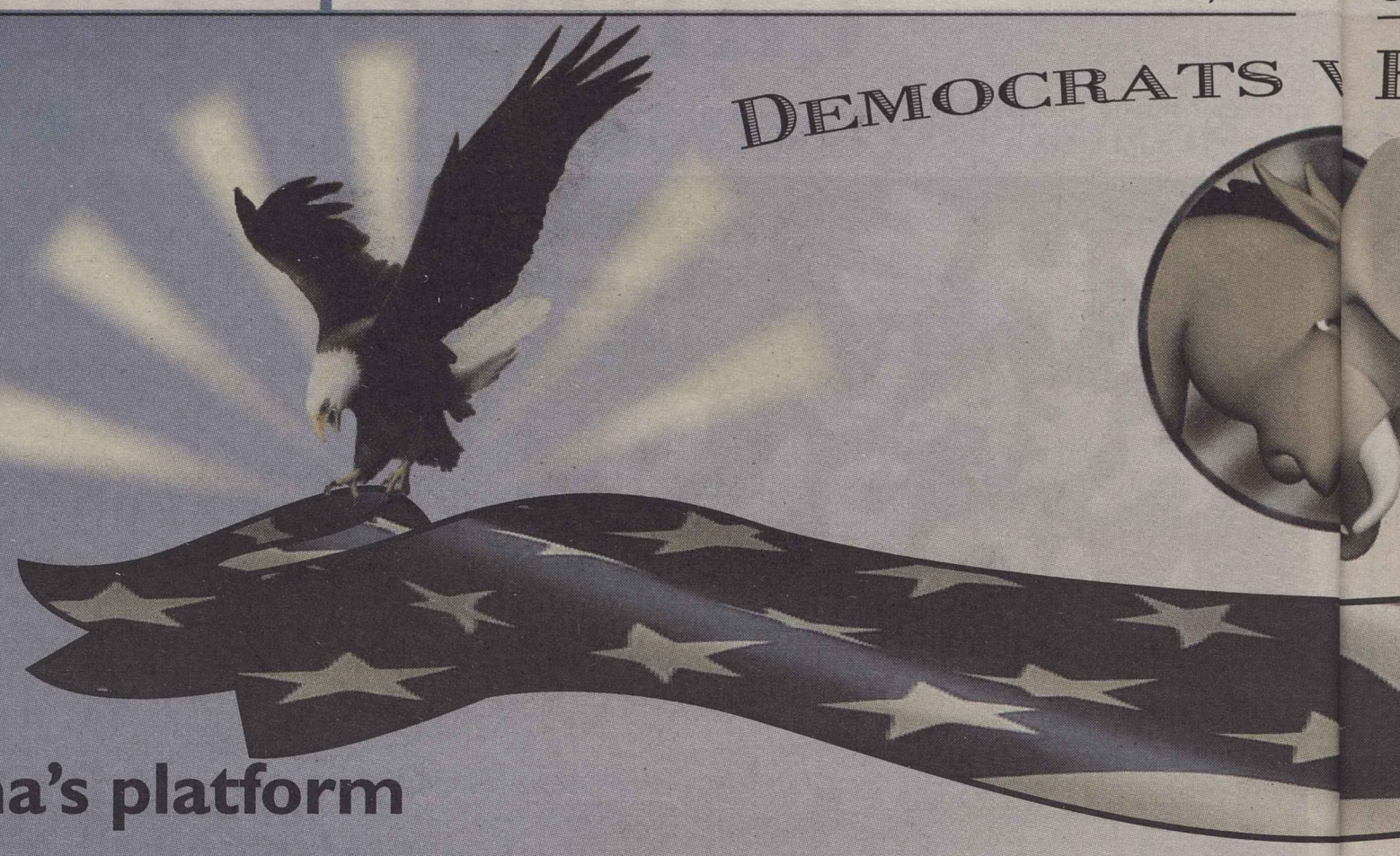
Wes stated, "I was a bad drunk" and admitted to the fact that he was usually unsafe to be around when he was under the influence of alcohol. Wes started a number of fights and put himself and his friends in danger since his decision making was compromised.

Since the last taping of "The Real World," Wes said he barely ever drinks at all, and only in moderation.

"It's great being clear-headed," Wes said. "I like it better that way."

Both Johanna and Wes have come to realize the danger of excessive alcohol use and have also learned that they do not need alcohol in order to have a great time. They explained that while a person is drunk he/she may think everything is funny and okay, but then, upon waking up the next morning everything is made clear and they realize the consequences of their behavior. They may also make a fool of themselves in front of others, probably never to gain their respect again.

Johanna and Wes certainly relayed the point that drinking doesn't just affect you, but your friends, family and everyone you care about as well. In short, be aware of all the decisions you make and how they can affect you, your reputation, and the people you love most.



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Senator Obama's platform

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Nov. 4, the United States will elect its next President. In an historic election, the Democratic Party has nominated Barack Obama, the first African-American candidate for President of the United States. While Obama's demographics are quite different than the typical Presidential nominee, his platform is of greater importance to most voters, especially those still-undecided. Here is where Obama stands on some of America's most pressing issues:

Economics

In order to fix the economy, Obama wants to:

- Implement a Windfall Tax on large oil companies. This tax would be used to give the American people a $1,000 energy relief rebate;
- Create a $50 billion fund to "jumpstart the economy." This money will be used to fight budget cuts across the nation;
- Cut income taxes by as much as $1,000, and eliminate them for senior citizens making less than $50,000 per year;
- Amend NAFTA and cut tax breaks for companies who outsource to foreign countries;
- Create a National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank. This would be funded by $60 billion over ten years and could create up to two million jobs;
- Raise the minimum wage; and
- Economics are seen as Obama's area of greatest strength. According to Dr. E. Fletcher McClellan, professor of political science and adviser to the College Democrats, "Economics is the issue, and Obama's been talking about economics for a while now. He has the qualities and assets that are attractive to handling the conversation."

Education

Obama has two plans of interest to college students regarding education:

- Creating an American Opportunity Tax Credit. This would pay for the first $4,000 of higher education for Americans, requiring 100 hours of community service in return.
- Recruiting teachers by paying for two to four years of higher education in exchange for four years of teaching in an area or field of need.

Foreign Policy and Iraq

Considered one of Obama's biggest weaknesses, this is Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Joe Biden's area of strength. As a part of the Obama-Biden plan:

- The U.S. would deal directly with Iran, meeting with no preconditions and offering rewards to the Iranians for cooperating.
- The U.S. would double funding to $50 billion for foreign humanitarian efforts.
- The U.S. government would secure all loose nuclear material within four years.
- American troops would be withdrawn from Iraq within 16 months.

National Security and Defense

Also considered a weak point of Obama's but a strength of Biden's, the candidates' plans are to:

- Create a Civilian Assistance Corps of approximately 25,000 civilians with special skills (lawyers, doctors, city planners, etc.) to be ready to assist in the event of a catastrophe, such as Hurricane Katrina.
- Improve protection of chemical plants and water sources across the United States.
- Force states to create mandatory evacuation plans to assist those with special needs.

While all these issues are pressing, it will largely be one or two issues that the next President will really be able to tackle — be it Obama or Republican candidate John McCain. "Whichever candidate is elected will have to first manage the after-effects of the financial crisis," McClellan said.

"He will have a very small window to make changes — the first year, and really the first six months. He will need to pick one or two issues to focus on and spend all his political capital on those issues before it's back to politics as usual." While a large number of voters are already decided, it could be one major issue that sways the rest, and that issue could likely be determined during the upcoming debates.

Two parties, two histories

Jameson C. Rohrer
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Like most Americans, I didn't know very much about the origins of political parties.

In third grade, I had a placemat with the forty-odd presidents and their affiliations, so the term "Federalist" popped into my head reasonably early.

And I knew that the Confederacy in the American Civil War/War Between the States was mostly full of Democrats, so I assumed that both the donkey and the elephant were age-old symbols of what-have-you and that Federalists were just old dudes like Washington.

This wasn't exactly incorrect, but there's more to it. As a student, I turned to An Incomplete Education--a flippant, comprehensive look at collegiate studies written by some Esquire contributors.

Our scholastic institution prizes academic integrity, so I shan't quote them at length, but I heartily recommend the volume to anyone who feels undernourished academically, or who wants something to share at parties.

George Washington, by the way, wasn't a Federalist. Everybody loved him, so they made him president.

In those days, though, there were no running-mates—if you came in second, you were Vice President. This meant that a handful of personalities dominated public policy, each with his own outlandish platform and outspoken faction. Hamilton, Madison, Adams and Jefferson fought [illegible] states' rights and against them.

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Senator McCain's platform

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In about a month, we will be helping to choose the next President of the United States. We need to get informed.

To help with that, here is a short summary of some of John McCain's platform:

High priorities

- War in Iraq, immigration reform, pro-life/adoption

Abortion

- Pro-life.

Capital Punishment

- Supports capital punishment for federal crimes.

Education

- McCain believes that state and local agencies, not the federal government, should be responsible for developing and enforcing academic standards.

Supports teacher testing and merit pay for the best teachers. Believes No Child Left Behind is a "good beginning" but needs to be fixed.

Energy/Environmental Issues

McCain has pledged to end U.S. reliance on foreign oil and says America must modernize the way it generates and employs energy. As president, he would support a "declaration of independence" from foreign oil suppliers and rely on technological innovations to achieve that goal.

- Believes climate change is a "global problem that requires a global solution."

Gay Marriage

- Opposes gay marriage. Supports civil unions.

Health Care

- McCain's focus is on lowering health care costs to bring down the cost of insurance.

Immigration

- McCain was the co-sponsor of a bipartisan immigration reform bill that called for stronger border enforcement but provided a pathway to legal citizenship for illegal immigrants already living in the U.S., provided they learn English, pay a fine and have no criminal records.
- Supports stronger screening of cargo at ports as part of border enforcement.

The war in Iraq

- McCain voted in favor of the resolution authorizing the use of force in Iraq. He disagrees with the Bush administration's management of the war.
- Supported the surge of additional troops to clear and hold insurgent strongholds, to provide security for rebuilding local institutions and economies, halt sectarian violence in Baghdad and disarm militias, dismantle al Qaeda, train the Iraqi Army, and to embed American personnel in Iraqi police units. Calls the situation "difficult for now, but not without hope."

Taxes and Budget issues

- Supports the repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax. He supports making the Bush administration's income and investment tax cuts permanent.
- Promises to increase transparency in government spending and take aim at "wasteful" "pork barrel" spending.
- Has called for requirement of a three-fifths vote of Congress to raise taxes. Supports ban on Internet and cell phone taxes.

Dr. W. Wesley McDonald,professor of political science, provided some helpful insight on the matter when he said, "McCain's platform is more liberal than that of his party."

He said that McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as a running mate was wise because it "brings McCain closer to his party."

If McCain does win the election, McDonald notes, "Palin's role will be very interesting." Stay informed, Etown, and be sure to make your own decision come Nov. 4.

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oo. hn McCain was born Aug. 29, 1936, in the Panama Canal Zone, which was U.S. territory at the time. He came from a military background and enrolled in West Point Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1954.

After graduating in 1958, McCain enrolled in flight school. In 1967, he began serving on the USS Forestal off the coast of Vietnam.

A few months later, McCain was shot down over Hanoi and subsequently captured by North Vietnamese forces. He thus began his six-year imprisonment.

Mistreatment of POWs in North Vietnamese prison camps was severe. Vietnamese generals offered to release McCain because of his father's admiral rank. McCain, in compliance with the Military Code of Conduct, refused to be released unless every POW who had entered the camp before him was also released. After this, McCain endured years of torture at the hand of the prison guards.

Upon his release in 1973, McCain continued his military service until his retirement in 1981, at the rank of captain. He went on to be elected twice to the House of Representatives for the first district of Arizona, and was elected senator of that state in 1986. During his Senate career he worked towards campaign finance reform after he was subjected to investigation during the "Keating 5" scandal. Because of his bipartisan work on finance reform, he has often been referred to as a maverick.

McCain ran for president in 2000, but lost in a bitter primary against then-Governor George Bush. Since the 2000 election, he has remained a very vocal advocate against using any form of torture on those in American custody.

campus issues

Elizabethtown recognizes Suicide Prevention Week

Joelle E. Atkinson
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Students around campus have been seen sporting a new colored ribbon.

Backpacks, shirt collars, purses and tote bags have been brimming with the colors of blue and purple.

But what do these colors mean? And why, so suddenly, are they all across the Etown College campus?

The assistant dean of students, Stephanie Rankin, provided the answer. National Suicide Prevention Week is currently taking place.

National Suicide Prevention Week is an annual event sponsored by colleges, high schools and other organizations across the country.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention sponsored the national event during the week of Sept. 7, but because of a late Labor Day, Etown pushed the date for the recognition of this week forward to Sept. 22 to 26.

The programs and events at the college designed to recognize this important week began on Monday with a film.

The movie, titled "The Truth about Suicide: The Real Stories of Depression in College," was hosted in the Event Space. Information about suicide prevention could also be found at this event.

During the week, a table was set up directly inside the Brossman Commons during lunch hours to provide students with information and tips about suicide prevention.

Also available to students at this table were arm bands and ribbons that have since been strewn across campus.

The table was staffed by student leaders who have quite a strong influence on the Etown campus population.

On Monday, Sept. 22 Students Promoting Awareness of Responsible Choices (SPARC) sat at the table, followed on Tuesday by members of Student Senate.

Wednesday featured a well-known group amongst athletes known as SAMs, or Student Athlete Mentors.

Thursday, the Peer Mentors sat at the table and handed out pamphlets to students.

The week concluded on Friday with another influential group on campus, the Resident Assistants, sitting at the table to help inquirers.

Also on Friday, a luncheon was held for the Elizabethtown College faculty and staff with guest Pam Marcus, who is a nationally known speaker as well as an expert in parasuicidal and suicidal behaviors.

The luncheon was held in Hoover 110, and approximately 30 faculty and staff attended the event.

One of the most crucial goals for the week was to create a better foundation for awareness, and spread the word about the resources available to students on campus.

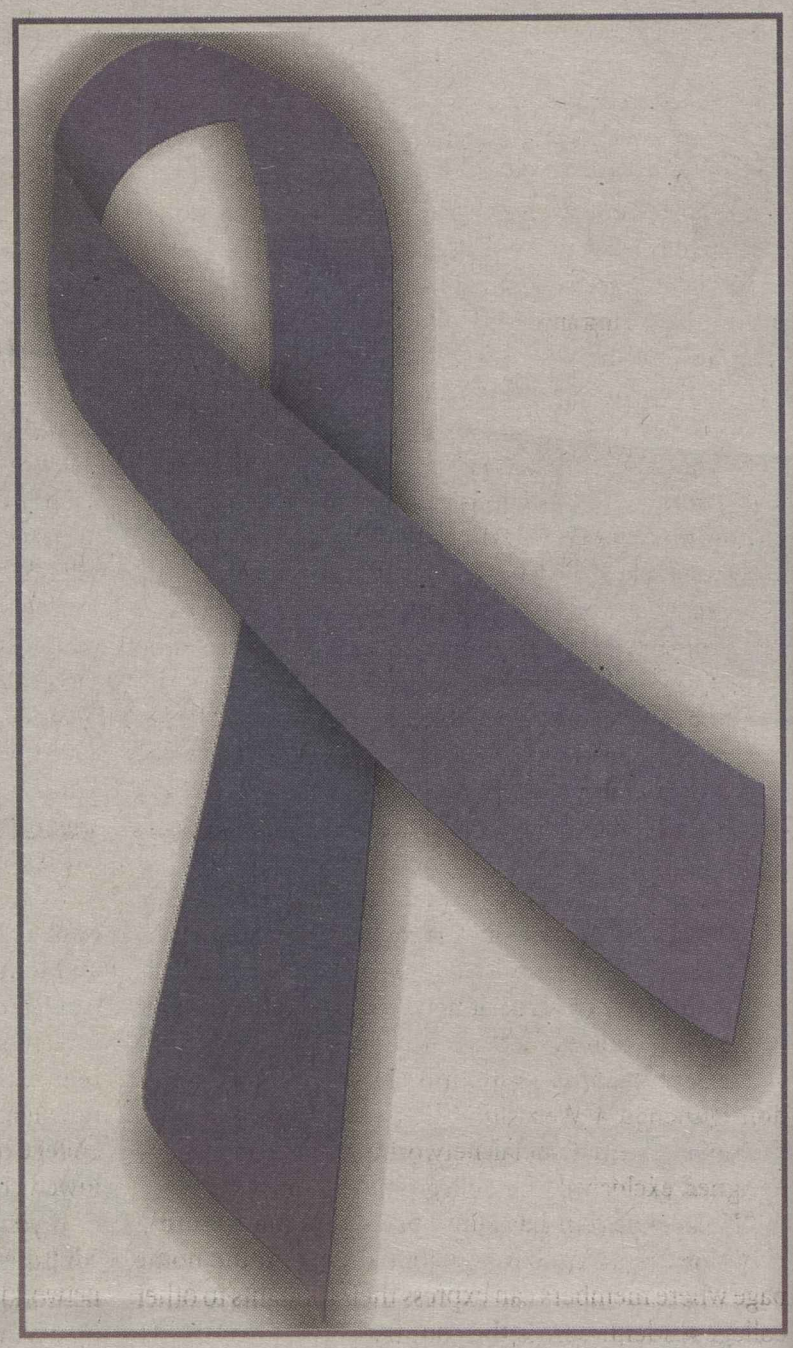
The Center for Student Success, along with Counseling Services, has information on national, regional and local support services.

There are also counselors, psychologists and even a psychiatrist on staff who students have contact with.

A self-screening depression inventory can also be taken online at *http://www2.etown.edu/counseling*.

Rankin said that the one message she has for students who may be in need is, "it is okay to ask for help."

This particular week on campus stressed that when any student is ever in need, someone will always be here to help.



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campus issues

Universities consult Facebook for admission decisions

Hope R. Salisbury
Staff Writer

As if deadlines, applications, SAT scores, extracurricular activities, essays and GPAs aren't enough to worry about when applying to college, yet another concern is being added to "the list." The casual "social networking" on the web that most teenagers thrive upon is now demoting some college applicants from accepted to declined.

Image: *yourunion.net*

A recent survey conducted by Kaplan Inc., a leader in providing educational and career services, found that personal Web sites such as Facebook and Myspace are being targeted as a resource for universities gathering information on high school seniors and undergrads hoping to further their education.

Kaplan surveyed 320 prestigious universities and colleges from across the nation and discovered that one out of 10 admissions officers viewed an applicant's social networking site while making a decision about whether or not the person would be accepted into the institution. Thirty-eight percent of those officers who viewed an applicant's profile said that the search provided damaging information and had a negative effect on the student's assessment. A lesser 25 percent said that viewing a site had a positive impact on the evaluations.

It is widely known that employers use the web as a tool for checking out prospective employees, but now that this method is reaching colleges and universities' admissions offices, should it be considered foul play?

"Facebook and Myspace should be off limits when admissions officers are choosing students to accept," sophomore Taylor Bauder said. "It's a personal site and may have information they don't want the school knowing about.

"All the information they were willing to give was probably either filled out on the application or written in an essay. That is the information they should make a decision from, not Facebook," she said.

What relevance does this have for those of us who have already been accepted into college? Two words: graduate school.

This new trend is not limited to four-year institutions. Admissions officers at law, business and medical schools are using this technique as well.

Kaplan found that admissions officers at nine percent of business schools, 15 percent of law schools and 14 percent of medical schools have visited applicant's social networking sites.

"I feel like Facebook is a fun way to keep in touch with my friends and family and something I shouldn't have to hide from a grad school," sophomore Meredith DeMark, a political science major and law school hopeful, said.

"Grad schools should look at my accomplishments in college rather than my personal endeavors. I don't think a grad school could possibly tell what I will be like just by looking at my Facebook — and I think the saying 'Don't judge a book by its cover' completely describes it. It is almost like an invasion of privacy."

While this new information from Kaplan can be thought provoking, there are other options besides completely deleting Facebook or Myspace accounts. Privacy settings can be adjusted to allow the user to choose what they want to share and with whom they want to share it.

"I have my Facebook set to private, but if a grad school or college used Facebook to determine whether or not to admit me I would probably have to reconsider going to that school," DeMark said.

"College students will be college students when they're not in the classroom and anyone who doesn't understand that needs to step into the real world," she said.

These new findings are certainly critical for students to keep in mind if they have hopes of getting into college or graduate school.

Whether it is appropriate or not, schools may use Facebook to find out more about a student.

Using privacy settings or keeping questionable material off Facebook may be a student's best option.

campus issues

New site offers student networking

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According to an article from *USA Today*, the social networking giant Facebook has added about 90 million members in the past two years, putting it in a prime position to vie for an estimated two billion dollar market for social-networking ads this year.

In 2006, Facebook changed from only college students to allowing anyone to join. Because of this decision to open registration to everyone, Facebook has seen visitors from all age groups flood the site.

According to Jack Flanagan, executive vice president of ComScore Media Metrix, a global leader in measuring the digital world, as the overall visitation to Facebook continues to grow, the demographic composition of the site will more likely resemble that of the total Internet audience.

A recent survey from the Pew Internet & American Life Project shows that 70 percent of people ages 50 to 64 happily roam online.

These new statistics beg a couple of questions. Where can college students find a social networking site exclusively for the use of their age group, and does it really even bother them that adults roam facebook as freely and frequently as some students?

Twenty-two-year-old entrepreneur Brandon Hodsdon, a computer science major starting his senior year at the Rhode Island University, seems to think college students will be looking for a social networking site to call their own as Facebook expands its adult membership.

On Sept. 18, after 15 months of development, Hodsdon launched a Web site called *KollegeLife.com*. It is the quintessential social networking and content site designed exclusively for college students.

"*KollegeLife.com* has some pretty unique features," Hodsdon said. "We have a national blog on the home page where members can express their thoughts to other college students across the country."

"We've also got a calendar application that displays personal appointments entered by members, and it displays what's going on at that member's college," Hodsdon said.

Exclusivity and privacy are key components of *KollegeLife.com*. The site uses "aliases" to protect a user's identity. Also, a confirmed ".edu" email address is required to enter the site. The aim is to give college students a place to blow off some steam, have some fun, and decrease the worry about potential employers or others snooping in on their online activities.

KollegeLife.com has many of the best features common to social networking and content sites, including pictures and story posts, personal pages accessible by "friends" with personal blog spaces, a notepad where friends can leave messages, intra-site email, over 2,000 message boards, and chat rooms and a marketplace to sell textbooks, electronics, autos and more.

Kollegelife.com will also soon contain information on internships, grad school, scholarships, financial aid, research and development and more. In addition, the site is working on launching a national job listing service later this year.

Junior Stephen Juliano said he doesn't mind that anyone can join Facebook.

"If you use the privacy options on Facebook you can make it so that someone not in a college network can't even search for you," Juliano said. "Both of my parents and some of their friends have Facebook and I think it's a great, easy way to stay in touch with everyone."

Senior Becky Holler said that she probably would not register on a new social network because she is almost finished with college. However, if she was just starting college now she would "probably use a site that only allowed college students rather than using Facebook."

If you are a college student bothered by the increased adult membership on Facebook, and are looking for a social networking site designed exclusively for your age group, you may want to visit *http://www.kollegelife.com*.

humor column

Peter Butter and Jam(eson)

Dear PB&J: How do I pick a favorite color to wear? There are so many.
–Colorblind in Brinser

Hi Colorblind!

There are many great colors from which to choose. My favorite colors to wear are green and gray. They're very seasonal and can accommodate a variety of events, from Christmas to wakes. All you need is a tie change! Try to choose hues that complement your skin tone. If you're blonde and pale like me, try cool, mossy shades. Stay away from blacks and whites, as well as saturated hues like maroon. The darker you are, the more saturation you can add — if you've got a Mediterranean complexion, try orange, bright reds and greens, purple and yellow. Of course, school colors are always appropriate. -J

You'll definitely want to wear something people are going to like seeing. In short, don't wear green or gray. Have you seen the way Jameson dresses? Disgusting. You should definitely wear colors that complement your eyes. If your eyes are blue, wear blue. Brown eyes should hit up the redder colors — especially brown. Green-eyed-people should wear green (but not gray!). Also, when wearing pairs of colors, keep in mind which ones are complementary, like blue with orange, yellow with purple, among others. Don't know what colors are complementary? Go print out a color wheel and put it on your wall so you'll be able to know at all times. –PB

movie review

"Righteous Kill" disappoints viewers

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant Features Editor

When the release of the film "Righteous Kill" was announced, the entire masculine world nearly had a heart attack with excitement. The premise alone was enough to make people dance in the streets with glee.

Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino, two of the most gratifying figures in modern movie history, were announced to be starring in a movie together for the first time since "The Godfather," in which they rarely even interacted.

Image: *styleant.com*

It's not difficult to understand why many people assumed this movie was going to be an epic experience. Watching two giants of machismo interact in a deeply thrilling plot sounds very exciting.

If this is the experience you are expecting, let me offer you some advice.

Go into the theater and watch the introduction that shows Pacino and DeNiro proving how exceedingly masculine they are by shooting targets with every weapon from an automatic pistol to an M-16, pumping iron and just walking around looking like the Roman gods they are.

Once this is over, and the dialogue begins, leave the theater. Just assume that the rest of the movie is two hours of that very same intro repeated over and over again.

The actual story of "Righteous Kill" is essentially a rip-off of "The Boondock Saints," without the beautiful characterization, dialogue and Irish people.

The story begins as DeNiro recites some sort of confessional.

Apparently there is a serial killer on the streets targeting society's refuse. The killer has a diverse list of victims: a skateboarding pimp, an accused rapist that was found innocent and a Catholic priest that molested children — just to name a few.

DeNiro and Pacino are both cops and are immediately put on the case.

Eventually, it is revealed that a cop is probably carrying out these murders (gasp!). The movie would have you believe that DeNiro is committing the murders (I mean, jeez — he confessed to it right at the first line of dialogue), and this would be fine, considering how DeNiro's psychological state deteriorates throughout the whole movie. It would be like reading "Crime and Punishment" without dealing with Dostoyevsky. And of course, the movie offers a "shocking" twist which, if you pay close attention, was revealed in the very first line of dialogue.

All in all, this movie goes from a very awesome film in the first three minutes to a mediocre cop movie, finally wrapping itself up in a twist that even M. Night Shyamalan would call terrible.

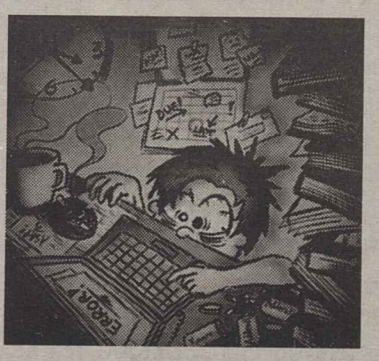
Somehow the makers of this film accomplished the impossible by ruining a movie with both Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro in it. The dialogue is terrible, the interaction between DeNiro and Pacino is sub-par, and the other actors in the film are utterly unremarkable.

Save your money, people. I personally don't think $8 was worth having my dreams crushed.

Jameson's Word of the Week

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Temperance: A classical virtue closely linked to serenity and moderation. Self-control. A person with this virtue practices restraint even when tempted against it. For example, when confronted with looming deadlines, burgeoning assignments, parasitic duties, loud critics and louder silence, a temperate man will persevere. Intemperance generally leads to either breakdown or excessive solace found through crack cocaine, purple drank, orgies, loud motorcycles, civil violence, chain-smoking or profanity. Temperance is tested routinely throughout the entire undergraduate experience. This author is currently finding his own temperance somewhat spare.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letter to the editor

ITS fixes falsehoods, rectifies rumors

Last week an article was published that contained the views of "one student" who was unhappy about how ITS handled issues in the first few weeks of the school year. We at ITS would like to clear the air. The majority of students was successfully registered and has complete access to the Internet; this includes those of us who use Macs.

Unfortunately, we are in a customer service job, so the negative press that (inevitably) is incurred more than outweighs the positives that take place.

This is not to say that ITS is perfect; we are not. The Help Desk is staffed by students who are not professionals in the field. While true that we know a good amount about computers, we don't know everything, and, as such, sometimes the work we do is a collaborative effort.

Just as *the Etownian* cannot be favorably compared to *The Washington Post* or *The New York Times,* the Help Desk cannot be held to the standards of Apple's tech support or the phenomenal support that Dell offers.

This may mean that when a student calls in, one or both of the ITS students at the desk may not have knowledge about that particular issue. However, the majority of the time we find somehow or someone who knows about the issue, and this someone is generally another student worker. The procedure then is to follow up with the caller and report the solution. We are proud of the fact that the majority of our problems are successfully dealt with over the phone.

There are times when someone has to bring in a computer for a student technician for a diagnostic appointment. Contrary to popular belief on campus, there is really a narrow range of problems that we can diagnose or fix.

The first is connection problems, either wirelessly or through an Ethernet cable.

The second, and most prevalent issue, is the containment and eradication of viruses and Trojans which are almost always the result of careless Internet surfing; the College's network security is top notch, but it can only do so much when someone actively, even if unknowingly, seeks to negate the protection we offer.

There are a lot of issues that we do not deal with, for a variety of reasons. We do not attempt to fix hardware issues because of liability, as it will void any warranties.

We do not fix AIM or iTunes because they are not software supported by the College, or any other end-user installed programs. We are not supposed to back up people's computers, nor are we to transfer files for students.

Finally, I want to address the quote, "go back to your room and play with it, and if it still doesn't work bring it in again" in the previous article. This is another misunderstanding between ITS and the student body. When registering a computer, the only place that the registration can successfully occur is in a student's dorm room.

During the first week of classes, every person is attempting to register and the servers can get bogged down, making registration a slow process, which is why people are told to wait. The system isn't perfect, as anyone who has a 64-bit version of Vista knows.

However, Macs are even more successful than Windows computers when it comes to registering. At least they could be, if students would read directions and go through the steps themselves before calling ITS.

The biggest disconnects between ITS and the rest of the student body are the expectations that the students have of ITS and what we actually do. There are complaints, but there are also many, many positives.

We had over 1,500 students successfully connected by the end of the first week of classes.

That week, ITS student workers each put in at least 20 hours on top of their regular shifts and classes. Where would the campus be if ITS did not have a student helpdesk or even send the student workers out to dorms the first week of classes?

Mikael Neville
ITS Student Helpdesk Staff

letter to the editor

Chemistry clarifies chemical compounds

Perhaps you read last week's submission with some trepidation. What is this chemical, dihydrogen monoxide, and why is the first time it has been discussed in *the Etownian*?

If it is so dangerous, then why has it not been plastered across newspapers and TV news?

We read the article "Classes, departments go the green way," from the Sept. 18 issue with equal trepidation. The author of the article writes that Dr. Kozimor-King "practices what she preaches" and that "she tries to have an organic, chemical-free home. She uses green cleaning products and does not wear chemical perfume."

It is unfortunate on this campus, which prides itself on a liberal education, including in its Core curriculum two science courses, that such scientific illiteracy exists. Without placing blame on the author or her subject, we ask you to consider the sources of scientific information. To declare anything as "chemical-free" is absurd. We rely on chemicals for our survival, and dihydrogen monoxide is no exception. You may have learned it as water.

Not all chemicals are bad. If you reread last week's article, you will never find the word "bad" or "harmful" to describe dihydrogen monoxide. It is only ever classified as a "chemical." As chemists, it is discouraging to read articles in the general media which imply that something is "bad" simply because it is a "chemical."

The majority of chemicals we encounter on a daily basis are not dangerous. You probably took a multi-vitamin this morning to stay healthy. Believe it or not, that multi-vitamin is packed with chemicals.

Furthermore, everything you eat is a chemical. Also, everything you wear is a chemical.

In addition to the five traditional areas of chemistry, there are chemists who specialize in food, textile, cosmetic, materials and polymer chemistry to ensure the safety and efficiency of the products you use every day. Can you imagine what life would be like without chocolate, nylon or shampoo? What about the plastic in your bike helmet or chemotherapy drugs?

Our purpose in these two letters we have submitted is to increase your chemical literacy. Yes, there are bad chemicals. However, there are also many good chemicals.

It is difficult for us, as chemists, to read about someone who is proud to have a "chemical-free home" because it is certainly not true.

We ask the writers and editors of *the Etownian* to more carefully consider the words they choose when writing about science. We also ask the readers to be more critical of the science presented in all forms of media.

If you are ever unsure about a scientific concept, any chemistry student or faculty member would be happy to consult with you.

The American Chemical Society is committed to "improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry."

We invite all members of the Elizabethtown College community to join the Student Affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society, where you will be able to learn more about the efforts Elizabethtown chemistry students and faculty are making to fulfill that mission.

Please email CHEMCLUB@etown.edu for more information about our club and to learn about our upcoming meetings and events.

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staff column

New needs necessitated

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

At my cousin's wedding, I met a family from Denmark. The father, a master glassblower, told my uncle and me about his state.

In his homeland, citizens give the government 50 percent of their income. In turn, the Danish government provides its people with education, infrastructure, retirement, emergencies and unemployment.

"They give us everything we need," my new friend said. There were people who abused the system — mostly immigrants, he confided — but the Danish people value industry and freedom of expression more than anything else, and generally keep themselves as busy as possible. The result is a safe, rich nation with one of the best educational systems in the world.

At Friday's presidential debate, Barack Obama demonstrated his desire to reshape America.

His proposed transformation is a radical one: government development of healthcare, alternative energy, higher spending on education (especially mathematics and sciences), affordability of college and focus on infrastructure, especially roads and communications.

Taxes would raze not only the wealthiest percentage of society, but businesses as well. As McCain noted, this proposed shift marks a significant liberal step towards socialism. (Not that that is, in itself, terrible: Tito was no better or worse than Thatcher, in my mind.) But it changes all of America.

However, Obama's lack of thriftiness raises concerns. Despite frequent rambling, McCain impressed me with his directness and delivery: Johnny recognizes the need to strip down overwrought governmental institutions where Obama wants to add to them.

Obama's desired shifts to Pakistan and Afghanistan also sound outlandishly expensive.

I, however, am an energy voter, and McCain captured my heart with his zeal for "45 new nuclear plants by the year 2030." This alone won't solve the crisis, but it's still a vital step. If Obama doesn't see that necessity, then he's not capable of making us all rich again, and he shan't have my vote, either.

Denmark's survival is based on its reasonable size and thousand-plus-years of experienced camaraderie.

To become an effective centralized state, America needs decades, not a presidential term. Beowulf and Fortinbras saved the Danes in times of trouble; Barack is a Kenyan/Hawaiian with a junior Senatorial chair. That said, Obama clearly bested McCain sartorially: his carefree Cavendish knot and charcoal two-button surely trumped his counterpart's grandpa blues and candy-cane Double Windsor.

Double Take

Hallmark offers line of gay marriage cards

Sean A. Burrows

While gay marriage may not be legally sanctioned in states besides California and Massachusetts, the gay demographic has been consistently increasing over the 20th and the start of the 21st centuries. While not personally a member of the gay or lesbian communities, I believe that equality in orientation should be embraced with the same societal acceptance as ethnic and racial diversity.

Greeting card manufacturer Hallmark, long a fixture of heterosexual wedding and birthday card productions, has responded to the burgeoning market for products targeted toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community with their new line of gay marriage cards featuring connected hearts, tuxedo-clad men holding hands and messages of romantic endearment.

I cannot fathom how greeting cards can be construed to be a method of political or sociocultural activism, as the American Family Association and the Idaho Values Alliance, among other conservative organizations, have accused. Hallmark has merely satisfied consumer demand from the gay market — a hallmark of productive business strategy. To put the proverbial icing on the cake, the cards make no mention whatsoever of a wedding, leaving them open to use for other gay commitments. The uproar from family values groups is an exaggerated yet expected response, proving once again that some activists simply have no better use for their time than to criticize trite issues.

On the subject of same-sex marriage itself, what exactly is the threat posed to traditional American values? Whenever I see a photo in the news of a gay marriage, I do not feel affronted or seethe from an assault against my personal values. To the contrary, I rejoice that I am fortunate enough to live in a society whose members are free to practice essentially whatever lifestyle they choose as long as it does not endanger the welfare of others. Throughout the years, Americans have slowly accepted groups once considered inferior by our formerly patriarchal, white dominated society, namely women, blacks and those with disabilities. While significant progress remains to be made in the provision of equal opportunity to these groups, they are now considered equal in the eyes of the law and the minds of unprejudiced Americans.

We should also consider some of the other unconventional cards that Hallmark now produces. While traditionally a conservative-minded company, it has recently forayed into newer lines such as those targeted for women having trouble conceiving and people going through rehabilitation, as well as greeting cards for diverse religious holidays. Unfortunately, a card released last year with the original line of gay cards made use of the term "queer." "Queer," while gaining some acceptance as of late through its use on shows such as "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "Queer as Folk," remains a source of controversy amongst gays and lesbians and thus drew the ire of potential consumers.

Hallmark's marketing team must take special care not to offend their target market if they want to gain credibility, and, in conjunction, sales. If responsible business means gay business, then I fully welcome Hallmark's "coming out of the closet." As alternative lifestyles continue to gain acceptance, this market will only continue to expand and retailers must rise to the opportunity. It is now time for all conservative protest groups to appreciate that they're gay, they're not in the way, and it's well past time to get used to it.

Elyse R. Carabello

Let me begin by stating that I am, in no way, against gay rights or gay marriages.

In fact, I fully and wholeheartedly support them and everybody else's equal rights as Americans.

That being said, equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community is something that has been fought over for many years.

However, I believe that Hallmark's latest addition of gay marriage cards is a publicity stunt that are being produced only for money.

Hallmark, like any major business, is always looking for a new way to make money.

According to *The Los Angeles Times*, Hallmark just recently added the cards after California joined Massachusetts in being the only two U.S. states with legally-defined gay marriages.

"It has been estimated that nearly 120,000 more couples will marry in California during the next three years," *The Los Angeles Times* read.

Consequently, millions of dollars will be rolling in for the greeting card company.

John Stark, a designer for gay-themed greeting cards, is actually waiting to produce any more wedding designs until after the results of the November election.

California voters will be deciding to make a constitutional amendment to again limit marriages to one man and one woman.

Stark stated to *The Los Angeles Times* that he was scared to produce a marriage line only to have it recalled. It would be a waste of thousands of dollars.

Although it's nice that they are supporting gays and individuality, zoning in on specific people and events is uncalled for.

The Los Angeles Times states that Hallmark now has "200 wedding cards on the market, including some catering to interracial or interreligious marriages and blended families."

These people who fell in love and want to spend the rest of their lives with each other are not thinking about themselves as interracial, interreligious, or a blended family.

They are simply in love and want to be together, and do not need a specific card singling them out.

This is also true for same-sex couples.

When they want to get married, they are getting married because they are in love and want to share their lives with one another.

They do not want to be shown again how they are unusual and unlike everybody else.

The people in the relationship see it as marriage, something that normal, everyday people do when they are deeply in love.

Hallmark should work on producing cards that are general and can be used for any type of relationship.

Instead of having an image of two tuxedos, they should have a picture of two wedding rings or two hearts on the front of the card.

Some cards could even be left blank inside so that the buyer has the opportunity to write whatever he or she finds necessary and acceptable in the situation.

These precise and detailed cards are unnecessary.

What's next?

How much more specific will they get with relationships?

Pretty soon Hallmark will come out with cards saying, "Congratulations on your threesome experience."

Sound Off

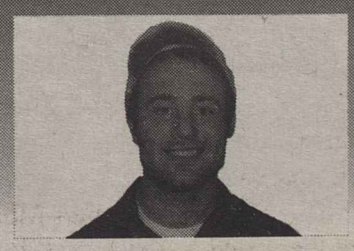
Who do you feel won the first Presidential Debate?

Amanda Markowicz
Schuylkill Haven, PA

"In my opinion there was no clear winner in this debate."

Matt Colly
Baltimore, MD

"It was obvious, if you watched, that John McCain won."



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etown men's soccer

Men look to move forward; take on the Presidents next

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

As the Blue Jays faced off against the Muhlenberg Mules this past Wednesday, they were looking to continue their three game winning streak.

However, the Mules scored two unanswered goals in the first half to take the win. The non-conference match was played on the Mules' home turf, as the morale and support of their hometown crowd helped to propel them to an important win.

Muhlenberg scored their first goal in the fifth minute on a controversial penalty kick. Only 11 minutes later, the same player scored off a rebound. Although the Jays had five shots on target throughout the game, the Mules managed to put 10 on frame and convert two.

Conference defender of the week, senior goalie Jeff Mullen, finished the game with two solid saves.

"We were playing with a lot of injuries, we only had two seniors in the starting lineup. Some of our biggest problems were getting a penalty kick in the fifth minute," said Mullen. "That's always tough to come back from, and then we got a red to start off the second half. But I thought the boys came out and really showed some heart in the second half."

Just three days later, the Jays squared off against Lebanon Valley College and looked to keep the damage from their previous loss to a minimum. The match was important, as it was the first conference match the Jays played this season.

Unfortunately, Elizabethtown lost 2-1 in overtime. The Dutchmen(5-5-0) of LVC maintained the majority of possession for the first 20 minutes of the game, and then scored as one of three players carried the ball across and fired from nearly 25 yards out.

The goal seemed to wake up the Blue Jays, as they began to establish possession and play well for the rest of the first half. Etown came out and started the second half the same way they ended the first. However, they could not net a goal to tie.

With only 17 minutes to play, first-year student Dan Fetherer eluded two defenders and rifled a shot from the corner of the 18 which rang off the inside of the near post to place the two teams in deadlock at one. That would cap the scoring for regulation time, as the two teams headed into overtime. Unfortunately for Elizabethtown, a center midfielder for the Dutchmen collected his own rebound and scored to win the game just 34 seconds into overtime.

The Jays will need to find a way collect some wins, as this marks their second loss in row.

"We have to restore some confidence in ourselves. We need to simplify the game a bit more and complete some passes instead of kicking the ball blindly. We also need to establish a good rhythm while we are playing," head coach Skip Roderick said.

The Blue Jays have also run into some tough luck this season, as some key players have been injured. Roderick expanded and said, "Well its quite obvious, the key injuries have always been in our seniors, and they are our leaders. This has really hurt us in terms of training and establishing a starting lineup, but we'll bounce back."

The men will next travel to Washington,PA to take onWashington and Jefferson at 4 p.m. on Saturday. W&J has a record of 3-4-2. The last time the Blue Jays took on the Presidents was in 2006 theJays won the match by a score of 1-2 in double overtime. Etown is hoping that this match will go much smoother. Both teams are coming off of loses and look to add another win to their schedules.

Photo: David G. Breidenstine
Sophomore Cameron Gettel goes for the corner kick in a match against Lycoming College on Sept. 15.

etown cross country

Juanita Invitational next test for men's and women's XC

Lauren N. Thim
Staff Writer

The men and women's cross country teams are still hard at work, training both physically and mentally for their upcoming meets. After a schedule change, the cross country teams will no longer be competing Oct. 4 in the Goldley-Beacom Fall Classic at Goldley-Beacom College. Their next stop will be at Juniata College at noon Saturday, Oct. 11.

During the time they have to practice between competitions, the team has been using its time to focus on training. Junior Abbey Anderson described that, during a normal practice, the team runs on local trails or sometimes travels to other trails. They also work out and do leg strengthening exercises to prevent injury. In addition, they work specifically to close the gaps between runners during a race. To achieve this, runners of similar times run together. At times, the team uses the pool to further improve their physical condition.

Last weekend the team had a willpower workout, which men's cross country coach Christopher Straub described as "one of our annual traditions." Straub, who has been coaching Elizabethtown for 11 years, said the "sole purpose is for the coach to step back and become an observer" while the runners endure a challenging, self-motivated mental workout. It focuses on how to deal with discomfort and work through a difficult run or workout.

Like Straub, women's cross country coach Brian Falk described the workout as "a way to develop the fighting spirit." Anderson agreed with this idea and said that "it's definitely going to help with our training and mental focus for the future."

Straub discussed other aspects of the preparation in which the team partakes. The team has Competition Focus Plans, which help the athletes understand their physical and mental warm ups. In addition, there are mental imagery sessions the evenings before a race, where the runners envision the progression of their entire race.

Falk explained that while the team is training for its meet at Juniata and other upcoming meets, the main goal is to train for the Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC). Falk said that the objective is to "perform a little bit better than the meet before" in order to gradually work up to the MACs.

Anderson had similar thoughts and said that "the rest of the meets are gearing up for the MACs. The goal is to defend our title as MAC champions."

To help the team perform well throughout the season, Straub said, "I reassess five times a year what worked well and what needs to change." He explained that his coaching style is frequently changing to meet the individual needs of his runners.

Between the teams' strategies for both physical and mental training, each runner is able to assess his or her situation to perform to their full potential.

Straub said that "a lot goes into the preparation and then it's just the trust that I've taught and trained them well." During the day of a race, the teams' efforts and perseverance are revealed.

Photo: Drac Williams
In a meet this year, junior Miles Lund, number 456, surrounds himself with runners on all sides.

etown volleyball

Lady Blue Jays finish 2nd place in Blue Jay Classic

Joseph R. Cooper
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College Lady Blue Jays volleyball team is well on their way to the top. The team is composed of 13 fine athletes and has demonstrated time and time again that they are the team to beat this season.

Head coach Randall Kreider said that he feels very optimistic about this season. The Lady Jays demonstrated this optimism when they defeated Lycoming College on Tuesday with a 3-0 match win.

This Commonwealth Conference match set the Jays up for an undefeated record of 2-0 in the conference and a 7-8 record overall. Captain Paige Tanner led the Blue Jays with 14 kills and her co-junior captain Kayla Deats trailed not too far behind with seven.

Sophomore Kara Burkholder set a match-high of 18 assists for the Blue Jays while Amanda Ritchey recorded a team-high of 11 digs. "The ladies play together strong and are hard working. I feel very optimistic about this season because I see flashes of brilliance tempered with solid play," coach Kreider said,

The ladies played nothing but solid at the Blue Jay Classic Volleyball tournament over the weekend.

Opening up the Classic Friday, the Lady Jays defeated McDaniel College 3-0 before they upset Neumann College, where they won 3-2.

The scores of the games against McDaniel (5-6 overall) were 25-20, 25-16 and 25-15. Tanner again led the Jays with 10 kills and Deats was close behind with nine kills without an error in 16 attacks and added six blocks. Sophomore Crystal Agnew complimented the Jays with 28 assists and nine digs.

Even first-year Andrea Weaver had a team high of 12 digs. After breaking away from McDaniel, the Lady Jays (9-8 overall) faced Neumann (5-7 overall) and won with scores of 15-25, 23-25, 27-25, 25-22 and 15-10.

The Blue Jays started out this match slow with two losses to Neumann. They finally kicked into gear with the last three games making first place in their pool with a 2-0 record on day one.

"Neumann is a good team, we started losing the first two but once we realized we needed the win to stay in pool play, we brought it together," Tanner said. "Plus, I told my teammates that they would be on TV." ECTV-40 was there to cover the Neumann game, so you can watch the Lady Jays in their success later this week.

Saturday brought a whole new challenge for the Blue Jays. After defeating Wilkes University in a win of 3-0, the ladies advanced to the championship match of the Blue Jay Classic.

Carnegie Mellon proved quite a challenge for the Blue Jays who were now 10-9 overall. They lost 30-28, 25-20 and 25-19 to Carnegie in the finals. However, Tanner increased her career dig to a total of 1,002 and Agnew had 31 assists. Deats also had a successful finish with five blocks, three aces, and six digs.

Even though the Jays were upset by Carnegie Mellon, they still had quite a successful weekend at the Blue Jay Classic. Tanner and Agnew were named on the All-Tournament Team, which is quite an accomplishment according to Kreider.

"It's nice to have two players recognized by other coaches. Paige always works hard but this is the first time that Crystal has been named on a team."

Tanner was also named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week for the week ending on Sept. 27. Tanner had an incredible week, averaging 4.06 kills and 3.14 digs per set in five matches.

Tanner finished off the weekend in the double digits in kills in all four matches. She also became the 10th player in program history to record over 1,000 career digs during the tournament.

Tanner said after the tournament, "When we play as a team and have fun, it comes easier. We deserve to be in the championship and go out the way we came in, having fun and working hard."

The Lady Jay's just swept Arcadia University last night with a score of 3-0. Tanner had 10 kils and Burkholder added 27 assists. The team will head to Redlands on Friday for their next match.

abbey's blitz

Major League baseball heads in to post-season action

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

It's finally October and we all know what that means. No, I'm not talking about the leaves falling and making a mess on the ground. And no, I'm not talking about Halloween. This much more important than that. I'm talking about the MLB playoffs. After six months of solid baseball we finally have reached the most important part of the year.

What's great about playoffs is that they are so unpredictable. Making predictions about what will happen before the season starts is like predicting what the weather will be like this winter.

Who would have guessed that in the beginning of the year the Tampa Bay Rays would finish first in the AL East while the Yankees, who made the playoffs every year since 1993, would finish third in their division?

Did anyone expect that Manny Ramirez would not be playing for the Red Sox after half a season? Okay, maybe that one was a bit more predictable. But what's great about this season is that it was filled with so many exciting moments and surprises that, for once, didn't fully revolve around the controversial issue of steroids.

And now, after the long journey of the regular season, we enter the post-season, where the unexpected is almost expected. Baseball fans have seen it all and almost anticipate something big to every year. The bracket has been set up and the playoffs are officially underway. Let's take a look at each.

In the National League, the Phillies, who won the NL East in a thrilling game last Saturday, are facing off against the Milwaukee Brewers, who are entering the playoffs with the wild card spot.

This season, the Phillies were 5-1 against the Brewers. They finished third in the National League in runs scored, and they finished first in homeruns. With power hitters Chase Utley and Ryan Howard coming out of an incredible September, the Phillies offense should be in full swing. As for pitching, the Phillies have arguably the best bullpen in the league. Closer Brad Lidge has yet to blow a save this year and appears to continue that streak. As for the Brewers, pitcher CC Sabathia has the weight of his team on his shoulders. Unfortunately, Sabathia won't be pitching until game two. First baseman Ryan Braun also leads the Brewers lineup and has potential to cause some damage. With the Phillies having the home game advantage, look for them to take a lead on the series.

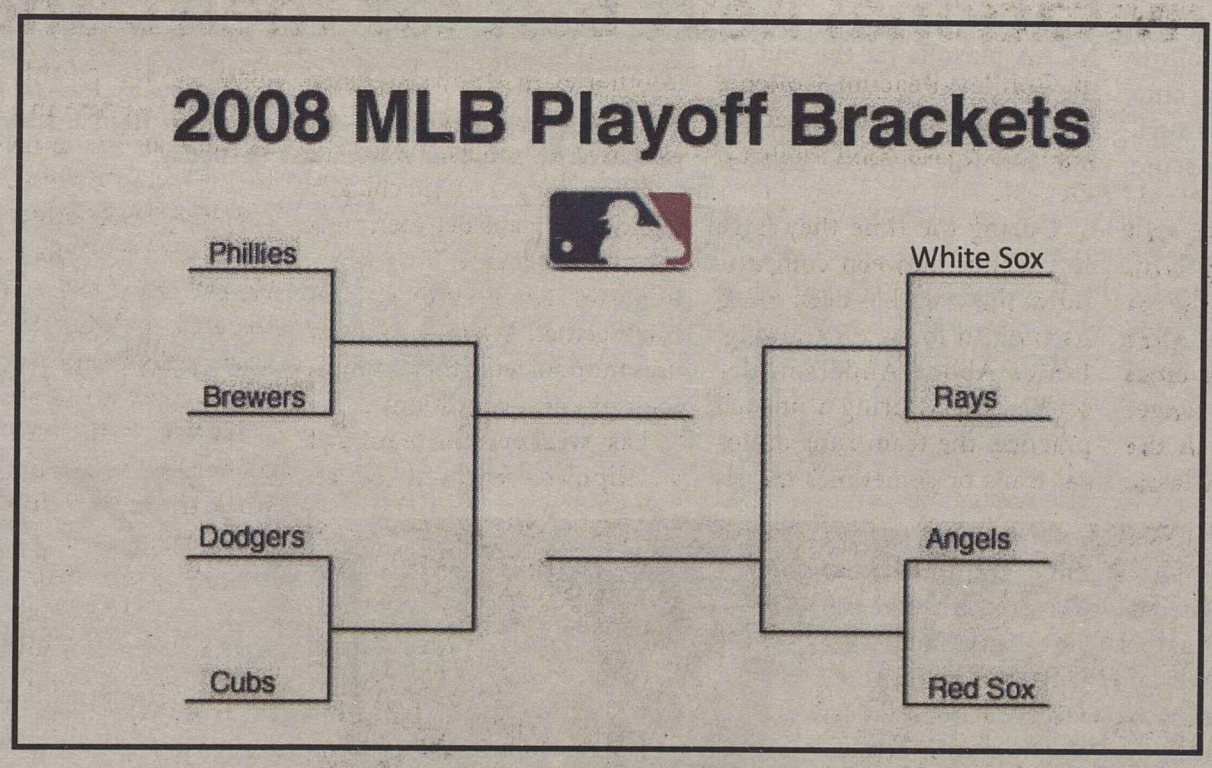


Image: Abigail R. Kramer

Hoping to play the winner of the Phillies/Brewers series will be the Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Cubs are entering this series coming off of a 100 year championship drought.

After taking the top spot in the National League with 97 total wins, the Cubs are hot and can feel the championship at their fingertips.

They have the stats to back them up, too.

They lead the National League in runs scored and starter ERAs. The Dodgers, on the other hand, only won 84 games this season, but they still won their division.

This will be manager Joe Torre's 13th playoff appearance and he hopes to pass on his success to his players. Though the Dodger's pitching should be covered by Chad Billingsley and Derek Lowe, their lineup is another story.

Manny Ramirez is one of the only solid hitters on the team who isn't always affected by the pitcher. The series should be a good one, but the Cubs should be able to prevail.

Turning to the American League, the Angels are playing the Red Sox. The Angels dominated the MLB finishing with 100 wins. They are backed by their incredible pitching staff of ace John Lackey and Ervin Santana, and their bullpen consists of Jose Arredondo and K-Rod.

Hopefully the Angel's pitching will be able to handle the power hitting of the Red Sox. The Sox's entire lineup is incredible including three All-Stars minus Manny Ramirez. Though the Sox didn't win the AL East, don't count them out. This series should be extremely close.

And lastly, the Rays will be playing the White Sox, who won their playoff birth by an playing an extra game on Tuesday against the Twins who tied with their final record. But despite their momentum, the Rays are on fire and have been all season long. Since the Rays' addition to the league in 1998 they have never won more than 70 games. This year they won 97. The White Sox will be a good challange, but the Rays should be able to take the series.

This year's playoffs will definitely be exciting. The first round is underway and it won't be long before we know who will be advancing to the American and National League championship games. Don't expect your predictions to come true though, because after all, it is October.

etown field hockey

Field Hockey ranked 14th in the nation

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Writing about how a team is grinding out another tough, hard-fought season is a hard thing to do, especially when the team you're covering has outscored their opponents 32 to 6, making every game appear to be a blowout. That is the case this year with our Blue Jay field hockey team, as the girls have started off the year sprinting to an 8-1 record and ranking 15th in the country as of Sept. 29. They have statistically obliterated almost every team they have played so far, losing only to King's College on a goal scored with less than 16 minutes left to play.

The team's success can be directed to the examples the upperclassmen have set on and off the field this year for the future stars.

"We have had excellent leadership from our seniors," said head coach Sharon Sweger. "They have set the tone at practice by working extremely hard and encouraging the younger players, [who] have stepped up and are making many positive contributions to our team."

On Sept. 27 Etown took on Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), who were one of their first "challenges" as it was their first match against a fellow ranked opponent. Coming onto Wolf Field's rain-soaked turf, Etown's mission was to score early and keep EMU's offense at bay, which they successfully did after a pair of goals in the first half by junior Brenna Noon. Seniors Andrea Miles and Alison Duval tacked on two more in the second half to push the score up to 4-0. The defense, who played 70 minutes of outstanding hockey, fought off some tough drives by EMU to keep them off the scoreboard, giving goalie Liz Hannegan her fifth shutout in the last six games she played in.

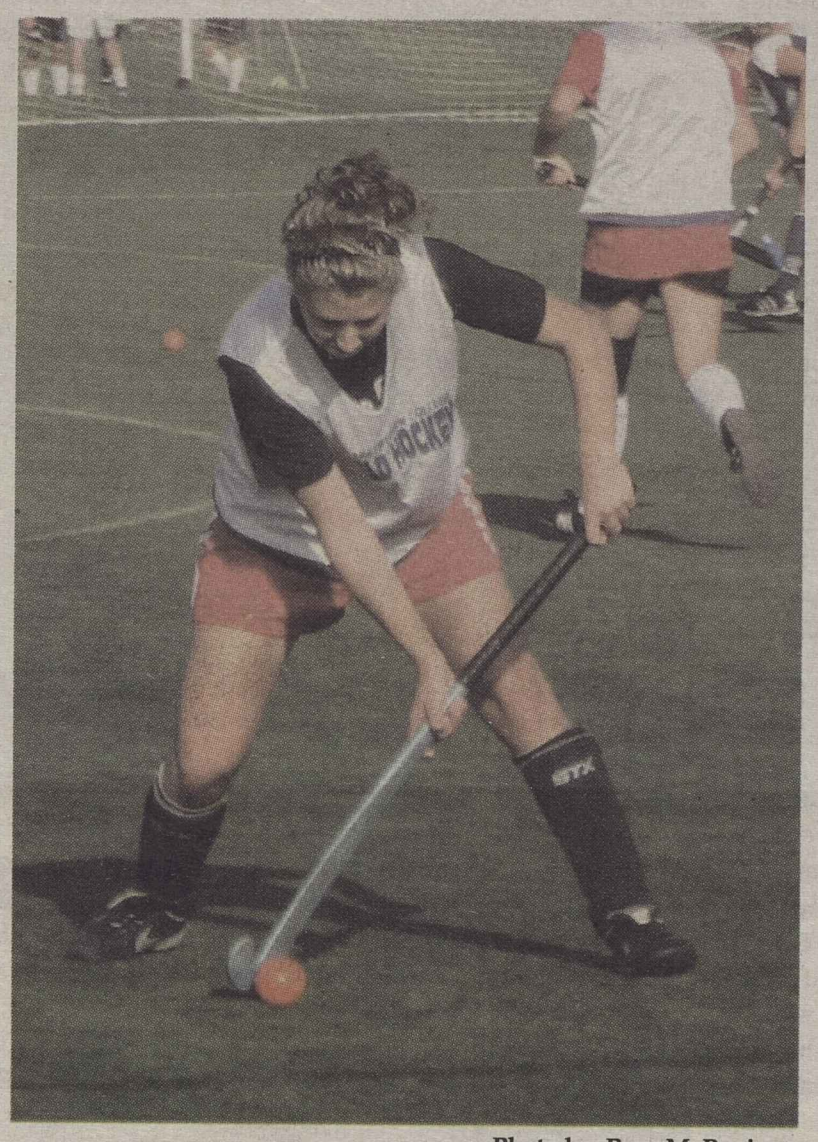
"I think it was a big win," team captain Tiffany Vogel said. "I think the win was so big because of the score. Knowing that we can score like that on good teams such as EMU is something we have been lacking in past years and it is great to see [the offense] working so well this season."

After the big win over EMU, Etown's ranking should climb over the next week as they prepare to take on eighth-ranked Lebanon Valley in their first conference match of the season. Although the win over EMU was huge, a win over Lebanon would be even bigger, as the team takes great pride over the conference matches in their bid to win the conference championship this year.

"We hope to be winning the conference and playing in the NCAA playoffs [at the end of the season]. We made it there two years ago on a wild card bid, but this year we want a guaranteed entry by winning the conference.

"We want to show the entire NCAA what we can do," said junior Caitlin Smith. And that is exactly what they hope to be doing at the end of the season, proving to the fellow schools that they can fight to the finish and take home the title.

The Lady Jays next game will be Thursday where they will be hosting York College. The match will be a completion of a suspended game that took place Sept. 6. Etown leads the game with a score of 4-0 and there is still 14:51 left.



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The Lady Jays practiced as the Etown field hockey team prepares for another match last Saturday.

the Etownian's

Athlete of the Week

Brenna Noon

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

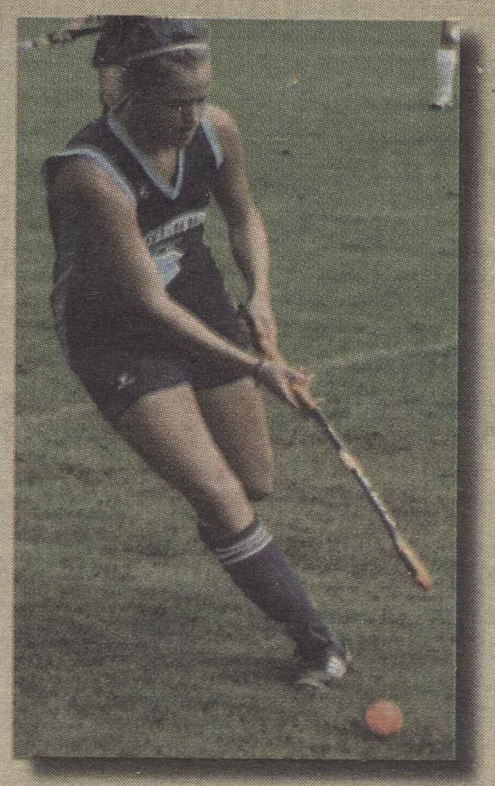
The Etownian is excited to name Brenna Noon as this week's Athlete of the Week!

At the halfway point in the season Noon helped the Lady Blue Jays impressive season by scoring three goals in two games including two goals against Eastern Mennonite. This is her third multi-goal game this season! In yesterday's game against Lebanon Valley College, the Dutchmen held Noon to just one shot in their 2-0 win over the Lady Jays

So far this season, Noon has a team high of eight goals and 16 total points. She was also named the Commonwealth Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week. The Lady Blue Jays look to finish off York College at home today starting with a four goal lead and 14:51 left to play.

Noon's next full game will be on Saturday when the Jays will travel to Wilkes University for a game at 1 p.m.

Congratulations to Brenna Noon for ripping it up on the field and for being this week's Athlete of the Week!



Q&A

Favorite Jays Nest grill item:
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me ....
I grew up in the same neighborhood as Taylor Swift.

Favorite Sports team:
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I can't live without my ...
roommates Natalie and Katy.

When I leave college I want to ...
Get a job in OT.

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Field Hockey (8-1, 0-0):
Etown 4, Eastern Mennonite 0
LVC 2, Etown 0

Golf (2-0):
6th of 18 @ Susquehanna Fall Invitational
4th of 18 @ Messiah Fall Invitational

Soccer (M) (3-5-1, 0-1-0):
LVC 2, Etown 1 OT

Soccer (W) (7-2-1, 0-0-0):
Etown 1, Stevenson 0
Etown 4, Misericordia 1

Tennis (W):
Etown 9, Albright 0

Volleyball (11-9, 2-0):
Etown 3, McDaniel 0
Etown3, Neumann 2
Etown 3, Wilkes 0
Carnegie Mellon 3, Etown 0
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Schedule of Sports

Field Hockey:
Today: York (from Sept. 6)
Oct 4: @ Wilkes
Oct 7: @ Gettysburg

Golf:
Oct 6 @ F&M Fall Invitational
Oct 7: @ Gettysburg Fall Invitational

Soccer (M):
Oct 7: F&M

Soccer (W):
Oct 7: Scranton

Tennis (W):
Oct 8: Lycoming

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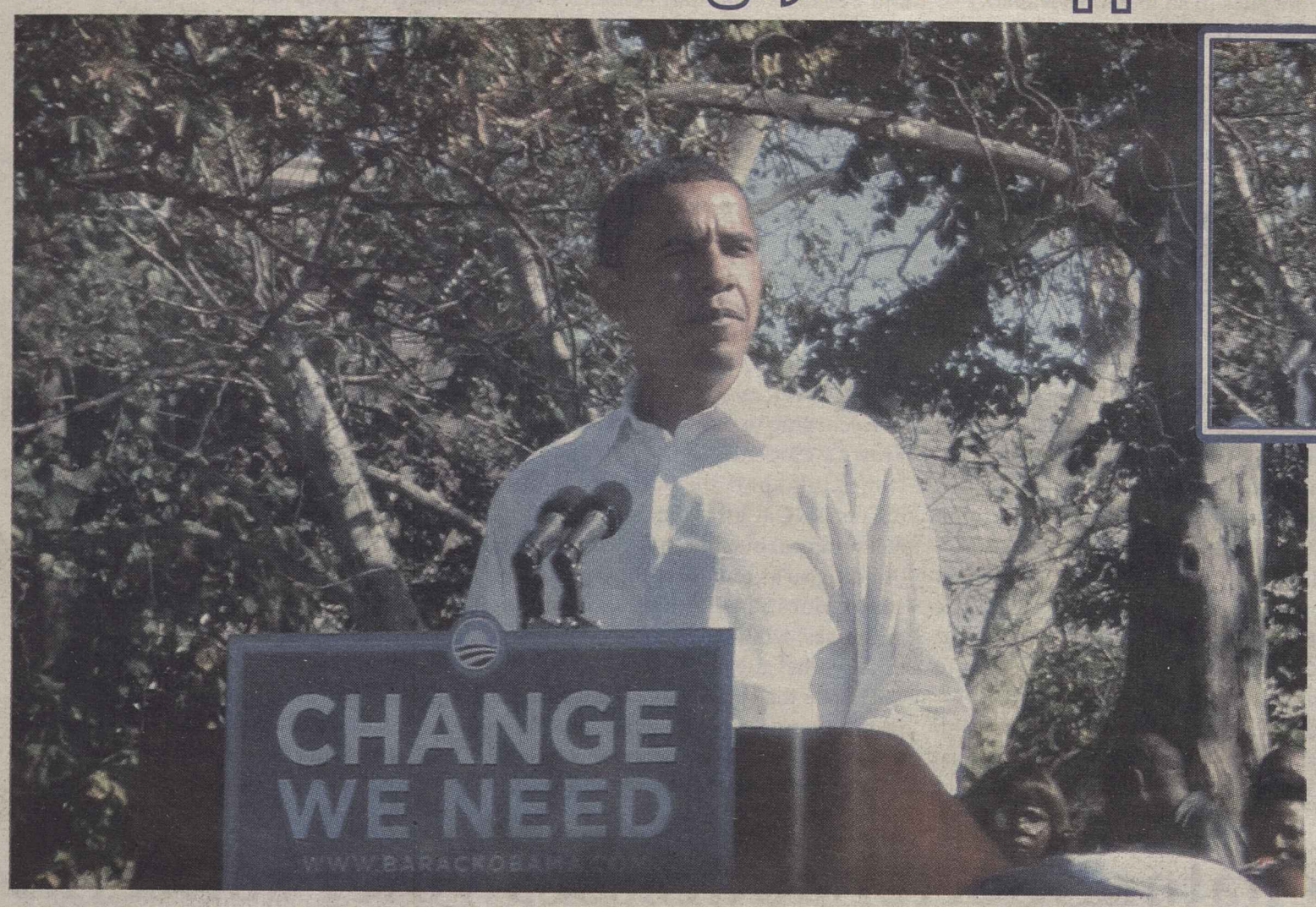
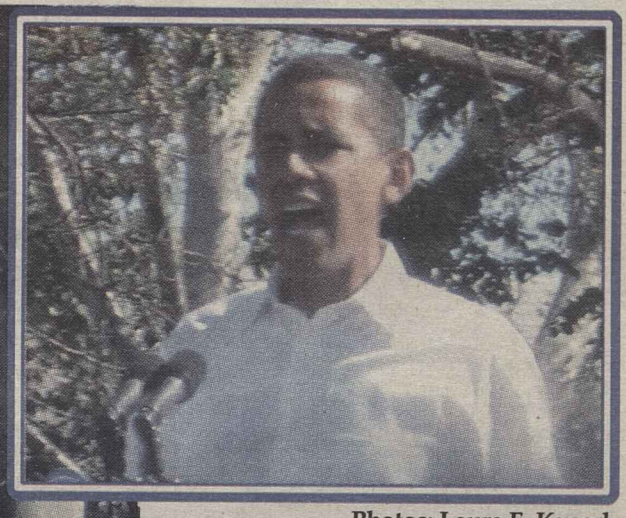
Obama rallies for change, draws support in Philadelphia





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Democratic candidate Barack Obama speaks to a crowd at one of four rallies held in Philadelphia on Saturday, Oct. 11. Among the four locations, over 60,000 people gathered to hear Obama speak about his plans for better education programs, the Iraq war, an improved health care plan, and the change he will bring to America's sinking economy. Obama also addressed the smear campaigns run by Republican candidate John McCain, saying, "I can take four more weeks. What America cannot take is four more years."

in the nation

Proposed health care: HMO-based versus universal plans

Sean A. Burrows
Staff Writer

There are many ailments affecting Americans as of late, and foremost is the uneasiness due to fear of a lack of adequate health care. A central debate involves the preference for insurance and HMO-provided health care versus universally "free" health care. While there are many positive and negative aspects of each, many are dissatisfied with the present situation. The issue has placed front and center among those in the 2008 presidential election, as nominees John McCain and Barack Obama have stepped forward to address it.

Senator Obama's platform, outlined on the Obama-Biden campaign Web site, advocates mandatory coverage for persons with pre-existing disorders as well as an elimination of HMO-directed insurance plans which often restrict patient-doctor discretion. His campaign emphasizes restrictions on malpractice insurance costs for physicians as well as a mandate for additional salary and wage allocations to health care coverage for employers who do not offer an organizational plan. The campaign promises up to a $2500 annual reduction in medical costs as well as the importation of safe, cost-effective, foreign-produced drugs. The site claims that an Obama administration would reduce the Bush administration tax cuts for the wealthy in order to finance his health care plan.

According to the McCain-Palin website, their platform also centers on the elimination of HMO-coordinated health care, as well as the provision of coverage across state boundaries.

Their campaign proposes a $2500 per person and a $5000 per family tax rebate for every taxpayer, in addition to the assurance of coverage for the sickest patients. The McCain-Palin plan also promotes individually-directed care, often organized through independent groups, including Minneapolis-based Carol (*http://www.carol.com*) for citizens across the nation. Their site also focuses specifically on Medicaid and Medicare reform, anti-smoking program development, and funding for autism research. CNN.com's Shawn Tully stated in a March 11 editorial that the Republican candidate's plan would be the most beneficial because it would allow employees to purchase their plans individually rather than depend on their employer's plan, allowing for tax breaks for their families and allocation of company finances to raises and alternative employee benefits.

As is expected, each campaign criticizes the feasibility of its opponent's proposed plan. The liberal interest group Center for American Progress Action Fund advocated against McCain's policy, forewarning through an e-mail campaign that his proposals would eliminate employee coverage while promoting deregulation of health care and bringing about poorer care for the terminally ill and disabled. The campaign highlighted the predicted effects of McCain's plan upon Pennsylvanians, cautioning that as many as 880,000 residents of the state could lose their insurance if he is elected.

Contrarily, Yunel Levin of the conservative blog *The Weekly Review* criticized Obama's ads which attack McCain's health care plan. These ads claim that McCain's plan is based on lies and favors employer-provided plans, which, according to the Obama campaign, prevent millions of Americans from being able to afford adequate health insurance. Levin mentions that a study directed by economist Roger Feldman determined that McCain's plan would provide 27 million more Americans with health insurance than are presently insured, whereas Obama's would eliminate employer-based programs for millions.

Elizabethtown College currently offers health insurance for students without policies; however, it is uncertain if the candidates' plans would affect their ability to provide this insurance. According to Benjamin Goodhart and Diana Horn of the Business Office, they plan to continue providing student insurance through Bollinger Insurance. Therefore, the College would not be impacted unless the insurance company itself was affected.

Essentially, Senator McCain proposes deregulation of health care and facilitation of interstate care where Senator Obama is advocating for a more universal and government-directed approach to health care,. The effects of either plan would be far-reaching and affect all Americans, although only some Pennsylvania residents will benefit, while others may be adversely affected under either candidate's proposals.

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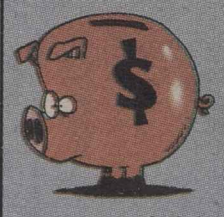
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One student decries the lack of a family event during this year's Homecoming and Family weekend.
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news in brief

School officials in Chicago, Ill. are suggesting the approval of gay-friendly high schools.

Josh Edelmen, the executive officer in the Chicago Public Schools' Office of New School, said: "It is not going to be 'gay high school,' but yes, in a way, it is meant to target kids who feel they have been victims of bullying for their sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation."

The primary objective of the school would pertain to harassment: gay, lesbian, and bisexual students are reportedly "three times more likely to miss school because they feel unsafe."

The school would be attached to the administration of School of Social Justice, and would be titled "Pride Campus."

The Scholastic Presidential Election Poll results are in, and after almost 250,000 children cast their vote, Obama has won the election.

The poll has reflected the result of the actual election since 1940; children chose the winning candidate in all cases except in 1948 (Harry S. Truman), and 1960 (JFK).

Four percent of the votes, however, didn't go to candidates: Stephen Colbert, Miley Cyrus, and the Jonas brothers each received patronage.

A new find suggests that the "freshman fifteen" may actually only be the freshman seven.

An average person's weight can increase by seven pounds after consuming an additional 112 calories a day.

Weight is often accumulated as a result of irregular eating habits and the use of alcohol: one shot of an eighty-proof vodka contains 97 calories.

The study suggests maintaining an exercise schedule which incorporates strength training and cardio.

Compiled by Craig H. Meaney from cnn.com, scholastic.com and thetelescope.com.

on campus

Smoking policy clarified in light of recent law

Theresa M. White
Staff Writer

Recently, Senate put a bill into effect that banned smoking in most public areas and work sites in all of Pennsylvania.

The Clean Indoor Air Act was approved on June 11 and finally passed by the state Senate on Thursday, Sept. 11. This act prohibits smoking in most public places, including restaurants, workplaces and some casinos.

Pennsylvania is not the first state to implement this law. There are currently 24 other states, as well as Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, that ban smoking in public areas.

There are a few establishments that have been exempt from the ban, including private residences and any business that obtains less than 20 percent of its total revenue from selling food.

Currently, there are at least two million adults in Pennsylvania that smoke. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, it is estimated that between one and three million adults who are non-smokers die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health also stated that over $5 billion in annual health care costs in Pennsylvania are directly caused by smoking.

Some state universities, such as Millersville and Shippensburg, have completely banned smoking — both inside and outside — on their campuses. There are also several other universities that are taking part in this campus-wide banning of smoking due to the state's new Clean Indoor Air Act.

On our campus, it is illegal to smoke in all buildings. This initiative began with a push for smoke-free residence halls.

"The initial ban on smoking in residence halls was led by students who felt they were compromised by secondhand smoke. Presently the college is a smoke-free workplace," Sandy Spayd, Director of Health Services, said.

According to our employee handbook, Etown's currently policy is as follows: "Smoking shall be permitted during breaks only at a reasonable distance (20 feet or more) outside any enclosed area or building so as to ensure that secondhand smoke does not enter the area through entrances, windows, ventilation systems, or any other means."

Despite the common misconception that people can smoke anywhere, as long as it is not inside a building, this is not campus policy.

According to our student handbook, "The College is a smoke-free institution. Smoking is prohibited in all College buildings, including residence halls. Outdoor smoking areas are provided for the residential population."

A few students said that smoking should be limited to only certain areas on campus, whereas others are unsure of or opposed to such limitations.

"I feel that the right to breathe clean air is more important [than the right to smoke], but it is also important not to ostracize or discriminate against people who do smoke," junior Suzanne Harris said.

Though some students do not mind that people are allowed to smoke on campus, others are against it.

"I've gotten a few headaches from secondhand smoke before, and I just hate how the smell gets all over my clothes and hair," senior Gabrielle O'Neill said.

"It can be annoying to be stuck walking behind someone who's smoking on the way to class," Harris said. "In the end, it's about respect. When I'm with people who are smoking, they make sure that their smoke doesn't blow in my direction. As long as people who smoke are respectful enough to do that, then I don't have a problem with them smoking near me."

on campus

Senator Specter addresses voter concerns

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant Features Editor

Senator Arlen Specter offered Elizabethtown an intimate view into the inner workings of our government Tuesday, Oct. 14, as he stopped by to "check in" with the campus community.

In a relatively well-attended event held in Leffler Chapel, Specter paced the aisles while he spoke, preferring to speak in close proximity to his audience.

He began his speech by saying that Congress was at the time in recess, and that he liked spending his time away from Washington and traveling through Pennsylvania.

"More importantly," he said, "I want to find out what is on your minds ... In a representative democracy it's important to know what is on your minds so I can do as good a job as possible representing you."

Before addressing audience concerns, Senator Specter paced about the crowd and gave a general report on the current happenings in Congress.

He focused on the bailout plan recently enacted by congress. He was initially against it, as it was nothing more than a three page document asking for $700 billion to arbitrarily fix the economy.

He said it was done "far too quickly." Spector wanted something a little more thought out — like lending money to "worthy' banks as opposed to buying up all companies' "toxic securities."

In the end, however, Spector admitted that the Senate's "back was against the wall" and they had to pass the legislation after little revision.

Spector was happy to announce that the treasury department's new idea to try and avert the pending credit crisis: allowing the government to take an "equity position" on how banks lend their money.

Due to the financial crisis, banks had stopped giving loans to people and businesses.

This new process would keeps credit flowing — which allows all business to function The senator then went on to explain about legislative process and the Iraq war.

Specter believes that it was a mistake to enter Iraq in the first place and wishes that there had been better intel prior to a 2003 vote. He discussed Iran and verbal diplomacy: he is opposed to either engaging in military conflict or ignoring Iran altogether.

Healthcare was also touched on in his speech.

Personally, healthcare has become a very important issue to Specter, as he suffers from Hodgkin's disease and has subsequent Chemotherapy treatments.

The Senator was friendly and humourous throughout the event — doing things like making fun of some of the professors attending and contemplating whether or not he should shave his head and become a "sex symbol."

After his speech Mr. Specter took questions from those attending. He took his watch off, looked at it and said, "Now this is the part where I give my audience a false sense of security that I'm paying attention to the time."

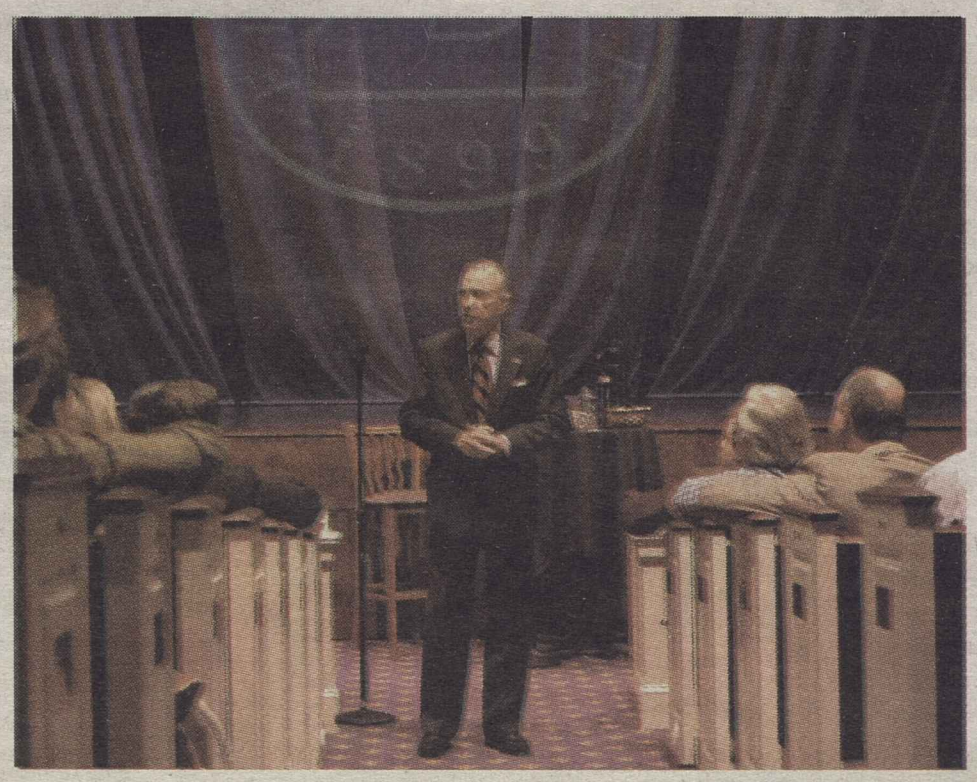
The purpose of Specter's visit was to gauge the opinions and concerns of Etown's voting population - especially those of students.

Specter addressed concerns on everything from the economy's future to death threats made against Barack Obama.

He answered upwards of twenty questions before one of his aids interrupted him, letting him know that they were pressed for time and had to leave.

Spector replied: "Don't worry — he's paid to say that."

The Senator expects to return to Etown in the coming years. He is up for reelection in 2010.



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in the nation

Third party candidates to be included on PA ballots

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Pennsylvania will see two third-party candidates on its Nov. 4 presidential ballots. Independent Ralph Nader, of Connecticut, will return to the ballot for another election cycle, while Libertarian Bob Barr of Georgia will make his debut appearance in the Commonwealth.

Realistically, neither will become commander in chief. However, as history suggests, the significance of third-party candidates should not be ignored. Most notably, Republican division stemming from Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 run for office as a member of the Progressive party is often credited as a major influence in Woodrow Wilson's victory.

Nader, 74, became well-known in the 1960s for his consumer-advocacy work in the automotive industry. He promoted government safety regulations and is credited for helping to push the 1966 National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act through Congress. Other notable bills that Nader lobbied for include the 1967 Freedom of Information Act and the 1970 Clean Air Act.

Excluding attempts to promote Nader as a write-in in the 1972, 1992 and 1996 presidential elections, Nader's first significant presidential campaign put him on the ballots of 44 states in the 2000 election. Garnering less than 3 percent of the popular vote, he failed to reach the 5-percent threshold that would have earned federal funding for the Green Party.

However, Nader received nearly 100,000 votes in swing-state Florida. Then-Governor George Bush, meanwhile, clenched Florida's 25 electoral votes by a margin of less than 600 votes.

Some suggest that Nader's influence indirectly led to Bush's victory in Florida.

Nader's "spoiler effect," whether real or imagined, resulted in many Democratic leaders urging him not to run in the 2004 election, fearing that his candidacy would draw votes that would otherwise go to Senator John Kerry.

Nader refused to honor their requests, claiming that he had a responsibility to his supporters to run for office. Such criticism was reflected in voter turnout; Nader's 2004 bid as an independent candidate yielded a mere 0.4 percent of the popular vote.

In what will be his third national election, Nader has successfully petitioned to be on the ballot in 45 states and in the District of Columbia. As a consumer advocate, his platform is centered on promoting workers' rights, ridding Washington of corporate influence, campaign finance reform, and abolishing "corporate welfare." He claims that the two parties have become "proxies for corporate America."

Meanwhile, former Congressman Bob Barr of the Libertarian party is in the midst of running his first presidential campaign. Before his brief career in the House, Barr served as a District Attorney under Reagan.

Professor Jeffrey Frankel, a world-renowned economist of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, recently wrote, "They say there are no atheists in foxholes... There are also no Libertarians in financial crises."

Despite early public enthusiasm for Libertarian-sympathizing Republican Congressman Ron Paul, Barr has been unable to secure Paul's 10-percent share of Republican primary voters. This can be attributed to the inherent obscurity of running for a third party and, as Dr. Frankel suggests, the current economic crisis.

In Pennsylvania, John McCain's campaign attempted to have Barr's name removed from the ballot, citing misleading practices in Barr's primary campaign. The McCain camp claims Barr "tricked voters by gathering signatures under another candidate's name and substituting Barr's name in August, three months after he was nominated at [his party's] national convention."

The party began petitioning before the convention took place, presumably to optimize the time that the law allocated for gathering signatures. As a result, a filler name was used and afterwards replaced with Barr's name. The judge ruled in favor of the Barr campaign, claiming that the maneuver was a legitimate attempt to make the nomination process more efficient, while still operating within the law.

The lawsuit was filed after GOP strategists pointed out that Barr could draw from McCain's voter block, jeopardizing McCain's chance of winning the crucial Keystone State. McCain's pursuits show that fear of the "spoiler effect" of third-party candidates is alive and well for the 2008 election.

on campus

Director named for Disability and Learning Services

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Staff Writer

After three months, the Center for Student Success search committee has appointed a new Director of Disability and Learning Services. Beginning in January 2009, Dr. Kristin Sagun will take over Shirley Deichert's former role. Currently, the position is temporarily filled by Tammie Longsderff, who normally serves as Assistant Director of Learning Services.

Shirley Diechert, who worked for the College as Learning Services coordinator, retired in June 2008 after serving students in many different capacities for over 25 years.

"The search committee was comprised of Student Life staff, students and three faculty that serve on the Disability Review Board," Stephanie Rankin, Assistant Dean of Student Life and Director of the Center for Student Success, said.

As director of the Center, Rankin chaired the search committee that appointed Sagun to the open role.

"I am very excited about the Director of Disability and Learning Service position," Sagun said.

Sagun, who has been employed with the College for one year through Counseling Services, currently conducts personal counseling. She earned a master's degree in counseling and a Ph.D. in psychology and has over 10 years of experience working within a variety of college student life settings.

Sagun has specially focused throughout her career on working with college students.

Sagun counsels students on a wide range of topics, including "adjustment to college, managing stress, time management, relationship problems and depression, to name a few."

"I have a passion for assisting students as they progress through an exciting and challenging stage in their lives," Sagun said. "I look forward to continuing to serve the students at Etown in a new capacity."

Sagun's will continue to fill her current position as counselor until the College recruits a new staff counselor. The search to fill her counseling position has already begun.

Sagun will still work closely with Counseling Services despite her new role as director.

"College staff in Counseling Services and Disability and Learning Services do often work closely to provide a comprehensive support and advocacy system for students," Sagun said.

As director of Learning Services, Sagun will not only be in charge of her specific service area but will also work with the other directors and her fellow staff members to run the Center.

There are a total of five student support areas in the Center for Student Success: Academic Advising, Career Services, Counseling Services, Disability Services and Learning Services.

In addition to a director for each area, the professional staff includes assistant directors, two counselors and two coordinators. Counseling Services also contracts with a psychiatrist who holds appointments on a biweekly basis.

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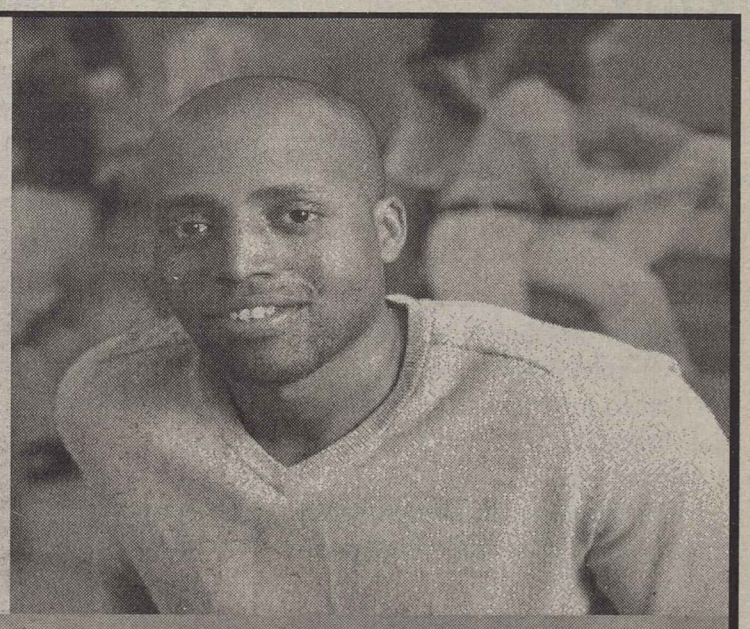

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on campus

Recent philosophy department changes highlighted

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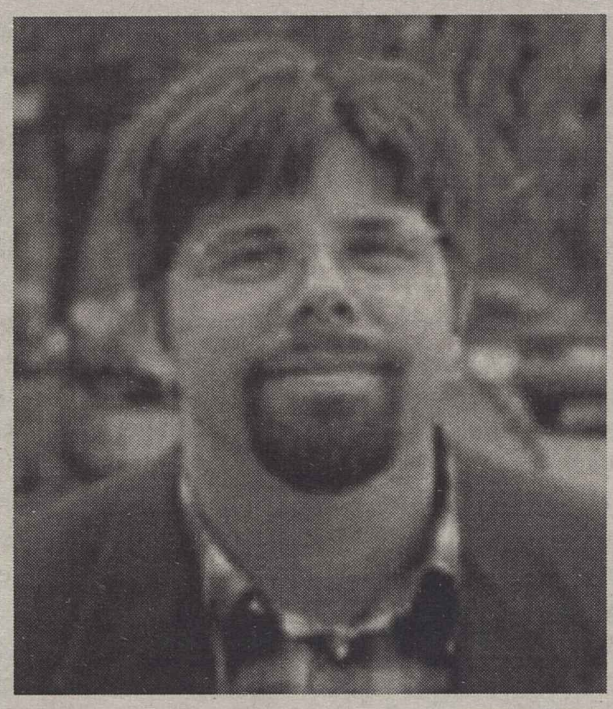
Recently renovated, the philosophy program has dedicated itself to putting a fresher spin on its major and minor course offerings. The major now has three tracks students can choose between: the philosophy of science, professional ethics and humanities. In order for a student to receive a major in philosophy, they only need to take six courses from within the department, as well as three courses from outside the department. The three courses outside the department must be relevant to the students chosen track. Those outside courses can also count as credit for both the philosophy major and other classes such as core requirements or another major.

In order to receive a minor in philosophy, the only requirement is 12 hours worth of class: a 100, 200 and 300 level course respectively. "These requirements make for a very user-friendly department in terms of majoring or minoring in a timely fashion," said Elizabethtown professor Michael Silberstein of the philosophy department.

The Elizabethtown College Web site formally states, "A major in philosophy is an excellent preparation for those going on to graduate school and for those planning professional vocations. It is an especially good background for the law, the ministry, computer science, and the natural sciences ... The program is designed to give the student maximum opportunity to get a broad, liberal education and to develop special skills along the way."

"Our primary goal is to educate students who will not only go on to successful professional careers, but who also will cultivate the intellectual and moral fiber to live life well," said Professor Silberstein. "The department of philosophy stresses interdisciplinary study and students have flexibility in determining their own particular programs."



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Professor Michael Silberstein talks about the philosophy department and new changes.

Philosophy, while always interesting, challenges the mind. The New York Times article "In a New Generation of College Students, Many Opt for Life Examined" said that, "Once scoffed at as a luxury major, philosophy is being embraced at other universities by a new generation of college students who are drawing modern-day lessons from the age-old discipline as they try to make sense of their world, from the morality of the war in Iraq to the latest political scandal. The economic downturn has done little, if anything, to dampen this enthusiasm among students, who say that what they learn in class can translate into practical skills and careers."

Majoring in philosophy has become more popular over the years as well. David E. Schrader, executive director of the American Philosophical Association and an adjunct professor at the University of Delaware said, "In an era in which people change careers frequently, philosophy makes sense."

All over the world, more colleges are offering undergraduate philosophy programs. The numbers have increased to 817 from 765 nearly a decade ago. "It's a major that helps them become quick learners and gives them strong skills in writing, analysis and critical thinking," said Schrader. "The demand for philosophy courses had outpaced the resources at some colleges, where students are often turned away. Some are enrolling in online courses instead. As the approach has changed, philosophy has attracted students with little interest in contemplating the classical texts, or what is known as armchair philosophy."

Receiving a degree in philosophy can be extremely beneficial after graduation as well. "Philosophy graduates are all the rage with employers. Figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency show philosophy graduates, once derided as unemployable layabouts, are in growing demand from employers. The number of all graduates in full-time and part-time work six months after graduation has risen by 9 percent between 2002-03 and 2005-06; for philosophy graduates it has gone up by 13 percent," states a November article entitled *I Think Therefore I Earn* portrayed in United Kingdom's newspaper The Guardian. "The Higher Education Careers Services Unit, which also collates data of this kind, agrees philosophers are finding it easier to secure work. Its figures show that, in 2001, 9.9 percent of philosophy graduates were unemployed six months after graduation. In 2006, just 6.7 percent were. On average, 6 percent of all graduates were unemployed six months after graduation."

There are a few basic undisputed facts about philosophy majors that have been true for decades.

On average, philosophy graduates perform outstandingly well on their LSATs, the pre-Law exam. Only math and economics students score more highly. All other humanities, social and natural science majors on average do less well.

Philosophy students also perform well on the GRE exam (for general entrance into graduate school.) On the verbal part of the GRE, philosophy majors outperform English majors. Overall, philosophy is the highest scoring Humanities major. Philosophy graduates also do well on MCAT, the entrance exam for medical school.

If you are interested in majoring or minoring in philosophy, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Silberstein or any of the other philosophy department professors for more information.

on campus

Measheey and Cullen bring soothing jazz to campus

Kevin J. Yu
Staff Wtirer

During the Monday Series Concert, the quiet chatter died down as the renowned musicians entered the stage in Zug Recital Hall.

David Cullen, a jazz guitarist, Kelly Measheey, a jazz vocalist and her brother, Steve Measheey, were about to play a colorful variety of tunes. Without hesitation, they began to play an arrangement of the well-known jazz standard, God Bless the Child, performed by many great jazz giants. Each musician brought a different quality to the soothing, refreshing music.

The first impression of Kelly Measheey's voice was one of complete awe and amazement. Her voice echoed across the room. Evidently, she had years of training in jazz vocalization such as scat singing and improvisation. Her flexible voice adapted through the usage of techniques in music psychotherapy, where she was educated as a music therapist. Cullen, a master of classical guitar, brought structure to the music through his experience performing with many groups and recording a variety of artists, such as Hilary Leigh Graves and The Joe Hunt Trio.

Steve Measheey has spent his life perfecting his bass playing technique, playing in various venues around central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. He produces a percussive sound that blends with Cullen's guitar and keeps Kelly's voice moving in a neat rhythm.

Courtesy Photos

Kelly Measheey and David Cullen preformed during the Monday Night Concert series at Zug.

Their performance consisted of a combination of pop and easy listening jazz songs. Kelly led the main melody line of the song. Then she would break for Cullen and Steve to step in with their instrumental solos. Their technique was nearly flawless with beautifully improvised riffs and licks. Kelly would end the song by repeating the main melody line.

Further on into the performance, many of the folks from the area and senior citizens from the Masonic village seemed to be getting a little restless, but the musicians reaffirmed the audience's attention by playing some good, solid oldies, like Moon River and many others. Even more amazing, there were some funny musical moments while they were playing on stage. The audience got a good laugh when Cullen attempted to jazz vocalize and Kelly turned over to give him a mean look. He then stated that he would prefer sticking to the guitar.

Many of the students enjoyed the preformance, clearly marked by the enthusiasm from music therapy major junior Stephanie Baumann who exclaimed "they are awesome!" One woman remarked that she was surprised to find how professional the musicians were.

In their very last song, with piano accompanist Dr. Devroop, they played a melodramatic piece that went with a set of lyrics they had handed out.

Kelly asked everyone to reflect on the meaning of the lyrics, and how it pertains so well to the conflicting world we live in today.

They made their purpose clear: to use music to change people's lives and create a more harmonious world, one that is void of hate and violence.

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on campus

"Brittany's Hope" adoption awareness auctions art

Laura A. Farnish
Staff Writer

According to UNICEF's latest figures, about 143 million children around the world are orphaned or abandoned. Abandoned children reside in orphanages and institutions around the world.

These countries are typically underdeveloped, plagued by poverty, social restrictions and war.

Such living conditions hinder the healthy development of ailing children.

One boy from Africa has spina bifida and scoliosis. He cannot use his legs and will need surgery.

Another child is HIV-positive with deceased parents.

A boy from East Asia was found abandoned in the square of the Imperial Palace.

Another boy was found on the side of a road in a bag attached with a note. Quinn, in addition to the other boys, was found at the entrance to a government building.

A Korean infant, born in 2007, was exposed to alcohol, tobacco and anti-depressants during his mother's pregnancy. Van, from Vietnam, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and developmental delays in all areas.

With the help of Brittany's Hope Foundation, Elizabethtown students are helping to raise money for these children. Brittany's Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization that works with adoption agencies to place special needs children in homes with their "forever families."

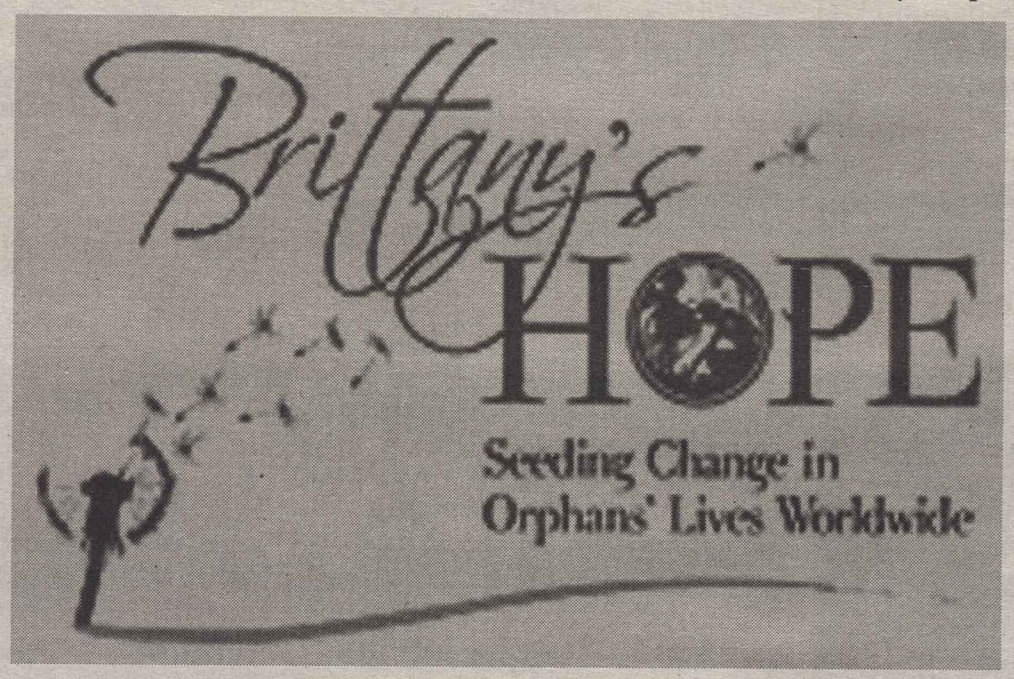
As of August 2008, Brittany's Hope had donated $3.3 million in child-specific grants to 616 waiting international children. One hundred ninety seven children from Ethiopia, Central America, China, Eastern Europe, India and others have found homes.

Brittany's Cribs also provides comfortable cribs for children who would otherwise sleep in broken cribs or barred metal pens without mattresses or blankets.

"Their mission is to bring "change in orphans' lives around the world," commented Amanda Vaine, a first-year here at Etown.

As part of her first-year seminar, "Global Child Welfare and Well-Being", Vaine and her classmates are working to raise money for this organization.

Her class was split into three groups, they then researched charities. These charities were presented to the class, and they collectively chose Brittany's Hope.



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In order to raise money, Etown is hosting an art auction.

The auction will be held during homecoming weekend on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

The auction will showcase paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry and other pieces of art.

"It will be a silent auction, where all of the pieces of art that have been gathered and donated to us will be bid on throughout the afternoon and eventually sold," Vaine said. "The money will then go to Brittany's Hope."

According to Vaine, "Dr. Mapp thinks that it is a good way to help the Elizabethtown community and the global community as well as teaching us to be global citizens."

It is hoped that the auction will attract the community in not only donations, but awareness of this organization.

Brittany's Hope's work is possible because of generous personal and corporate donations.

With the help of Elizabethtown College and the surrounding community, Brittany's Hope will be one child closer to finding a "forever family."

For more information on this worthy organization, visit *http://www.brittanyshope.org*.

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The Jayd-ed edge

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Eating Champ finishes first

Chowdown champ Joey Chestnut has done it again — this time proving he's a pizza powerhouse.

He downed 45 slices in ten minutes Sunday to win the first Famous Famiglia World Pizza Eating Championship in New York's Times Square.

Chesnut, from San Jose, Calif., says he fasted for more than a day to prepare. He folded and squeezed the slices to make them easier to swallow.

The 24-year-old rocketed to the status of competitive-eating celebrity when he won Coney Island's July Fourth hot-dog eating contest in 2007. He took the title again this summer by gulping down 59 dogs in ten minutes.

He won a contest in Tennessee last month by wolfing down 93 Krystal hamburgers in eight minutes.

"Special" Ginger Cake Served to Man

West Hartford police said they charged a 51-year-old woman with assault, reckless endangerment and tampering with evidence after she allegedly served a marijuana-tainted ginger cake to her real estate agent.

Authorities said the 28-year-old man called 911 shortly after leaving her home Thursday, saying he felt sick. He was treated at a local hospital and released. Police said they determined the woman told someone else she had laced it with marijuana.

Police have ordered tests on the dessert.

Divorce Settlement takes "A House divided" to a literal level

A couple in rural Cambodia has terminated their 18-year marriage with a divorce settlement that entailed sawing the wooden house they once shared in half. The husband, 42-year-old Moeun Sarim, has taken away with him all the bits and pieces of his half a house, said his 35-year-old wife, Vat Navy. They ended their marriage last month.

"He brought his relatives and used saws to cut the house in half," she said, adding that she now owns the other half that is still standing. She said the divorce was prompted by her husband's jealousy about her alleged relationship with a policeman in the village. She denied having an extramarital affair.

"He wanted a divorce, and I said, 'Let's divorce,'" she said.

"Local officials tried three times to get them to mend their differences, but the husband would not budge," Bou Bout, the village chief, said by phone.

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on campus

Cioban finishes second in competition

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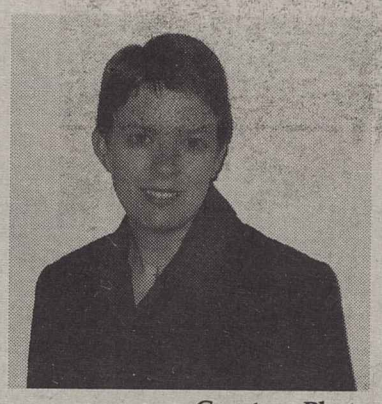
When you set a goal in mind, the possibility to obtain it depends on what sort of drive you run on and how committed you really want to be. This task can be a difficult one, as we tend to become easily distracted.



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For senior accounting major Amanda Cioban, setting a goal and working toward it seems to be one of the reasons which led to her success in the 2008 Student Writing Competition, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

Her essay, titled "XBRL: A Revolutionary Advancement in Financial Reporting," took second place in the competition, discussing Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) and its importance and effect in the business and accounting world. XBRL, an electronic language used for communicating business and financial data, was the topic given for the competition. Cioban took hold of the opportunity and produced the high-placing essay.

She was first notified about the competition through the mail. "We were covering the topic in class, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to explore it more in depth," Cioban said. Over a period of several months, Cioban worked on her article.

"I don't even want to think about it," she responded, when asked about the process of completing her essay.

The competition's main focus is to acknowledge students who are interested in pursuing accounting and related subjects, as well as encouraging work within the field. It is open to undergraduate students attending Pennsylvania colleges and universities who are pursuing majors in accounting or business. Each work had to be a 1,000-1,500 word research paper and have a 50-75 word abstract along with many other guidelines given by the competition. "I had to shorten the paper that I wrote for class by four pages to meet the word count," Cioban commented.

Her completed work had to be sent to the Careers in Accounting Team in Philadelphia with her personal information sent on a separate piece of paper. After they reviewed her work, Cioban received a phone call in May 2008 notifying her of her second-place win. With her win, she received a check for $1,200, and a multi-year scholarship. She received $4,000 this year and will also receive another $4,000 after she graduates. The accounting department also received $600 because of Cioban's win.

She seems very humble when discussing her feelings on the placing. "Was I honored to have been selected? Yes. Am I grateful for the money for tuition? Absolutely. Does being selected make me a better person? No." Cioban went onto explain that life is not always about the work and achievements you make; that such feats do not guarantee the results you seek.

"My friendships with faculty, staff and students mean something. Serving and being a part of a Christian community means something. Awards and scholarships are just honors that will soon fade away. If I could impart one phrase of advice to the campus before I leave this semester, it would be this: Ultimately, no one will remember what you accomplish here at Etown, but they will remember you for who you are as a person."

on campus

Night on Broadway brings New York here

Caitlin R. Koller
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Come one, come all to Etown's fifth annual "Night on Broadway," presented by Elizabethtown College's department of fine and performing arts' own BA club. This year's program will entertain the audience with costumes, staging and choreography. The club has put together a two act performance that includes a collection of solos, duets and group songs from their favorite Broadway musicals.

The program began about five years ago. It is a way for students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in music to break away and perform an assortment of music that they are not usually able to perform in their regular music lessons. The BA club thought it would be a fun way to present and perform their favorite Broadway music.

First-year student and BA club member Tanna Gibble said, "Everyone likes Broadway tunes, and here's the perfect opportunity to hear a variety without the Broadway prices." She says that the club has a fantastic line of musical numbers planned and that the audience should expect great things.

The 2008 "Night on Broadway" event includes a wide variety of music for the audience to enjoy. Most of the songs will be accompanied by piano, string bass and percussion. Group numbers will include songs such as the opening song, "Seasons of Love" from the musical motion-picture, "Rent", the jaunty "You Can't Stop the Beat" from "Hairspray", and "Gaston" from the Disney classic "Beauty and the Beast". There will also be performances from other Broadway musicals such as "Cats," "Wicked," "Carousel," "Lion King," "Ragtime," and "Guys and Dolls."Planning for this year's event began spring semester last year. The "Night on Broadway" is a completely student-run event. They plan everything: props, costumes, staging and music. Not only will there be an emcee who will explain each song's scenario and what musical the song is from, but this year's program is also an alumni reunion show! Past BA alumni have been invited to return to their alma mater and perform once again in the beautiful Zug Recital Hall.

BA club advisor, Debra Ronning, said, "This small and talented group of students has set a precedent in presenting exciting performances for their NIGHT ON BROADWAY! You won't want to miss it!"

Audiences and performers alike enjoy the show and preparing for the event. Due to the popularity and successfulness of previous events, the BA club has decided to add an additional show. Showtimes are Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the event is free and open to not only Etown College students, but to the Elizabethtown community as well. Refreshments will be made available during intermission and donations will be welcomed.

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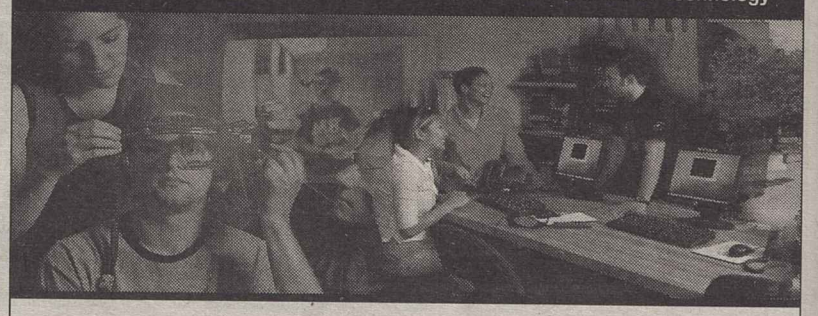

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campus events

Students and alumni look forward to Homecoming

Lauren M. Canzanese
Staff Writer

As Elizabethtown students take a look at this year's Homecoming schedule, some may be slightly disappointed. There is no big band or famous comedian coming to campus, and there will be no major event to mark the 2008 Elizabethtown College Homecoming. With this in mind, it is more important than ever for students and alumni to remember what the Homecoming celebration is really about.

Alumni have been returning to Etown for years during one weekend in the fall to remember all the times they shared with many of their old friends. The Office of Student Activities, the Alumni Office, student organizations and multiple academic departments have worked together to create a schedule of events that families can enjoy over the span of the entire weekend.

Many people have created wonderful memories at Etown over the years, and the intention of Homecoming weekend is to give them a chance to look back on those memories. Just ask any members of the classes of 1963, 1968 and 1973, as they will be celebrating their class reunions at Homecoming this year.

Homecoming is a time to celebrate the community. One of the reasons that many students chose Etown is because of its close knit community. There are traditions that have been carried over for many years. The Candlelight dinner, for example, will be taking place Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5 p.m. This is a tradition that started many years ago when the cafeteria was in Myer, and was carried over when the current student center and Marketplace were built.

There will also be the 14th annual Homecoming parade which will take place Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and will feature floats built by many clubs and organizations on campus.

There are also more recently added events to Homecoming weekend. This includes the Homecoming Fair, Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. in Brinser Field, where there are all sorts of T-shirts, snacks, crafts and much more being sold by campus clubs and organizations. There is also a Mad Cow performance taking place on Friday, Sept. 17, at 9 p.m. in Gibble Auditorium. The "A Cappella Extravaganza," will show in Leffler Chapel Sunday night at 8 p.m. Featuring Phalanx, Vocalign and Melica, this event is guaranteed to draw a crowd.

Of course it would not be Homecoming without all of the athletic events. The women's volleyball team will kick things off with their game against Juniata on Friday at 7 p.m. The women's soccer team plays Arcadia at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Men's soccer will play later that day at 4:30 p.m. Not only will our Blue Jays face off against Arcadia, but there will also be the halftime presentation of the Homecoming court.

This year, Ashley Huttenstine and Colin Lynch will represent the class of 2012 in the Homecoming Court. Amy Haun and Tom Hagerty will represent the class of 2011 and Allison Waldron and Mike Mauger will represent the class of 2010. Vying for the title of Homecoming King are seniors Jake Keeler, Mike Azzalina and Ryan Kasyan. The candidates for Homecoming Queen are seniors Sarah Deysher, Andrea Beard and Diana Reitz.

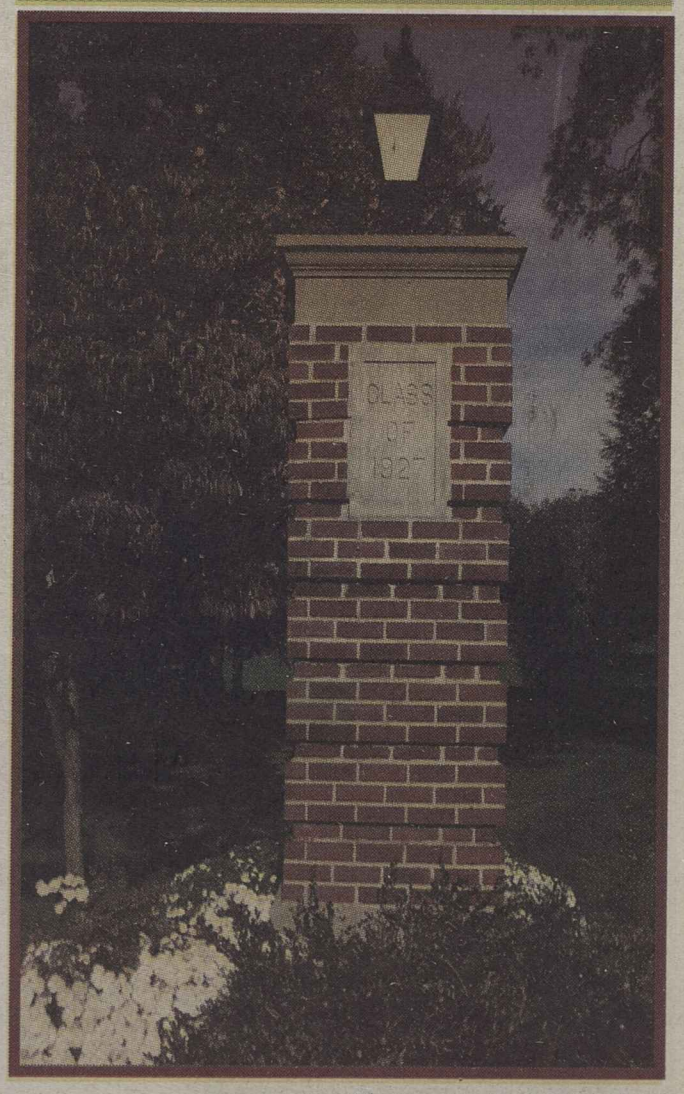
"I think it's so special to be nominated with some of my best friends at Etown," Deysher said. "It should be a day of fun with friends that I'll never forget!"

There are many other activities that will make Homecoming a memorable experience. *Class Act*, an eight-person musical group, will perform in Brinser Field during the fair. There will also be a Murder Mystery Lunch taking place in the Event Space Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Though this year's Homecoming may not feature a big-name band, there will be much to enjoy. It is a time to truly be proud to be an Etown student or graduate.

"Homecoming and Family Weekend is an extraordinary time for alumni, current students, parents and friends to reminisce about the past, connect with the present and look to the future—all with the College as the central thread," Etown alum and current associate director of alumni relations, Mark Clapper '96, said.

If you ask any one of the many Etown alumni that have returned to campus for Homecoming, they most likely will not remember who performed at Homecoming during their years here, but instead, the memories and friendships they made, some of which they still maintain to this day.



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Obama vs. Recession

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Staff Writer

The plunge of the stock market, the failures of banks nationwide, and the anticipation of the presidential election on Nov. 4 have become some of 2008's defining moments. These trying times have led the candidates running for President, Democratic Senator Barack Obama and Republican Senator John McCain, to focus on how each of them can change the federal government.

Obama has shaken up the public's perception of the president's role. He has listened and catered to young voters like never before, and these young voters are responding.

"For the past two years, Barack Obama has been the only candidate that has spoken about student issues. He has also made students and their issues a pillar of his campaign," Kevin Bucher, the Barack Obama for America Campus Coordinator for Elizabethtown College, said.

Obama has laid out his plan to jumpstart the American economy. Students and all Americans are listening. In a CNN national Poll of Polls, 68 percent of Americans are confident in Obama's ability to handle the economy.

With news that the New York Stock Exchange lost over 700 points last week, many worry about the potential for another Great Depression. Obama has a plan to avoid that. He and Joe Biden, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, will enact a windfall profits tax on large oil company profits to provide an instant $1,000 energy rebate to help American families pay their rising bills.

Obama plans to cut taxes for almost every American family. Through his plan, Obama will not raise any tax on families that make less than $250,000 a year. Families who make over $250,000 will pay the same or lower tax rates than they did in the 1990s.

A big item in Obama's tax relief plan is the $4,000 American Opportunity Tax Credit. This fully refundable tax credit will help make college affordable for all Americans. This credit will, in essence, make community college free. His plan will also streamline the application process for applying for financial aid. On the tax return, a family can apply for financial aid by checking a box. This will authorize that their tax information be used to determine assistance for college.

Students at Etown pay for his or her education in a variety of ways. Obama will eliminate the Federal Family Education Loan Program, a privately funded program by banks and lenders who receive subsidies from the federal government. These privately loans cost more and do not provide any greater benefits than the Direct Loan system which is funded publicly. Obama will eliminate the private program and use the money from it to aid students directly, not banks and lenders.

"Barack Obama's plan will eliminate the middleman. It will make more money available to students at a competitive rate," Dr. E. Fletcher McClellan, professor of political science and advisor to the College Democrats said.

Overall, Obama will change the tax code and make the burden of filing taxes easier. His plan is to combine many tax credits to alleviate the amount of time and money Americans spend to complete their tax returns. In general, about 40 million Americans will be able to file their taxes in under five minutes. Obama also has a plan to raise the minimum wage. He will index the rate of inflation to make working worthwhile. This will allow workers across America to afford the necessities.

"This plan is a way to keep the wages up with inflation just like Social Security is currently," McClellan said.

You can help make a difference in this historic election by casting your vote Nov. 4.

Where the economy stands, ad ho

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Opinion Editor

Investor worry turned to panic last week as all major stock indexes plummeted. Last week alone, the Dow lost 1,874 points, or 18 percent. In the eight successive trading sessions, the Dow dropped 22 percent. Many investors worry as they see their retirement funds and nest eggs fall apart before their eyes. The Dow lost $2.4 trillion in value last week alone, and the key measure of the markets' volatility, the VIX, reached an all-time high.

This week has been a rollercoaster ride for the group of blue chip stocks. It ended at 936 points Monday, but lost 76 points on Tuesday and another 733 points yesterday. The Nikkei (Japan) was up 14.2 percent on Tuesday and then up another 1.1 percent on Wednesday. OPEC is in crisis mode as oil prices have fallen to around $80 a barrel from a high of about $147. Even as the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates by 0.5 percent, consumer spending remains low. Consumers are finding it increasingly difficult to find the credit necessary for large purchases.

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Understanding the evolving bailout package: the pas ge a

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The bailout bill was barely born at three and a half pages just four weeks ago. Henry M. Paulson, the Secretary of the Treasury and drafter, has seen it grow to 450 pages, of which 110 pages consist only of the bailout, document filled with transparency, accountability and judicial review requirements — and the authority for him to spend $700 billion at his will. It used to be code-named "Break the Glass" before it was actually presented as a bill. It was "just for emergency-use only." Now as a $700 billion rescue package, the glass has been quite shattered.

The first version was sent to the House of Representatives Sept. 29 and was rejected — 13 votes shy of passage. "The rejection of the bill by the House of Representatives was quite surprising," Scott Hendrickson, assistant professor of public law and director of the pre-law program said.

"House leaders don't typically put a bill like that up for a vote unless they have a clear feeling that the bill will pass," he revealed. "Obviously, their behind-the-scenes vote counting that occurred prior to the official vote was inaccurate. Leaders from both parties supported the bill, but many of their rank-and-file members were opposed."

Hendrickson noted that the opposition from many Republican members was based upon the Republican philosophy of no government intervention in the markets and minimal government spending. In contrast, many Democrats who opposed the bill felt that it didn't go far enough. In the first run-through at the House, 65 Republicans voted yes, 133 voted no, and 140 Democrats voted yes, 95 voted no.

That afternoon after the rejection, the stock market plummeted 777 points. As a comparison, stocks dropped 684 points the first trading day after the Sept. 11 attacks. A revamped version of the bill first went to the Senate on Oct. 1, where it passed by a margin of 49 votes. After passing the Senate, the bill then proceeded to the House a second time. With the added procedures and the financial doom looming without its approval, the House passed the bill by a margin of 58 votes, a sizeable majority.

"The bailout portion of the bill was basically the same," Hendrickson said. "The bill authorizes the Treasury Secretary to take action as he deems necessary." Other provisions were added to the bill, such as tax credits for renewable energy and an increase in FDIC insurance for bank deposits to $250,000 from $100,000.

After the resulting crisis on Wall Street, plus very concerned constituents contacting their congressmen, something just had to be done. Then the bill followed its due course to the president's desk, where it was immediately signed into law. "Bush had appointed Paulson and the White House had been involved in negotiations over its language, so it was highly unlikely that he would veto it," noted Hendrickson.

"Implementation of the bill's provisions, however, doesn't happen overnight," he added. The Bush administration has already changed its approach under the bill. The bill is very broad and leaves a lot of leeway. As administrations change, the next president's perspective

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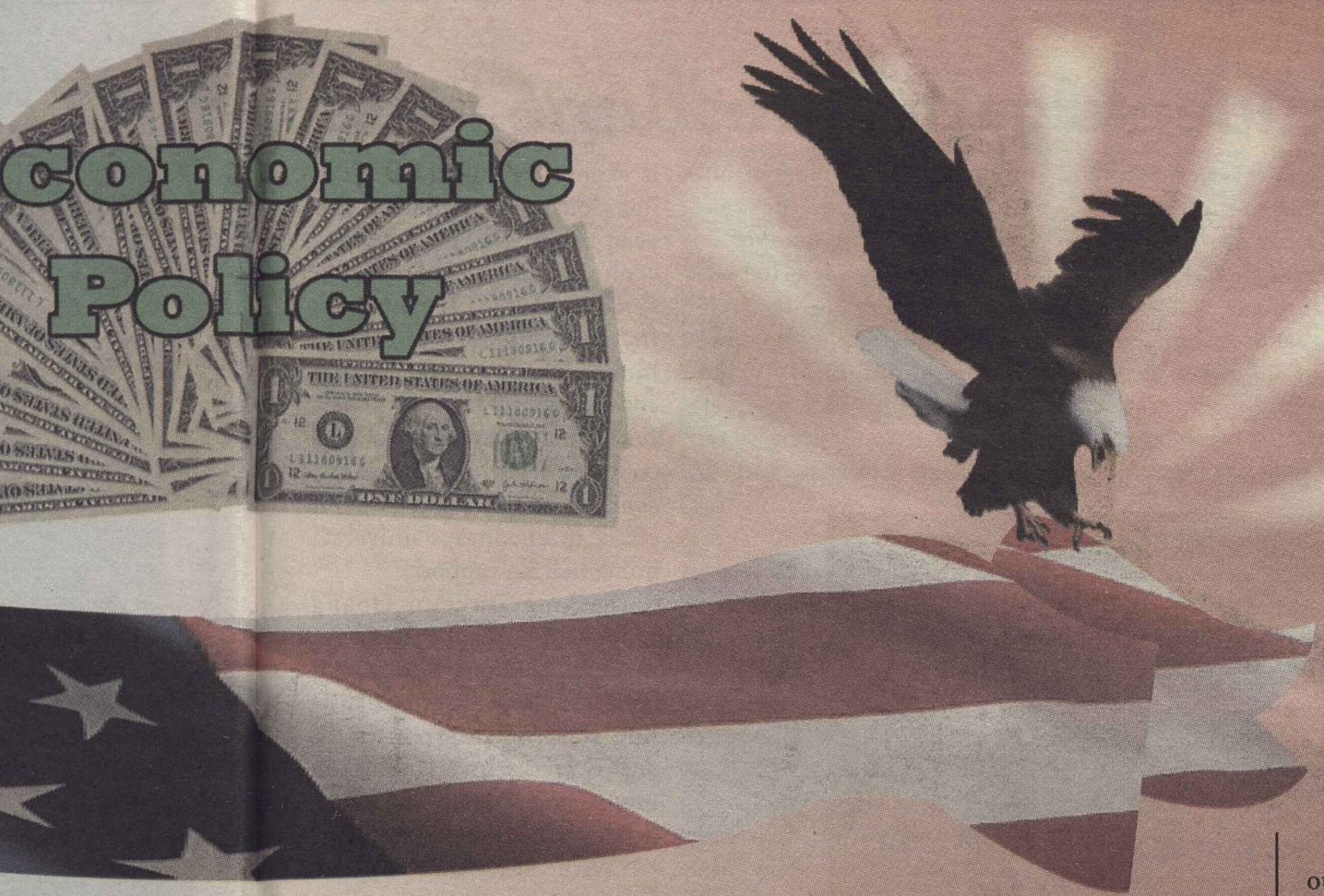

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ailing of the US economy has a ripple effect throughout the As we become a "global economy," a major domestic up- r downturn influences the economies of other nations. f these factors provide a major campaign point for both Obama and John McCain. Obama supports efforts by the ment through the $700 billion package. He would also like to see a $50 billion emergency economic stimulus plan. McCain also supports the bailout package, but says that it isn't perfect. He cites the package as a "tourniquet … not a permanent solution."

"Purely as an economist, and not a voting citizen, I and many economists are particularly concerned about the McCain plan to tax health care benefits received through their employer," Dr. Scheiding, assistant professor of economics, said.

"Health care provided by the employer is the backbone of our health care financing system in the United States," and this plan would "greatly affect workers (and not necessarily in a beneficial way)," Scheiding continued.

Local students have also been affected. "Within the last year, I lost 25 percent in one of my stocks. I've got $5,000 invested in that stock," first-year Matthew Freedman said. "Another stock went up before the recession, but it's rapidly declining." Voters cite the economy as one of the main factors for their decision this election with 58 percent of the people saying it is according to a CNN poll the most important issue.

A man, a plan: McCain

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This election year, one of the most important topics in deciding who to vote for is each candidate's plan for the future of the economy.

Senator John McCain's platform in terms of our country's economy includes many important issues. Three issues that mainly impact students are his plans for oil and reducing gas prices, his policy for student loans, and a national tax cut.

One of McCain's beliefs is that our country should send a strong message to the world's markets. A way that he feels we can do this is by showing countries that produce oil we do not depend on their resources. He believes this will help lower the prices at the gas pump.

While McCain thinks that the price of gas at the pump will lower under his plan, he also would like to institute a "Gas Tax Holiday," which would extend from Memorial Day to Labor Day and exempt consumers from all federal taxes on gasoline in that time period.

According to McCain, the price of oil has increased because of a decrease in the world value of the dollar.

According to McCain, by increasing the value of the dollar it will make our economy stronger and lower the price for purchasing things such as oil and food.

Along with reducing gas prices, McCain would also like to make an effort to help out college students continue to obtain loans.

Due to the credit crunch, loans are suddenly scarce, along with the increase in cost of loans from banks.

McCain is proposing a student loan continuity plan, which would keep loans for college students available.

McCain also wants to institute a new tax policy. He does not want to tax things that could inhibit the growth and prosperity of our economy, and asserts that he wishes to sustain our global competiveness. This means no taxing the Internet, which has certainly marked the biggest economic paradigm shift in the last three decades, or cell phones.

"I really like the idea on not taxing cell phones," junior Nina Longobardi said. "Considering the fact that I have to pay for mine, it's a really good idea not to make it even more expensive."

He also plans to keep taxes low.

McCain will cap the tax rate for entrepreneurs at 35 percent because he believes they shouldn't be taxed as much for creating jobs for others. Along with keeping that tax rate at 35 percent, he plans on cutting the corporate tax rate to 25 percent. Maintaining a low corporate tax rate is key for keeping good jobs in the United States.

According to McCain, this will certainly deter companies from outsourcing jobs.

If there is a low corporate tax rate here, companies will keep their factories and jobs instead of outsourcing, thus increasing the amount of jobs for Americans.

First-year Hannah Desmond said, "I believe that McCain will do a superior job to that of Obama in dealing with the economy and the financial crisis. He has more experience and therefore will ultimately do a more effective job."

Senator John McCain has big and innovative plans for our economy if he is elected into office.

His platform focuses on increasing the value of the dollar, oil prices and tax rates.

Many Americans' financial stability has been jeopardized in this recent economic turmoil.

Because the economy is in a continuous downward spiral, both candidates' economic platform will be a huge factor in who wins this year's election.

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No matter the government though, it's still a bureaucracy charged with implementing the bill's provisions, and "by their very nature, bureaucracies work slowly," Hendrickson said. For example, according to *the New York Times*, the Treasury will not buy bad assets from banks until roughly four weeks from now, certainly not before the Nov. 4 election day. Part of the reason for this delay is because the private sector needs to set the prices; an entire internal network of asset managers and financially-minded experts need to determine how to best buy the assets and at which prices to purchase them. If they pay too little for the banks' bad assets, taxpayers benefit, but if they purchase the bad assets at pre-financial crisis values, the taxpayers will have to pay dearly and the banks will get off easily. A midpoint will have to be achieved on a case-by-case basis with the hopes that the privately-hired managers won't conflict their own interests with those of national well-being.

In the first phase of the bailout bill, Congress is only letting $250 billion out. About 1 percent of any assets bought will be paid in fees to the private sector for managing the assets, which the government is not really in the business of doing.

Just two weeks after putting so much energy and effort into the bailout bill, the government is already injecting capital directly into banks, into non-voting preferred stocks, rather than buying up bad assets.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the "Treasury will buy $25 billion in preferred stock in Bank of America, J.P Morgan and Citigroup; between $20 billion and $25 billion in Wells Fargo; $10 billion in Goldman and Morgan Stanley; and between $2 billion and $3 billion in Bank of New York Mellon and State Street," which is the first phase of the $700 billion payout.

Both the campaigns of Obama and McCain try to use their stances on how to fix the troubles in which we're finding ourselves. *BarackObama.com* cites "responsible tax cuts for ordinary Americans." *JohnMcCain.com* equally reports tax cuts, but for corporations, reducing the tax rate to 25 percent from 35 percent. Yet the question still remains: who's really going to pay for that $700 billion in the end if the investment plan doesn't pay off?

However, this is not just an American epidemic. Credit problems are occurring all over Europe, and even countries such as Australia and New Zealand are taking measures to prevent any crises from happening there.

In the Euro-zone, it has become more and more imperative that they act together, since their economies are so intertwined. While there is no common European bailout support, the governments have said they will assist national banks when the need arises.

In the race for the next president of the United States, the economic platform of the chosen candidate will affect voters and non-voters alike, even those who are not Americans. Current bi-partisan efforts to save the country from the looming financial crisis have only gone so far, and further steps taken by the next administration will continue to shape the economic environment.

This has become a serious international crisis, and it demands a serious international answer. Since the early 20th century, our nation has not tackled something like this.

holiday advice

Halloween approaches, students gather costume ideas

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Every October brings about the same question: "What should I be for Halloween?" This year there are all sorts of fun, creative and inexpensive ideas for college students to spice up any Halloween activity. The popular ideas do not drastically change from year to year because merchandisers around the country look to satisfy all ages of Halloween enthusiasts with the traditional costumes. These include witches, hippies, pirates, devils, flappers, angels, Wonder Woman, Superman, Batman, Indiana Jones, Anakin Skywalker, Elvis and Uncle Sam.

Although some of the more common costume ideas may seem a bit cliché, they have all withstood the test of time for a reason — everyone loves a good devil or a creative pirate.

Sophomore Jess Mathews says she tends to gravitate towards the traditional costumes.

"I'd have to go with any classic Disney character. You just can't go wrong being a prince or princess," Matthews said.

Couples should take advantage of their company by getting artistic and coordinating costumes by playing off popular culture's list of famous duos. Fred and Wilma Flintstone, Peter Pan and Tinkerbelle, Prince Charming and Cinderella, Thing One and Thing Two, the King and Queen of Hearts, Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, and Tarzan and Jane will be sure to earn any couple some positive attention. With awe and envy, inventive couples are sure to please the crowds.

In college, it is especially fun to create themed group costumes from Wizard of Oz, Scooby Doo, Spice Girls, Star Wars, the Beatles, or Charlie's Angels. Groups also get laughs and praise when they organize their costumes around superheroes, cowboys, gladiators, or cops and robbers.

"For Halloween, the floor that I live on, Founders 2C, came up with the idea of having a Disney theme for our costumes," first-year Michelle Hare said. "Each person has picked his or her own Disney character to portray, and the list ranges from all of the original Disney princesses to Captain Jack Sparrow."

Senior Andrea Guzzo also feels that group themes are the best.

"I can't give away my secrets for this year, but I've seen some really cool costumes in the past, including the Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus and all the Planeteers from Captain Planet," Guzzo said.

While all of these ideas sound great in theory, many college students will attest to the fact that a low budget hinders their Halloween costume plans. Solution: get creative!

Although some inexpensive costume suggestions are a little tacky, they are nevertheless comical and ingenious. A lady bug, ghost, clown, scarecrow, American tourist, mummy, pirate, butterfly, your roommate, or any of Will Farrell's characters can easily come to life with just a little bit of work.

Photo: Shaleen A. Spulio

Gluing "bloody" plastic knives to cereal boxes, which are then glued to a shirt, makes a "cereal" killer. Cutting a hole in an inexpensive plastic hamper which fits right over the torso transforms someone into "dirty laundry" (add socks and underwear to the hamper for detail). Pinning socks to black clothing brings to life "static cling," while wrapping someone in aluminum foil makes "leftovers." In order to create "God's gift to women," wrap a box like a present and cut holes for the arms and legs.

Designing a cotton candy costume, on the other hand, is more original; just spray paint a wig and wear blue or pink! Martha Stewart suggests that anyone can make a shark, bat, frog, or little red riding hood by decorating a solid colored hoodie sweatshirt and crafting the hood as the character's head.

Even without spending a great deal of money, any college student can create a great costume.

But it turns out, spending some money on costumes can actually end up going to a charitable cause.

According to *GoodSociety.org*, an outfitter based in Seattle is expected to spend five billion dollars on Halloween this year, regardless of the current economic plight. As a result, GoodSociety has partnered with Invisible Children, a non-profit humanitarian group, and is committing to donate 100 percent of the Halloween proceeds collected from *Costumestudio.com* to war-torn Uganda in an effort to encourage universal humanitarian support.

Fashion Director Quang Dinh said, "We did the quick math. Five billion dollars would feed over one hundred million starving children for an entire year. I love Halloween more than most, but something needed to be done."

With marketing support from *MySpace.com*, GoodSociety is looking forward to the project's success in offering a variety of costumes to America's spirit. Although some of CostumeStudio's prices do not compare exactly with those of discount stores, their intentions are far nobler than any bargain outfitter's. By satisfying Halloween needs and donating worldwide aid, GoodSociety is giving Americans exactly what they want and need this October.

With so many possible routes to take this year when planning Halloween costumes, there is not excuse to not be joining in the fun. The good, the bad, and the scary costumes are all within reach this month as Halloween rounds the corner.

campus events

Service-oriented spring break trip offered to students

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Spring break in Cancun, Mexico, with all of your friends and zero parental supervision sounds like most college students' dream, but for 20 Elizabethtown College students, a much different experience awaits them.

March 1 to 7, 20 students and four Elizabethtown College staff members will travel to our nation's capital and spend the week doing volunteer work for the less privileged.

The mission of the trip is not only to educate students on the topics of hunger, homelessness and HIV/AIDs, but to give them the chance to get involved in social justice. It is a quality service-learning experience that will hopefully force students to step out of the box and become aware of urban issues.

Photo: Noelle A. Withelder

There are four main objectives that participants are expected to fill. There is anticipation that students will become more aware of urban poverty issues, they will learn to question their own attitudes, beliefs, and values, they will become more aware of disparity and they will want to become agents of change in their communities. The hands-on work will allow groups to learn about the reality of being poor and hungry in our nation's capital.

Joey Allen, an area coordinator for Residence Life, brought up the idea of this trip in hopes that this program will grow each year and eventually become an entirely student run trip.

"It has been a passion of mine since I came to Elizabethtown," Allen said.

Allen has completed the trip five times before as an undergraduate student and greatly benefited from it. After returning from the trip, Allen became involved with social justice programs at his college and eventually became a planner for the trip.

Allen hand-picked junior Autumn Metcalf to be the student leader for Elizabethtown College's first trip. After previously working with Metcalf in a professional capacity, Allen saw the passion Metcalf had for service and social justice and knew she would be perfect for the job.

"I hope to help others, especially within our Etown community, become more aware of the issues affecting urban areas," Metcalf said. "Going to school in such a rural area, it is difficult to recognize some of these issues because they are not present around us every day. Creating awareness allows students to realize that people do not always choose the lifestyle they are in."

While in Washington the students will be performing one or two projects each day. They will have plenty of free time, and at the end of the day there will be a reflection time to talk about what they learned and to ask any questions.

"It will be somewhat of a culture shock," Allen said.

Allen also stressed that this is an extremely safe trip. Safety should not be a concern because it is the number one priority.

Another one of the main purposes of the trip is to provide an alternative to drinking over spring break.

To become a part of this unique opportunity an application must be submitted to Residence Life by Oct. 24 and the process will be reopened in Spring 2009 for those who have not yet made up their minds.

The trip is $125 and a great deal of the money for the trip will most likely be raised through fundraising. If you have any questions about the trip you may contact Allen at ALLENJO@etown.edu.

awareness

Coming out: student shares story

Joelle E. Atkinson
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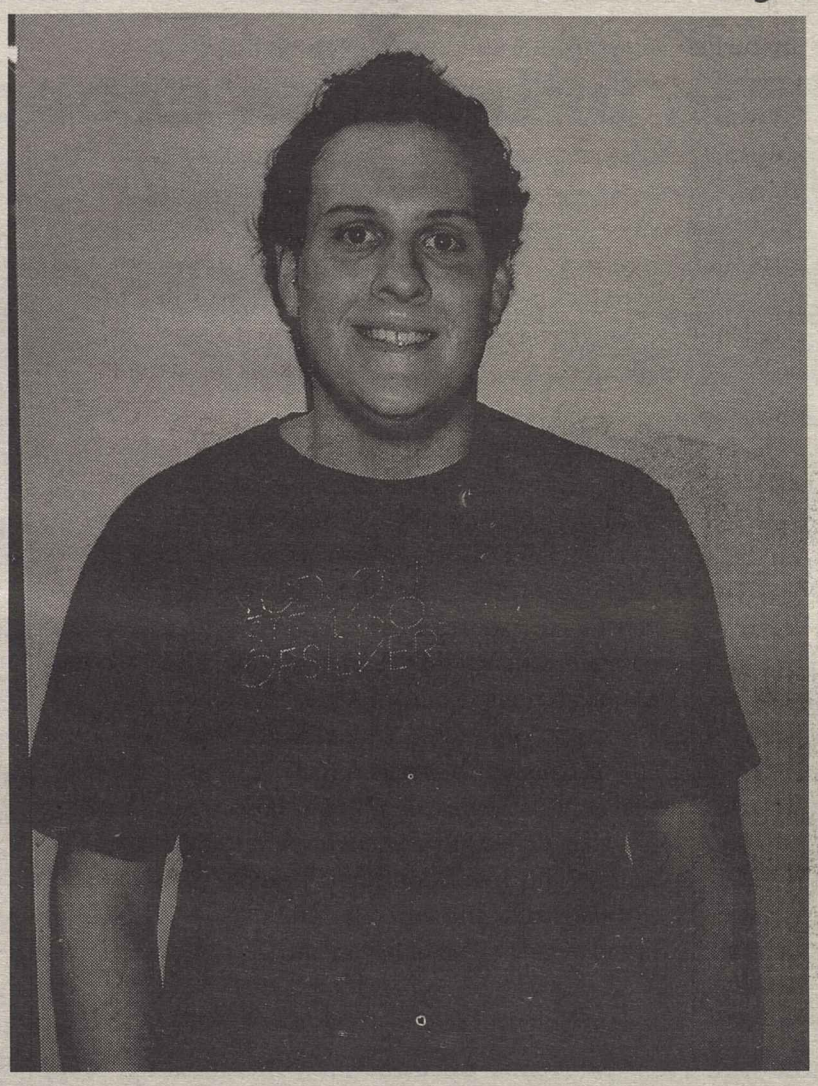

Photo: Noelle A. Withelder
Junior Michael Tschop shares the story of his coming out.

National Coming Out Week is celebrated on the Elizabethtown College campus every year. Banners, posters and chalk drawings on the sidewalk are all reminders of this important event. But National Coming Out Week isn't just about activities and awareness — it is also about people's stories and experiences. There are a number of Etown students who have endured many of the issues associated with coming out to their family, friends and community in general.

One of these students is Mike Tschop, a junior music therapy major, who said, "Coming out was the best decision I've ever made."

Tschop knew that there was something different about him since the fourth grade, but he didn't know exactly how to define it. It was when he hit puberty in middle school that he finally knew what was so confusing — he was gay.

"I was very unhappy in middle school, I think partly as a result of struggling with my sexuality," Tschop said. "I had a girlfriend in tenth grade because I thought I could turn myself straight."

At a Christian retreat during his junior year of high school, Tschop became close friends with a leader who worked there. It was on this trip that he first came out to her.

"She made me realize that it was okay, and that if I accepted it I would be much happier," Tschop said.

As he began coming out to friends about a month later, he was much happier with himself. He felt a magnificent weight being lifted off his shoulders each time he came out to someone. By the time Tschop got to college, he was comfortable enough coming out to new friends.

"Coming out really knocked down the barrier that was keeping me from having truly meaningful friendships," Tschop said.

He also said it has given him higher self-esteem than he has ever had before. In addition, his relationship with his parents is much less distant than it had been before.

Tschop also has advice for others on campus who may be struggling with coming out to friends and family members. He said if you aren't comfortable with labels, such as the terms "gay" and "bisexual," they do not have to be used.

"Sexuality is a very personal subject," Tschop said. If you are having trouble discussing your sexuality, Tschop advised, "do it only because you want to, and make sure it's on your own terms. If people react badly to it, that's not your problem. Your true friends will stick with you."

Tschop also advised to never let anyone else influence this personal decision.

There are several resources on campus to assist students with this journey. Tschop is currently vice president of Allies, the gay/straight alliance group at Etown. This club meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of Alpha Hall. Tschop assures that whatever is said at meetings is strictly confidential. Allies has also recently started a new program called the Safe Zone program. If you see a Safe Zone logo on dorm rooms, these are people with whom you can talk to about coming out.

As Tschop celebrates National Coming Out Week, along with many other students on campus, he urges others who are comfortable enough to talk about their sexuality to begin telling friends and family about it, and he also reminds students that there are always people on campus who are willing to listen.

humor column

Peter Butter and Jam(eson)

Dear PB&J: My girlfriend thinks that I am insensitive. How do I show her that I am sensitive?
– Broseph in Brinser

Hey Broseph! Well, sensitivity is a really … sensitive … issue. You have to show her you care while trying not to take it to the extent that you're being obnoxious and creepy about it. You also need to maintain some level of manliness, as at the moment you show any sort of emotional weakness, she'll wrap you 'round her finger and lord over you with an iron fist. Whenever she talks, you should definitely act like you're listening. That's the first step that most dudes miss. More importantly, you need to *show* that you're listening. Whenever she takes a moment to breathe during her daily tirade, try one of these key phrases to display interest: "*How does that make you feel?*" or "*You are* so *right!*" But, if you're looking for an example of how not to be sensitive, look no further than this column. Jam and I are possibly the most insensitive guys on this campus. Just watch what we do and do the complete opposite, and you'll be in the green by Tuesday. *–PB*

Yo Broseph — Don't listen to the lies my man Peter be spittin'. Peter Butter? More like Peter *Nutter*. Just 'cause that fool can't serenade no honeys don't mean I ain't got the charm to bet the farm. When my lady needs to know her knight's not far away, you'd best believe I gots the flow to make her holiday. Here's what your shorty wants: picnic near a photogenic lake. Cook s'mores over a can of Sterno. Pack bubbly. Fade to black. *-J*

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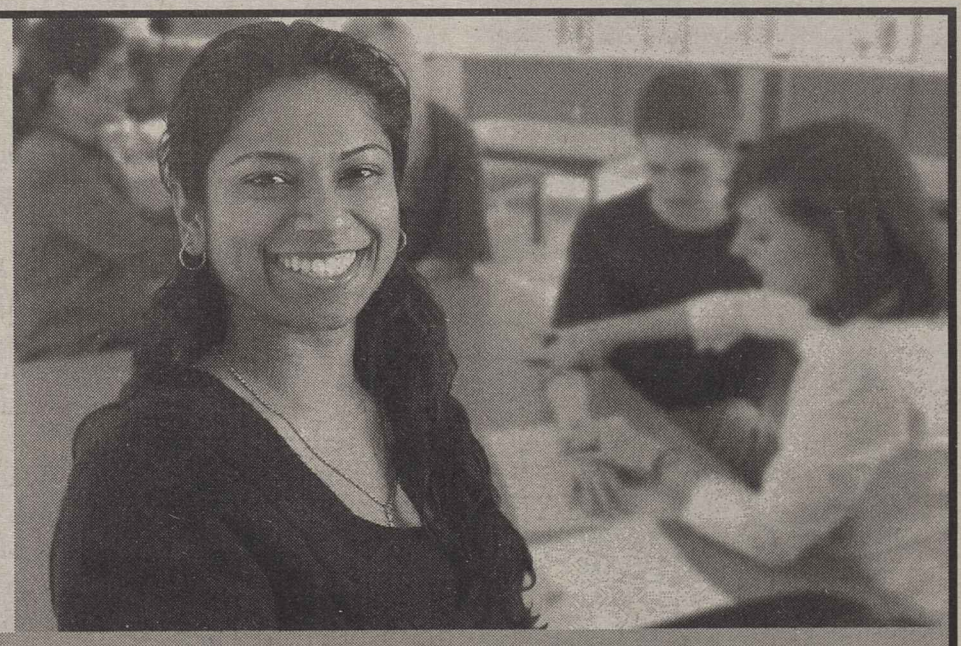

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DO YOU FEEL THE ECONOMY IS ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY?

by David G. Breidenstine

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"I BELIEVE THE ECONOMY HAS HIT ITS LOWEST POINT AND WILL GRADUALLY INCRESE WITH SOME UPS & DOWNS IN-BETWEEN."

NIKKOLE IMLER
POTTSTOWN, PA
"I BELIEVE IT IS SLOWLY GETTING THERE. WE'LL GET THERE BUT IT WILL BE SLOW."

NICK WETZEL
WARRINGTON, PA
"I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME, BUT WE WILL SEE THE ECONOMY RISE AGAIN AS IT HAS CONSISTENTLY IN THE PAST."

BRIGHID POPLAR
LANCASTER, PA
"I BELIEVE THAT WITH OBAMA AS PRESIDENT, THE ECONOMY WILL SLOWLY GET BACK TO WHAT IT SHOULD BE. HOWEVER, THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE TIME."

on campus

Sarah Palin influences economic class

Dr. Sanjay Paul
Associate Professor of Economics; Department Chair

These are difficult times. The stock market has been decimated, causing investors to lose dollops of money. The economy is in bad shape — firms are laying off hundreds of thousands of workers each month, consumers are cutting back on spending, banks are going bankrupt. Comparisons with the Great Depression appear to be increasingly apt.

And to top it all, we are in the midst of a presidential election. John McCain's choice of a running mate energized his campaign. With her fiercely conservative views and ruggedly handsome looks forged in the moose-hunting grounds of Alaska, Sarah Palin has proved to be a terrific draw at campaign events. But then came her interviews with Charlie Gibson and Katie Couric, followed by her debate with Joe Biden, and NBC suddenly found itself sitting on a goldmine with Tina Fey and Saturday Night Live.

Palin's influence can also be felt in the classroom, as Professor Homer discovered in his macroeconomics class.

The class was discussing the economic situation (what else?). To start things off, Homer asked, "What is the unemployment rate?"

A hand went up. "Go ahead, Kelly," Homer said, expecting her to provide a number in the 6 percent range.

Instead, Kelly said, "Professor Homer, I am not going to answer your question. I am going to go over your head to the American people and talk to them directly."

That is not a good thing in a classroom, thought Homer. For starters, it would be difficult to put the American people in one room.

Homer talked about the importance of keeping oneself informed in these perilous times. He asked a student about his reading habits. "What newspaper do you read?" Homer asked Justin, expecting to hear something like the *Wall Street Journal* or *The New York Times*. Perhaps even the Patriot-News.

Instead, Justin said, "I read anything and everything. I read whatever my roommate puts in front of me."

Homer hoped Justin had a good roommate.

Homer discussed how the unfolding crisis is leading to a vastly expanded role for the government in economic affairs. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke have cobbled together a $700 billion package to address the problem of liquidity. More rescue packages are in the works. Banks hold toxic assets whose values are tied largely to falling house prices, and no one knows exactly how much they are worth. This makes the banks unwilling to lend to each other — you couldn't be sure you would get repaid. The bailout package was meant to take some of these assets off the balance sheets of the banks, making them financially stronger and willing to make loans. In some cases the government would even take stakes in the institutions, effectively nationalizing them.

That led to a discussion about Adam Smith. Homer asked, "Mel, what is the Invisible Hand doctrine?" Homer expected Mel to say something about how the pursuit of self-interest by individuals promoted society's welfare. How government intervention should be kept to a minimum. The virtues of laissez-faire. That sort of thing.

Instead, Mel said, "The Invisible Hand doctrine? Is that similar to the Bush doctrine?"

"No," said Homer.

Mel said, "With all due respect, Professor Homer, that's a gotcha question. I think you are a member of the Eastern establishment elite."

"Well, yes, I am. But how did you know that, Mel?" Homer thought this was a well-kept secret.

"I heard it from Mitt Romney."

"Ah."

"Oh — and one more thing, sir," said Mel. "Please call me Maverick."

in the nation

VP candidates square off in only debate

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Oct. 2, Democratic Senator Joe Biden and Republican Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin faced off for the first and only vice presidential debate. Though both candidates clearly had a lot riding on this debate, the pressure was on Palin to improve her public image. Though Palin managed not to make any major gaffes, I still believe the clear winner was Biden.

After the disastrous Katie Couric interview, Palin had a lot to prove. Rather than focusing on the content of her answers, Palin's stance was more about avoiding any more embarrassing mistakes and proving herself to be capable for the vice presidential position.

Perhaps this is why it seemed that most of her answers revolved around her experiences as governor rather than the positions she and John McCain are taking during this election.

While the media commended Palin's performance, it seems to me that she didn't improve the quality of her answers; she just got better at avoiding them.

Many of Palin's responses evaded the actual questions and fell back to her talking points. She came back, many times, to the concept of her and McCain as "mavericks." Even Palin admitted, "...I may not answer the questions that either the moderator or you want to hear, but I'm going to talk straight to the American people and let them know my track record also."

Talk to the people she did. Throughout the debate, Palin tried her hardest to relate to the audience and market herself to the people. She often referenced her home life and always looked into the camera; never at Biden or the moderator.

While explaining her position on the economic crisis, Palin reached out to the people, saying, "One thing that Americans do at this time, also, though, is let's commit ourselves just every day American people, Joe Six Pack, hockey moms across the nation, I think we need to band together and say never again." Palin often used cute phrases, such as "darn right," in her answers, which may have been an attempt to charm the audience.

What some may construe as charm, however, I took as an attempt to take focus away from the lack of substance in her answers. America doesn't need another charming, pretty face. It needs someone who could run the country if the need should ever arise.

Though he may have been the frontrunner in this debate, Biden was not without his faults. I was bothered by his insistence on talking up McCain before attacking his ideals. Before making a remark, Biden would preface with something like, "...he's a good man." Biden's running for Obama's campaign, so he should probably stop telling the people what a great man McCain is.

He did, however, manage to avoid the verbosity that many thought would be his downfall and showed much more knowledge about the issues than Palin.

All considered, I think it's clear that Biden won this debate. He simply answered the questions more often than Palin, and proved to be better at arguing his points.

Palin talked more about herself and her qualifications for the position of vice president than about the policies she and McCain want to implement. She may have rectified her image in the eyes of the media, but I think Palin herself said it best, "And how long have I been at this, like five weeks? So there hasn't been a whole lot that I've promised."

The fact is, Palin hasn't been at this very long and she doesn't have the experience necessary to be a respected vice president. Maverick or not, she is simply not ready.

Biden has the experience. He proved that he can hold his own as vice president. In my eyes, there's no question as to who fared better during the debate.

And, for those of you who might be wondering, the final "maverick" word count for the evening: 15.

in the nation

Challenge: learn the true facts

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There's more to voting than just … well … voting. As young people, we are encouraged to "get out there and vote!" It's all over the TV — slogans including "vote or die," "rock the vote," and "choose or lose." However, do we really want everyone to just get out there and vote?

We do have a responsibility to vote. More importantly, we have a responsibility to be aware of who, and what, we are voting for.

Generally, our age group hasn't had to pay much attention to politics, because for a lot of us, this will be the first time we can vote in a presidential election. The most we pay attention to is what we hear from our parents or headlines from the news. If we want to get to know the candidates, we see commercials and billboards, which are usually nothing more than propaganda, and many other unreliable sources.

Now that it is our turn to make educated decisions as young adults that will impact our future, we have a number of options to go about doing so. Our first option is to go along with what our families want. If we have been raised as strictly Republican or have grown up in a home of Democrats, it would be natural for us to go with the candidate from our family's party without giving the other much consideration. We can even listen to our friends and feel pressured to vote for their preference.

A second option is to watch the commercials and read the headlines and, to take things a step further, listen to their public speeches. We can take all these things into account and simply vote for whichever candidate we like better.

A third option — the one that I challenge our generation to exercise — is one that will not only contribute to the future presidency of our nation, but one that will also help us grow as individuals. The first step would be to clear our minds of what our families and the media have said so we are not biased. The next step would be to lay out two things: our personal values, and what changes, if any, we want to see in the next term. If we can do this, we can look at the candidates critically and decide whose plan is more compliant with what we would expect from the leader of our country. A third step is to go beyond the candidates at face value. We cannot simply believe what they say they are going to do: we have to think critically, see through their rhetoric and look beyond their campaigns. There are plenty of resources out there, but many are biased, which is why we must read from more than one paper, watch more than one broadcasting station and talk to supporters of both parties. If we do these things, we can be prepared to make a responsible decision.

It is often hard to keep up with all the campaigning, especially when we have other things going on, but as young adults what could be more important than making a decision about what will truly effect us directly as we enter the "real world?" I challenge everyone to do your homework and then, when we are each confident in our decision for the next president of the United States, "get out there and vote!"

staff column

Reactions around the world

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Copy Editor

Travel tends to lend Americans much-needed perspective. This week, my column returned to its motherland, voyaging to London! There, the public provided insight in (and bias towards) the American political system.

Anti-American sentiment has run down somewhat. Protestors in front of Parliament still claim a death toll in Iraq five times higher than that of reality, but the citizens have softened toward us Yankees. "It got old," an anonymous Italian explained. "Everyone hated you, so it wasn't fun anymore." (While in Italy this summer, I blamed the sharp looks and bad table service on ancient-world pride and bro-versus-bro polyamorism, not international nerd rage).

Over the course of my holiday, I became friends with two Australian girls (who stipulated that I testify to their respective charms, classical beauties and dizzying intellects). Initially, they were unsure as to how to treat me as an American. "We weren't sure whether to make fun or not, habib," they later confided. Once I had infiltrated their society (via laconic banter and toilet humor), they began to share.

"We adore Obama," they said. "Everybody in the world loves Obama." But they don't trust American citizens. "Right now we see them as ignorant, arrogant hicks — that they'll believe anything that the media puts in front of them; we really do. But if Obama wins, we'll think that America's changed. He'll reinstate our faith in America as a great nation, because right now, you're not."

All of the folk that I encountered stressed their extreme personal dislike of Mr. Bush, expressing an attitude that many Americans share. "No president will dare make the same mistake in our lifetime. He's going to be stoned to death," added one of my Australian friends. Any change will be a welcome one, and Obama would represent a new American maturity. For better or worse, his celebrity would dispel notions of aristocracy and ignorance alike. To them, he'd be a "good role model," demonstrating "equal opportunity."

Later, over a meal which, despite the despicable exchange rates, was enjoyable, they confessed their awareness that no politician is as good as he looks. American progression is badly needed, though; we're all out of credibility. "[Obama] might be worse [than Bush], but that's just the way we feel about it," she explained. And neither Palin (inexperienced, zealous) nor McCain (ancient, fiscally tight-fisted) appeal to other modern first-world nations, virtually all of which protect their citizens when they're wracked with plague.

As for me, I may emigrate to Melbourne. The health care, I'm told, is outstanding. The beaches sound fantastic. And in another hundred years, China'll have all of the money anyway.

on campus

Homecoming

Brielle E. Parady
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Family Weekend is approaching quickly, and with the schedule of this year's events published, students and parents are becoming disappointed. With no family event planned, many are wondering what there will be to do.

Finding something to do on the weekend is a constant problem that Elizabethtown College students face. With nothing in the surrounding area, many find themselves heading to Hershey Park or Park City Mall too often in search for entertainment. Weekends sponsored by SWEET give students a chance to have fun by offering different events that don't come often. Going to see movies that aren't on DVD yet, or having a rare opportunity, like getting a chance to see Wes and Johanna from MTV's *The Real World*, make these weekends popular. These events are exciting because students know that they won't be offered at the next SWEET weekend.

Homecoming is no different. Parents come to Etown to see their children, participate in the planned events, and have fun. Each homecoming is full of traditions, including this year's 14th Annual Homecoming Parade and the Homecoming Fair on Brinser Field. In addition to these events, families look forward to the Saturday night entertainment.

Etown has done well in past years to provide enjoyment for parents, alumni and students. In 2004, Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood from *Whose Line is It Anyway?* came to do improv. In 2007, comedian Robert Wuhl came and performed his HBO show *Assume the Position*. This year, instead of an expected comedic performance, everyone will be gathering in Leffler Chapel to see Elizabethtown's three a cappella groups: Phalanx, Vocalign and Melica.

There is nothing wrong with watching the a cappella groups. They do an amazing job and are very entertaining to watch. Everyone who decides to go will enjoy themselves. The problem that arises, however, is that most have already seen them perform. For example, the first-years have seen them perform at Campaign. Students who didn't get a chance to see them in their fall and spring performances last year were able to see them on Oct. 3, when they hosted a charity concert. The a cappella groups have also made appearances at numerous events, including Colleges Against Cancer, Girls Night Out and E-THON.

In previous years, the a cappella performances closed the Homecoming festivities on Sunday afternoon. Making them the highlight of the weekend leads to the question "why not search for outside entertainment?"

Homecoming is about being new, while still keeping the traditions alive. Sure, the floats have been around for years, but themes change, and designs change. The clubs will still put out tables to raise money, but what T-shirt designs will come out this year? What will the clubs sell? Who will win the soccer game? Who is showing up for the class reunion? What performer has Etown brought in this year?

All these questions are what make people come back each year. The Elizabethtown community joins together to see the changes that the school is making, the ideas that circulate throughout the student body, and the range of entertainment. If the same floats were used, if no changes were made, there would be no point to Homecoming. The same holds true for the entertainment. Will you be entertained hearing something you have already heard? I don't think so.

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etown cross country

Teams finish first and second at Juniata Invitational

Brittany M. Phillips
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After the Elizabethtown College's men and women's cross country team 's placed first and second at this years Juniata Invitational, their expectations for the rest of the season grew.

Held at Fort Roberdeau in Altoona, Pa. on Oct. 11, the Juniata College Eagle Invitational had 11 competing men's cross country teams and nine competing women's cross country teams. The men placed first with 29 points against 11 other schools, while the women placed second with 37 against nine schools. So far, this is both of the team's best performances this year.

Participating in a total of three invitational's before last weekends one at Juniata, both teams placed in the top half of the total teams in all of them.

At Lebanon Valley Invitational on Sept. 6, the women's placed fourth out of 13 schools while the men placed fifth out of 14 schools.

In their second invitational at Waynesburg on Sept. 13, both the men and women's team placed fifth out of 13 total schools. Then on Sept. 20, the women's team placed eighth and the men's team placed tenth out of 23 participating schools at the Dickinson Long/Short Course Invitational.

Even before placing first and second at Juniata, Elizabethtown College's cross country team's record this year is impressive and consistent.

The teammates of both the men and the women's team feel very strongly about their group of upperclassmen and first year students.

"I feel really good about the group of guys we have on the team this year, it's a nice mix of young talent and experienced veterans," said senior team captain Dylan Rulander. "Our first-years have been incredible, we can't really ask much more from them in terms of how they have been competing and performing come race day," senior Jeremy Matula about the first year teammates commented.

Photo: Drac Williams
In an Invitation at Dickinson on Sept. 20, members of the women's cross country team prepare to start the race.

Junior Megan VanDenHengel said about the women's team, "We have a lot of people doubting us this year. We don't necessarily have the numbers this year, but as a team we are improving every meet. We have a talented group of women who go out there and get the job done, and I think that is what is going to get us to the top come our bigger meets."

There are very few, if any, doubts among members and the coach about this year. The men's team coach Chris Straub assures, "We have no worries.

There is no pressure anymore as Elizabethtown College men's cross country is not presently perceived as a nationally-relevant program.

We're excited about the realistic possibilities of bringing the program back to its Glory Days of 1999-2004 when we were regularly a Top 15 team at the national championships ... I sense the present team honestly wishes to honor those who came before them by bringing the program back to its former glory.

And I'm excited to see it all coming together again like it did nearly a decade ago."

One worry that enters Matula's mind is that after having weeks of tough back-to-back training "performing well on somewhat tired legs" seems to be a challenge.

Senior Tiffany Kelp expresses another worry.

"Obviously with small numbers, there is no room for injury or sickness once we hit championship season. This weekend, we took eight runners along on our fall break camping trip and only six of them ran in the race."

As for the rest of the season, the cross country team has dreamt big. First-year Eric Reichert said, "We ran at the Juniata Invitational and our team placed first. We all worked together to run fast times and keep a close pack.

Between our first and fifth guy we only spanned a gap of 28 seconds. It was a good stride for our team and keeps us hopeful that we can be a national caliber team. Juniata was a great accomplishment but our team can't lose sight of our bigger goals. After we all tasted victory, we knew that nothing else would suffice."

November is the big month for Etown men and women's cross country teams. The big dates are, the MAC Championships (Nov. 1), Mideast Regional Championships (Nov. 15), and, hopefully, NCAA Division III Championships at Hanover College in Indiana on Nov. 22.

Matula commented, "As far as goals for the rest of the year, we undoubtedly want to bring the MAC title back to Etown, where it belongs. We want to use the momentum that championship season brings to carry us through into Regional's, and we want to use that race as a stepping stone in hopes of competing as a team at Nationals."

The teams' next match will occur on Oct. 25 and will be the Battle for the Buggy at the Lacaster County Central Park and will be sponsored by Elizabethtown and Millersville University.

etown women's tennis

Lady Jays confident about individual championships

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Thirty - Love!" A young woman's voice rings out from the far side of the tennis courts, as her opponent awaits the serve on the balls of her feet. Smash. It's now 40 - Love, and match-point, a sight that has become very familiar this year for the Etown women's tennis team as they have come strong off their MAC championship win last season. Although their first two conference matches were a bit rocky, barely losing to Messiah in their first match and then to Lebanon Valley, they picked it up in their third match, shutting out Albright College, and then, a week later, crushing Lycoming.

"We're improving, and have been getting better every match," said head coach Matt Helsel, who is in his seventh year coaching women's tennis at Elizabethtown. He has also been the men's head coach since 2002.

Although Commonwealth Conference play occurs every year in September and October for women's tennis, the real season does not start until the spring, when the women's team will take on many well-rounded opponents outside of the conference in an effort to get ready for the MAC team tennis championships in late April.

Elizabethtown only plays a total of five matches the whole fall season, as to not tire our athletes with unnecessary play. In fact, the idea of having a separate fall season has been a very criticized notion, as many teams do not have all their girls due to other sports or obligations.

"To be honest, conference play should be in the spring," said Coach Helsel. "Ninety percent of our matches are in the spring. Fall play is just a mistake."

Besides the inconveniences of fall play, the girls have still been giving it their all, and it was evident in their last match against Lycoming. Etown came

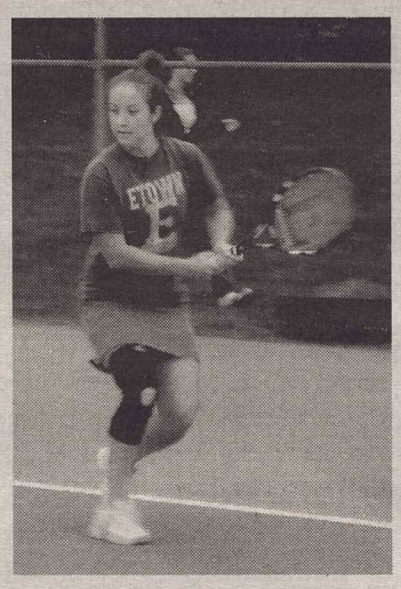


Photo: Ross M. Benincasa
Junior Jess Russell goes to hit the ball in Etown's match against Lycoming.

in on their home court with all the confidence in the world, after shutting out their last opponent, Albright, and knowing they were facing a team ranked lower then them. The match began with doubles play. Etown followed that up with a dominating performance in the singles matches, losing only one of the six matches and cruising to an 8-1 overall win.

The team has always been a very strong staple in the Elizabethtown program, going 75-25 under Coach Helsel in his tenure at Etown and winning the Commonwealth Conference championship last year. So where do they see themselves when the spring rolls around?

"We always see ourselves in the championships," said first-year Shannon Brown.

And Coach Helsel agrees, adding that "we have a lot of fresh faces that are still trying to gel together, but Jess Russell is playing well, and Alice Yu is closing in on the most wins record here [at Etown], so we're definitely looking forward to the spring."

Their final match of the fall season was against Arcadia on Tuesday. The girls played Arcadia which has always been a formidable opponent and gave a great test, but it it didn't seem to be a problem on tuesday. The Lady Jays defeated Arcadia by a score of 6-3, and secured a third place seed in a tournament next spring.

They will next head to the MASCAC individual championships that will be taking place at Hempfield Sports Complex in Landisville, PA. The championships will take place this weekeend on Saturday and Sunday and will be the last test before the girls head into a break before their spring season.

So come on out and support your women's tennis team as they go for the individual championships this weekend. And don't forget about this spring either.

Be sure to come out to the matches and cheer the girls on as they go for the second consecutive Commonwealth Conference championship.

etown field hockey

Impressive Ladies seek to take control of conference

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

Monday, Wophomore Liz DeMatteis was named the Commonwealth Conference player of the Week for the second time this season. She leads the Blue Jays with 14 goals and three assists for a total of 31 points. "To be recognized as Player of the Week for a second time is a nice honor," DeMatteis said, "but it also says a lot about our team. I would not have the goals or be able to play well if there weren't 10 other talented girls out there with me. I am excited to have been named player of the week again, but every game and every win is a team effort, and it's great that we keep doing so well as the season progresses."

Saturday, the Elizabethtown College field hockey team beat Arcadia 4-0 to bring their conference record to 1-1. DeMatteis scored all four goals within a 13 minute span in the second half, making her the first Etown player to score four goals in a single game since 1997. Junior Katy Boone assisted on the last goal. "To be able to score four goals in a game felt great," said DeMatteis. "At half time, when the score was 0-0, the team talked about how close we were and how we just had to finish the ball. We worked hard and came together in the second half as a team, and I was just in the right place at the right time to score. It was great for us to get that first Conference win!"

The Blue Jays outshot the Knights of Arcadia 26-9 and had a 13-1 advantage in penalty corners.

Junior goalie Liz Hannegan finished with three saves on the day, recording her sixth shutout of the season.

Monday, the Blue Jays beat the Mighty Macs of Immaculata 7-1. Boone scored two goals in the first 10 minutes to open the game. Sophomore Aimee Stango added two goals in the last 10 minutes of the game. Senior Andrea Miles, junior Brenna Noon and first-year Caitlin Grimes also added one goal each. Senior Alison Duval had three assists, while sophomore Julie Foster and DeMatteis also added assists.

"Winning our game on Saturday really got us pumped up to play well," Boone said.

Senior Kelsey Diehl added, "We went into it with an attitude that this game was for fun, but not to take the team lightly. We always play well when we're having fun."

The Blue Jays outshot the Mighty Macs 21-3 and had a 16-2 advantage in corners. Hannegan had one save, while first-year goalkeeper Steph Smith also had one save.

Saturday, the 13th ranked Blue Jays will face the Widener University Pride, whose goalkeeper, Megan Purcell, was just named the Commonwealth Conference Defender/Goalkeeper of the week.

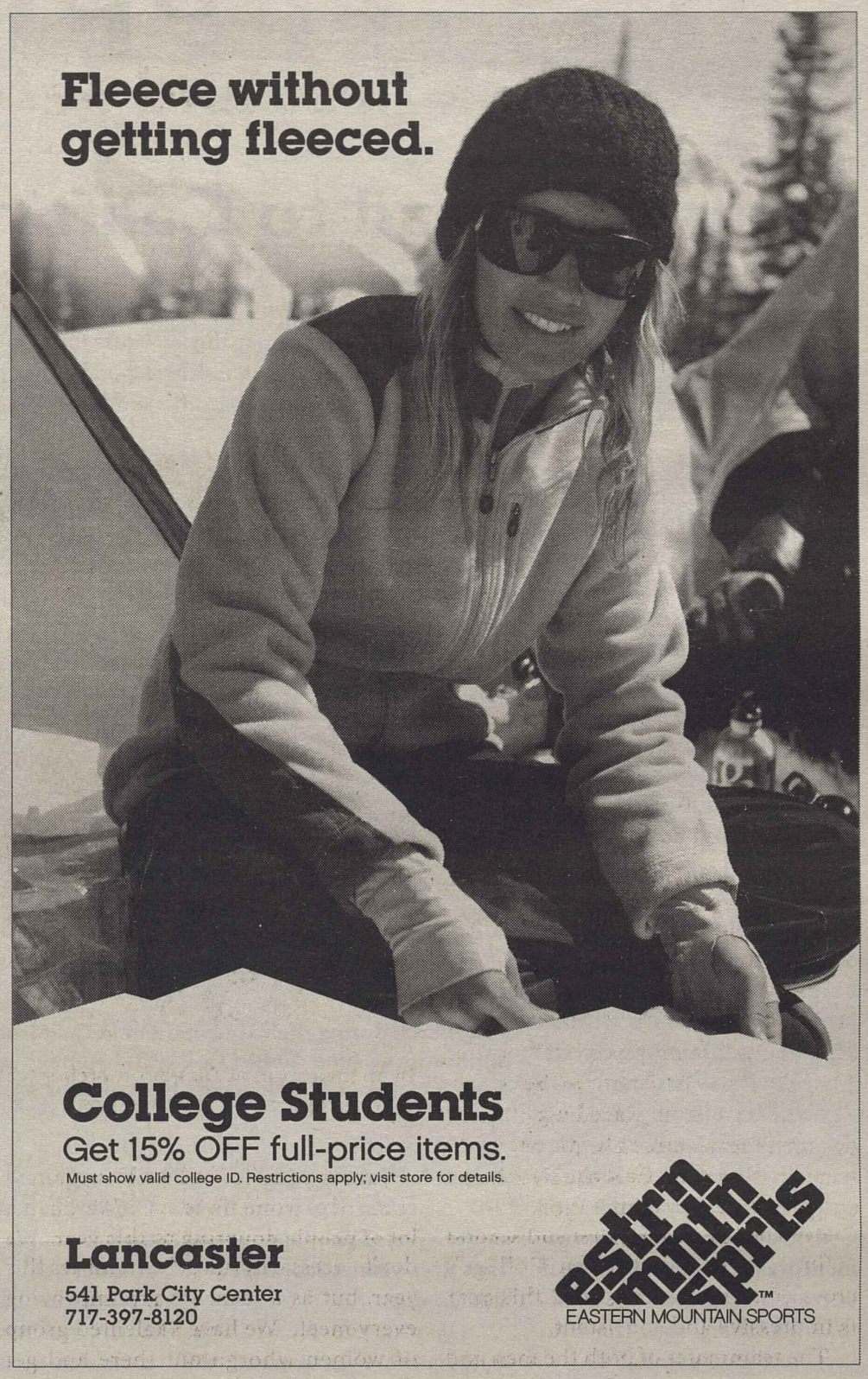
Widener is 1-0 in the conference after beating Albright 4-1 on Saturday.

"Our expectation for every game is that we come out playing like it's our best game," Boone said.

"We have to go into it like its Messiah," Deihl agreed.

"Winning our conference is a goal that we have set since the beginning of the season," said DeMatteis.

"Coming out and winning the Widener game will put us one step closer to our goal. It is going to be a great game on Saturday considering that it is [a conference game], Homecoming, and it will also be our Senior Day. I know that everyone will step up and be motivated to get the win not only for our standings in the Conference, but also for our seniors!"After Saturday, the ladies then will face Juniata at home in a non-conference game at 7 p.m.



etown men's soccer

Men hope to improve record at big homecoming game

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

The men's Elizabethtown soccer team was looking to turn the season around as they faced off against Washington and Jefferson this past Saturday in a non conference game.

Courtesy Photo
Senior goalkeeper Jeff Mullen takes a goal kick in a recent game for the Jays.

The Jays began the game well as sophomore Taylor Helsel played a ball to first year Dan Feather, who put the Jays up 1-0 in the third minute. However, the Presidents (3-4-3)came back to score a goal in the 16th off of a deflected throw-in and knot the game at 1-1. The next 75 minutes proved to be scoreless, and the game ended in 1-1 draw. Senior keeper Jeff Mullen finished the game with seven saves, as opposed to the President's five. Throughout the game the Blue Jay's put a solid 15 shots on frame and Washington Jefferson managed 20.

The Jays next opponent was Franklin and Marshall, currently (5-4-2). The annual Smith Heer boot game was played on the Jays 'home turf this past Wednesday.

The Diplomats were awarded a free kick in the 28th minute, which they converted to take the lead 1-0. They then added an insurance goal in the 71st minute. However, that did not cap the scoring for the game. Senior striker Matt Diller scored an unassisted goal in with only four minutes remaining. Unfortunately, the Blue Jays were unable to net a second goal, and F&M retained the Smith Herr trophy for the second year in a row.

The third and final game for the Jays was an important match against Widener. Unfortunately, the Pride were awarded a penalty kick in the 29th minute which they capitalized on and took the lead 1-0.

Then, only three minutes later, the Pride put another one in the back of the net for insurance. That capped scoring until senior Matt Diller scored an unassisted goal in with only four minutes remaining. However, the Jays were unable to score, and dropped the game 2-1. This final loss brings the Jays' season record to a 3-7-2 and their conference record to 0-2-0.

When asked what is preventing his team from a two or three game winning streak, head coach Skip Roderick said, "Well, one is that we have been giving up too many soft goals, and two were not creating enough chances. So it's very difficult when you're not scoring and then you five up a soft goal. For us to get into a streak we need to score early and then hold them off."

As for changes that need to be made for a shot at the conference title, Roderick explained, "We definitely need to get healthy, and make sure that we are practicing hard every day. We also need to make sure that we get numbers into the attack and not give the ball away to easily.

Regarding the team's performance, sophomore Andrew Filiwitz said, "We've been struggling, but we came together this past weekend at Widener. We started to really play as a team and put some really effort in. I think that with the five games remaining, we can really pull it together and hopefully make a playoff appearance."

The Jays unfortunatly were unable to stop the Lycoming Warriors as fell to the Warriors 2-0 on the Jays home turf.

The men will play Arcadia next in the big homecoming game on Saturday at 7 p.m. This game not only is big because of it's homecoming status but it is also a chance for the Jays to get their first conference win of the year.

They are currently 0-2 in the conference but hopefully after Saturday the Jays will be back in the game.

etown volleyball

Lady Jays head to California for tourney

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

While the rest of Elizabethtown's student body went home or stayed on campus during fall break, the Women's volleyball team journeyed to southern California to participate in the West Coast Opener. The team left Etown on Thursday in order to play the University of Redlands.

Unfortunately, the Blue Jays weren't able to start off the opener with a victory, losing to the 10-10 Redland Bulldog's with a score of 3-0.

Despite the Redland's victory over Elizabethtown, each game played was within a few key points, and those key game points would have put Etown over the top for a win. Elizabethtown's leaders included junior Paige Tanner with 11 kills and sophomore Crystal Agnew with 19 assists.

Saturday, Oct. 11 was a busy day for the women's volleyball team in southern California, and their final day on the West Coast. Day two of the tournament wasn't much better than day one. Losing to the Chapman Panthers 3-1, the Blue Jays were easily irritated.

In their first game, the girls came out strong and won with a score of 25–14, but the Panthers came out in the next three games and won each with very close scores. Etown was putting up a good fight, and in game three they had a score of 28–30, making it a very nail-biting match up. From the long match against Chapman,the California trip wasn't over yet. The Blue Jays still had to go up against Pomona-Pitzer in their final match. The Lady Jays lost to Ponoma-Pitzer with a score of 3-0. A highlight of game three of the West Coast Opener was that first-year Andrea Weaver had 26 digs.

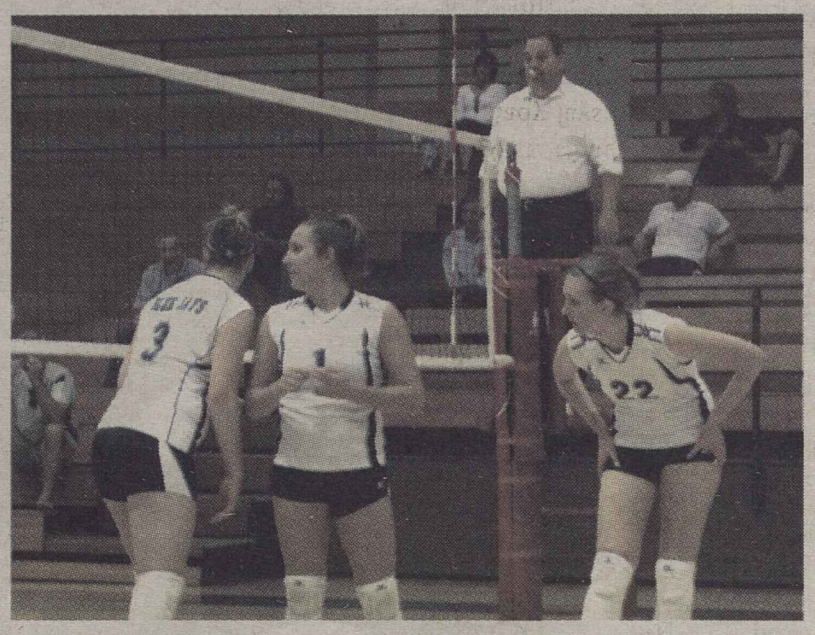


Photo: Carrie M. Chase
In a match during their tournament in California over fall break, sophomores Allie Gold (3), Crystal Agnew (1), and first-year Kelsey Hayes (22) look across the court to see what happened.

Despite the frustrations within the tournament, the Lady Jays knew that they would have some tough competition going into this tournament.

"I think the logistics and travel may have affected us more than we realized or expected. We pretty much knew we'd be facing some strong teams and we were not disappointed in that," coach Randall Kreider said.

In every game the Jays gave a tough match, and it was a battle until the end. "One game I recall something like 19 tie scores and 12 lead changes. Close game, close matches. Closer than what the overall match scores can illustrate," Kreider said.

Despite playing a lot of volleyball, the team did get a chance to see a little bit of California. While the weather was a bit colder than expected, they stayed at the DoubleTree Hotel in Claremont.

It gave a nice Spanish Mission feeling and a different atmosphere then their typical dorm room. Every day, the team had a mix of volleyball and sightseeing.

On Thursday, they visited Claremont Village, which was an area of small shops and restaurants, very much like Downtown Etown. After the match on Friday, the team went down to Huntington Beach. "[It was] one of the highlights of the trip" coach Krieder said.

Arriving just after sunset, a few went into the water, while the rest ate dinner on the pier and walked along the sand. After the Saturday matches, the Lady Jays ended their travels with a trip to Hollywood.

They spotted a few stars on the sidewalk, and met a bunch of "interesting" people. Coach Kreider highlighted, "dinner at The Standard on Sunset will be a great memory." While the team may have been disappointed in their volleyball matches, the trip was worthwhile, and it gave the team a chance to "reinforce some things we know we do well and helped show us some areas where we need to continue to improve," Krieder said.

The Lady Jays now hold an overall record of 11-12 and are undefeated in the Commonwealth Conference at 3-0. The California trip was a learning experience for the team. It gave them a chance to interact with new players and learn about volleyball and another place in the country.

All in all, the Elizabethtown's women's volleyball team had an enjoyable trip, full of good competition, good sportsmanship and team togetherness. Now the team is back and ready to maintain their Commonwealth Champion title.

etown women's soccer

Ladies look forward to conference schedule

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The women's soccer team had a great beginning of the season with a six game winning streak, leaving them with eight wins and two losses.

They went up against Scranton last Tuesday, who ended their winning streak with an ending score of 2-1.

The University of Scranton scored their only two points in the first period, also when Etown scored their one goal.

It was a goalless second period, and the extremely close game was ended.

The girls stayed strong and went into their Saturday Commonwealth game against Widener. There was not a goal scored in the game. The girls couldn't score on the Pride, but they weren't about to let any goals get past them, either.

Senior Angela Freeland locked in her sixth shutout of the year and helped keep the Blue Jays from another loss.

She saved five goals in the Widener game.

Junior Angela Candelora was asked what she thought the future looked like for the team.

The confident Candelora replied, "We should do a lot better in the future. We're going to take the tie and the loss and really feed off of what we did."

Many people are noticing the success of the women's team. More and more people are going to games.

Their next game was Wednesday, Oct. 15 against Lycoming. The Lady Jays beat pulled off a 5-0 win. They will next host Arcadia in a Homecoming match this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Junior fan Brett Quigley said, "The girls are doing well. I think they're doing better than the boys are, too."

The team definitely set things up for a great season.

"We opened our conference play with a tie and we need to get better every game in order to reach our goals. We just need to keep working hard," junior Erin Scott said. Scott helped score the only goal against the University of Scranton.

Scott stated that "we have another big week with two games that we must win."

The girls seem to be very focused and hard-working, so there should be a good outcome for the rest of their season.

The Lady Jays have a lot of talent on one team to work off of one another. Senior Brooke Dotterer was named the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week for the second time in one season. She also just became the fourth soccer player to score over 100 points in her career: 106, to be exact.

The season ahead is looking good for the new coaching staff. Bob Scotten, who graduated from Etown in 1978, took over this year as the head coach.

Scotten should definitely be excited for the team he has this year, so far they have shown great promise, and the season is not over yet.

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Pomana-Pizer 3, Etown 0
Etown 3, Widener 2

Field Hockey (13-2, 1-1):
Etown 3, Gettysburg 1
Etown 4, Arcadia 0
Etown 7, Immaculata 1

Tennis (W) (3-2, 3-2):
Etown 8, Lycoming 1
Etown 6, Arcadia 3

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Soccer (M):
Oct. 18 vs. Arcadia (4:30 p.m.)

Soccer (W):
Oct.18 vs. Arcadia (2:00 p.m.)
Oct.22 @ Montclair State

Volleyball:
Oct. 17 vs. Christopher Newport (3:00 p.m.)
Oct. 17 vs. Juniata (7:00 p.m.)
Oct. 21 @ Albright

Field Hockey:
Oct. 18 vs. Widener (1:00 p.m.)
Oct. 22 @ Messiah

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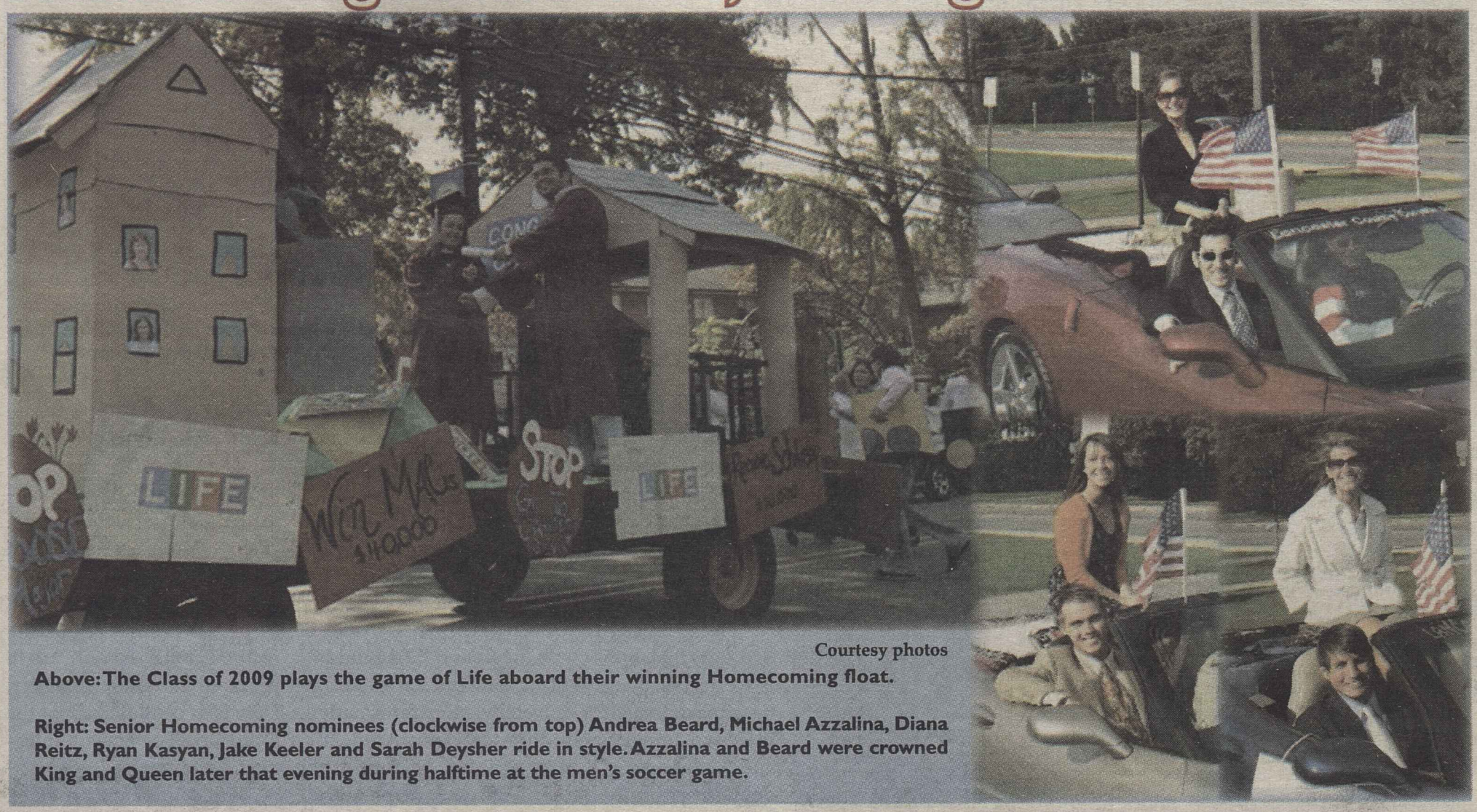
Homecoming 2008: friends, alumni gather to celebrate



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Above: The Class of 2009 plays the game of Life aboard their winning Homecoming float.

Right: Senior Homecoming nominees (clockwise from top) Andrea Beard, Michael Azzalina, Diana Reitz, Ryan Kasyan, Jake Keeler and Sarah Deysher ride in style. Azzalina and Beard were crowned King and Queen later that evening during halftime at the men's soccer game.

on campus

Binge drinking concerns addressed by guest speaker

Thomas D. Hagerty
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I never got hurt or did anything horribly regrettable, but yeah, there were some mornings when I woke up and had to find out what I did or said the night before," said Derrick, an Elizabethtown College student whose name has been changed to conceal his identity. He thought he was just acting like a normal college student when he went out on the weekends, despite being underage.

"I didn't think there was anything wrong with going out and partying Friday and Saturday nights," Derrick said in regards to the extent of his partying.

Derrick later changed his mind about alcohol in general. "It was an amazing moment to realize that I could have an alcohol problem without being an alcoholic," he said.

This moment occurred on an ordinary Thursday evening on Oct. 2, when Leffler Chapel was filled with every sports team on campus. Mike Green, collegiate consultant on drugs and alcohol, entertained the student athletes for more than an hour. Green's presentation was lined with humor and audience participation, which helped get his point across.

Green, who has been sober for more than 30 years, began by telling his audience that he is still tempted by alcohol.

"It's alcohol*ism*, not alcohol*was*m. It doesn't just go away," he emphasized.

He was able to make his audience, including Derrick, understand that they could have an alcohol problem without being an alcoholic.

"Some college kids will go out for one night to get drunk, and they end up having what I call a 'one-night problem,'" Green explained. "No one ever taught you [college students] how to drink the right way," he added. "One or two [drinks] enjoyed the right way can be a treat."

Although he was much older than his audience, Green was able to establish himself on the same level as the students. "Greeny" (as he called himself) told some sidesplitting stories of his college days and the drinking problems he had. He was able to impress students with his vast knowledge of alcohol.

Green also told some sad stories that he had encountered over his 18 years as a speaker. He backed up his presentation with several chilling facts about alcohol-related injuries and deaths.

Just 18 miles away at Franklin and Marshall College, a story similar to those told by Green unfolded last week. While visiting friends at the college, 22-year-old F&M alumnus Phillip Rehders died in the early morning of Sunday, Oct. 5.

The death of Rehders, an exceptional swimmer, is still under investigation. Rehders had been drinking Saturday night, but toxicology reports from the autopsy have not yet been released.

"It should never take a death to learn how to drink the right way," Green advised.

Elizabethtown College is doing its best to take this advice. There are many similarities between the two Lancaster County liberal arts schools; what is there to stop the same thing that happened at F&M from happening here?

According to Dean of Students Marianne Calenda, the answer is the students' personal choices.

The college limits the amount of alcohol 21-year-old students can have and offers alternatives to drinking for all students, but Dean Calenda says that "ultimately, the responsibility falls on the student to make healthy and responsible choices."

Dean Calenda admits that "young adults, in general, tend to experiment," but she hopes that they "can do so sensibly."

Sensibility is sometimes learned the hard way, but for Derrick the realization comes easily. Friday and Saturday nights might be a little different now for him and his friends.

"It's scary to think that some of the stories could have easily been about me or a friend," he said.

That leaves some hope that, like Derrick, the world's young adults can learn to be responsible and wise decision-makers.

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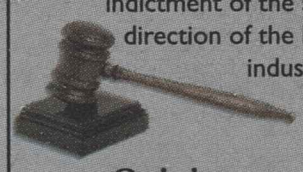
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news in brief

Mexico has agreed to deport all Cuban immigrants who attempt to gain entry to the United States by traveling through Mexican territory.

Felipe Merez, Cuban foreign prime minister, has signed an agreement with Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa in order to halt dangerous trafficking.

The new policy will come into effect in a month, and will apply to only those Cubans found illegally within Mexico.

The agreement also criticizes the United States' policy that allows most Cubans who reach the U. S. to stay.

As the economic state of the United States continues to deteriorate, students look to more affordable options as they consider higher education.

Predictions portrayed in a recent article published by *U. S. News* suggest that high school seniors will become much more interested in public schools as they are influenced by their parents' diminishing retirement funds and real-estate values.

The predictions are not yet validated, as application statistics will not be available until next fall. However, public colleges have reported an unexpectedly high volume of attendance at open houses and information sessions.

New legislation has attempted to prohibit spanking and smacking as a means of punishment in England and Wales.

The outright ban was not passed, and fell at 424 to 75 votes. An amendment allows parents to mildly discipline their children physically, but stirred up quite a bit of controversy.

The compromise was criticized by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which denotes the bill as a means to permit "reasonable violence between a parent and his or her child."

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on campus

Integrity Committee co-chairs travel to S.C.

Jason P. Glogau
Staff Writer

I pledge to be honest and to uphold integrity.

Every Elizabethtown College student signs this pledge as an incoming first-year. But what does it mean?

This is the question that the Integrity Committee strives to answer.

The Committee, which is made up primarily of students, traveled last week to the annual Center for Academic Integrity Conference in hopes to better serve Etown students.

This was the first time in many years the Committee has attended the conference, which took place from Oct. 16 to 18 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Committee's faculty sponsor, Dr. Louis Martin, has been a major part of past trips to the conference, though he was unable to attend this year.

Photos: Aimée M. DiMichele

Committee co-chairs Aimée DiMichele and Darline Doty represented Etown this past week in Myrtle Beach.

They attended presentations from other schools that touched on different aspects of academic integrity.

"I wanted to go to the conference to gain knowledge on how to expand and make our program here at Elizabethtown more successful," Doty said.

The Center for Academic Integrity (CAI), which coordinates the event each year, is "an organization that promotes academic integrity in all ways," according to Martin.

"The main goal of the organization is to find ways to be supportive of ideals of honesty and truth and students learning to be independent," he said. "You leave [the conferences] getting a real sense that people really care."

The CAI identifies itself on its Web site as "a forum to identify, affirm and promote the values of academic integrity among students, faculty, teachers and administrators."

The CAI conference, attended last week by two students, took place at a beachfront hotel (lower left) which is part of the larger Kingston Plantation resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (above).

The CAI was formally founded in 1992 after a conference hosted by a Rutgers University professor.

It is currently affiliated with the Robert J. Rutland Institute for Ethics at Clemson University. More information on the Center for Academic Integrity can be found on their Web site, *http://www.academicintegrity.org*.

At the conference, DiMichele and Doty gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Introducing Integrity to Incoming First-Years." While they aimed to help others through this presentation, the co-chairs also hoped to help Etown in the process.

"The co-chairs are determined to bring back [ideas] to the College," said Martin. "I'm real proud of the current leadership of the committee."

After attending a handful of presentations regarding methods other schools use to promote academic integrity, Doty feels confident about the future goals of Etown's Integrity Committee.

"The conference provided me with a lot of ideas and information that I can use to help better our program and to get more students involved," Doty said. "To me, integrity matters, and I want to make sure integrity matters to the rest of the student body as well."

on campus

IB executives discuss important career paths

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The department of business held its annual International Business Day yesterday, which brings distinguished executives and guests onto campus to discuss topics in the field.

The day began with a welcome breakfast and an introduction by President Long. Afterwards, the event's keynote speaker, Derek Hathaway, took the floor.

Hathaway recently retired as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Harsco Corporation.

The company, headquartered in Camp Hill outside of Harrisburg, provides industrial services and engineered products to various industries and operates in 45 countries. Hathaway has received honorary degrees from The Dickinson School of Law, Messiah College and, in 2007, Elizabethtown College.

Hathaway spoke to international business students about his experiences working for a global corporation, and offered advice for those who hope to enter the field, particularly as to whether students should pursue graduate degrees.

The decision to pursue graduate-level studies or to join the workforce strikes students as one of the major life decisions during the last year of college.

After Hathaway addressed the students and faculty of the business department, the International Business Advisory Board, which consists primarily of high-ranking executives of international business firms, held an open meeting. Many of the business leaders work for companies in central Pennsylvania or the surrounding area, such as the Hershey Company. As they discussed the volatility of the job market, graduate school continued to be a recurring topic.

After the meeting, the 25-member board of advisers broke into four separate groups to hold panel discussions on different areas of international commerce. The panels focused on helping students find jobs in each particular area, which were divided into accounting, business, marketing and management.

In panel B, "How Should I Prepare for a Career in International Business?" six executives eagerly provided career advice, moderated by Randolph Trostle, associate professor of business emeritus.

"[Graduate school] won't be that much of a problem with entry-level positions," Deborah Doherty, director of the U.S. commercial service, said. "Take that position and work hard, learn, grow and you'll be fine."

"Understand exactly why you are doing it," Peter Oetker, president of Gateway Logistics Services, said in reference to attending graduate school.

Jeffrey Doane, Senior Program Manager, International Systems of the Hershey Company called life after college as "starting a discovery process."

The day ended with a networking social where IB students of all classes gathered to relate experiences and help each other as co-peer mentors.

As the economy has plunged into its current recession, the job market has become significantly more competitive for college graduates than in past years.

Foreign markets are also struggling, so global commerce is no refuge for unsuccessful domestic job hunters. The U.S. unemployment rate, meanwhile, has recently risen above the 2003 high-water mark of six percent.

Because of this grim reality, the expertise of the advisory board is even more valued by those seeking jobs in international business. Even for those students not majoring in international business, the school vs. workforce debate still is quite relevant.

on campus

Vice President of Finance assuages Common Fund fears

Sean A. Burrows
Staff Writer

The funds held in Elizabethtown College's Common Fund, a trust account used to finance temporary credits to the College's budget, have undergone a transfer in trustees as of the last week of September from Wachovia Corp. to Fulton Bank.

According to Vice President of Finance, Rick Bailey, Wachovia's Common Fund was contributed to by over a thousand colleges nationwide, all of which have since been gradually divested from the bank in percentage increments.

"Initially, 10 percent of the fund money was released to us; however, we are now in control of 40 percent of the money," he explained.

If Wachovia continues to release the funds as promised, Elizabethtown will have upwards of 60 percent of the monies under College control by the end of 2008. He mentioned that there has been no change from the conditions afforded by Wachovia through the transition to Fulton, and praised the Lancaster-based bank's willingness to cooperate with the finance department, mentioning that "they have always been very helpful."

Image: *nytimes.com*

According to Bailey, the remainder of the College's financial capital is housed in a short-term asset account through Fulton. This comprises approximately one-half of the College's funds, whereas the other half was formerly held by the Common Fund.

The finance department has notified all senior directors of College departments of the transfer of Common Fund monies, and advised them to plan their discretionary purchases accordingly. Bailey mentioned that one nominal effect of the transfer has been a postponement in the purchase of dorm furniture and facilities equipment by the facilities department until January, when at least 60 percent of the funds will have been made available by Wachovia.

He also mentioned that the interest rate on the account will remain the same as it was with Wachovia, set at the U.S. Treasury bond standard annual interest rate of 1.34 percent (as of Oct. 17).

The embattled Wachovia Corp. recently faced a dilemma of whether to accept Citigroup's buyout offer or a higher-valued offer by Wells Fargo & Co. However, Bailey emphasized that the sale did not directly affect the situation.

"[Wachovia] originally contacted us on Sept. 29, notifying us of the dissolution of the Common Fund. While they would not explain the reason for this, we suspect that it may be related to the buyout," Bailey said.

He cited spring semester tuition as another reason for withholding furniture and equipment purchases until January. Spring tuition will not be calculated into the budget until December, providing extra funding to the College.

As emphasized by Bailey, there is no cause for concern among the student body, faculty or staff, as Wachovia is turning over its Common Fund monies to contributing institutions, including Elizabethtown College. There has been no negative effect upon payroll or debt service payments, as there is no inherent problem with the Common Fund or the assets themselves.

The College also remains capable of financing scholarships and financial aid packages, and this is highly unlikely to change in the near future.

While Wachovia as a corporation will cease to exist following the apparent buyout by Wells Fargo, Elizabethtown's finance department will ensure that the trust fund remains safe in the hands of Fulton Bank.

on campus

Metro, Hayes discuss construction projects on campus

Kalie M. Desimone
Photography Editor

Each January, Facilities Management sits down and reviews all construction proposals that are offered by students, academic leaders, the deans of faculty and students, and Residence Life.

Usually the list consists of over 300 projects, the totals of which range from $3 million to $3.5 million.

"The problem remains that the budget for each year is usually much smaller than the total amount needed for each of four accounts," James Hayes, assistant director of Facilities Management, said.

Hayes and Facilities Management director Joseph Metro — along with department chairs, senior staff, the board of trustees and Provost Susan Traverso — meet from January to March of each year to discuss and approve projects. They consider the priority of the projects and research the total costs for each.

There are four major accounts from which money is taken: the renewal and replacement fund, the environmental fund, the plant fund, and the capital fund.

The renewal and replacement fund usually includes projects that must be updated due to changes in mandates and safety regulations.

Some examples of projects that fall under this category include fixing the grate at the bottom of the pool, widening the doors to the gym, and adding more lighting and blue lights around campus.

The environmental account funds projects like motion-sensored lights to help preserve energy.

The plant fund contains projects like upgrading the fire suppression system in the Network Center in Nicarry Hall. The current system is undersized and was installed when the Network Center occupied less space.

Finally, the capital fund is used for major projects, such as the proposed renovations to Ober.

These projects are then placed into subcategories. The first is the project's priority level, followed by when the majority of its construction will take place.

"Facilities Management evenly distributes the funds for each project among the proposers and specifically leaves extra funds in each account in case a major piece of equipment gets damaged or a major renovation is needed sooner than expected," noted Hayes.

Currently, there are several projects underway. One project involves renovations to the financial aid office in Zug Memorial Hall. The financial aid department hired another counselor, so another office was needed. While completing these renovations, Facilities Management will also re-carpet and re-paint the office.

The renovations of the Schlosser lounge, Myer lounge, Royer basement and the Birdcage are all recently-completed projects funded by the plant fund. The majority of work associated with these projects was completed during the summer, but the final details were finished early this semester.

Another recent project was the replacement of the Ober floors. New carpets were placed in the dorm rooms, and new tile was placed in the halls.

The pool is a major project that still needs to be fixed due to a new mandate. According to the Gram Act filed by the U. S. federal government, all pools that have drain grates on the bottom must be smaller due to several cases of young children catching extremities in the grates. This restoration will occur as soon as the new grates become available.

The College saw a drop in enrollment at the beginning of this year due to the weakened economy. This has added limitations to the projects that can be completed within budget constraints.

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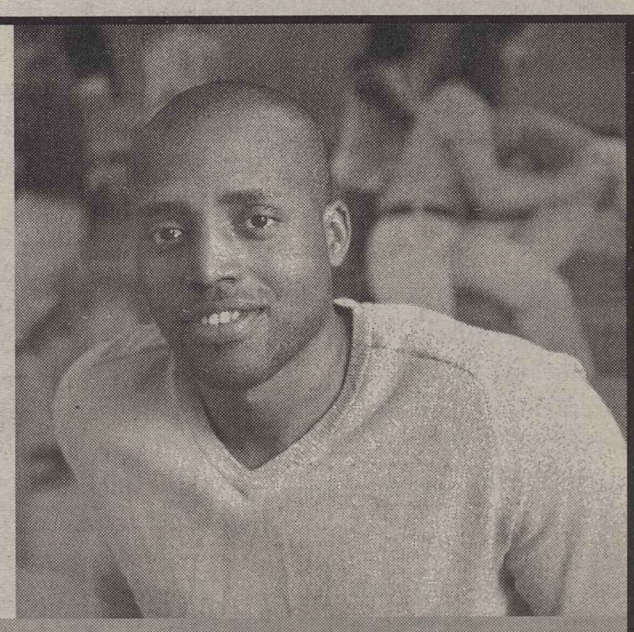

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on campus

Brown bag seminar: Why do my chicken nuggets cost $5

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Friday, Oct. 16, adjunct professor of Business, Chris McGettigan, held a seminar entitled, "Why Do My Chicken Nuggets Cost $5?"

This brown bag seminar addressed the problems and politics behind the skyrocketing food prices.

In 2007, food prices increased by an all-time high of 4 percent. The total spent for all food items in 2007 was up by 5 percent as well.

In the average American household, food accounts for 12 percent of all spending, while gas only accounts for 4 percent.

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This constant exposure decreases consumer confidence and cuts into other discretionary spending.

Why are food prices so high? There are five main reasons.

First, the spike in oil prices. Higher oil costs make it more expensive to transport food supplies around the country.

Second, climate change. There has been severe weather, including drought and extreme heat, in many European countries, which affects the crop growth of our food supply.

Third, there is an overall stronger global demand for food. Countries like India and China are more prosperous and are eating better.

Fourth, our weak U.S. dollar. When the dollar is worth less, producers demand higher food prices.

And fifth, ethanol production. We as a country are consuming more ethanol than we are producing.

The effects of these issues are leading to a major global food crisis. In Mexico, there has been a 79-119 percent increase of food production, but only a 4.5 percent increase in wages.

In Pakistan, food costs have been the single largest issue in the recent election, and have been the reason for several riots as well.

As food prices continue to rise, so does the level of malnutrition. The World Bank says, "For every one percent increase in food prices, calorie intake goes up 0.5 percent."

People are beginning to choose cheaper, less nutritious meals for their children, which leads to stunted growth and health problems.

McGettigan doubts that food prices will ever go back to a reasonable price. "If everyone keeps eating like Americans, we will have a big issue," McGettigan said.

"The Chinese have started to eat meat at every meal, but we Americans won't be satisfied with just a beans and rice diet."

Companies are also beginning to put limits on purchases. Last year, Costco put a limit on how much rice you could buy. China, India, Vietnam, Indonesia and Bangladesh account for 73 percent of the world's rice supply.

Meanwhile China, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and the U.S. account for 77 percent of the world's corn supply. China, India, Russia, Canada and the U.S. account for 66 percent of the world's beef supply.

This can be scary when India, the second largest producer of rice, is putting export bans in place.

You might be wondering, then, how does this affect me?

Well, for each ton increase on your chicken nuggets from McDonald's, there is an increase of six cents per pound.

The traditional cost of boneless chicken was $180 per ton.

Last fall it rose to $240 per ton, and this past July it was $320.

In order to save money, chickens are being taken to the slaughterer earlier, meaning smaller birds.

The result is an increased supply of commodity chicken.

Does this mean that we are not getting our money's worth for our food?

"Cutting quarters affects our consumer quality," McGettigan said.

"More and more technology is going towards food preservation. Companies are trying to keep as much of what they are growing in the market. Your prices might stay the same, but you are getting less for your money. For instance, my peanut butter used to be 24 oz.; now it's 22 oz. They are also making toothpaste bottles with big openings. It is a problem that is not going away."

SIFE Sense

Wall Street bailed out by gov't with billon-dollar plan

Across the country, the common citizen has been struck with uncertainty regarding a bailout bill which would provide financial capital to investment banks and mortgage originators who approved thousands of defaulted subprime loans. Although many were skeptical about providing money to those corporate officers and firms responsible, most felt that some government assistance was needed to abate further bankruptcies and protect embattled homeowners. On Sept. 22, President Bush proposed a $700 billion "rescue plan" in the wake of Lehman Brothers' and Merrill Lynch's failings, and on Oct. 9, the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined below 9000 points for the first time since 2003.

However, due to apparent political maneuvering in the House, the bill failed on Sept. 27 by a vote of 228 to 205 (with one representative abstaining). The Senate came to a resolution on Wednesday, Oct. 1, approving an immediate $250 billion rescue package by a 74-25 vote and an additional $100 billion for use by Bush at his discretion as well as an additional $350 billion on hold for future consideration, and the House followed on Oct. 3 by approving the reworked package by a vote of 263 to 171.

The package was passed on several conditions, including the provision of stock warrants to the government from companies selling bad securities and the renegotiation of mortgages issued by these companies. In addition, in order to receive bailout money, corporations would be required to limit "golden parachute" packages for departing corporate officers. The executives of firms receiving aid of greater than $300 million would also face steeper income taxes.

The issue at the forefront of the "toxic loan crisis," as it has come to be known, is the solicitation and approval of subprime loans, which are loans and mortgages provided to those with bad credit or little collateral. While the mass media has fanned the flames of the crisis by largely broadcasting images of despair, only 2 percent of U.S. mortgages are currently under default. Consumer and investor fear is counterproductive to market stabilization because it discourages investing and reduces purchasing, therefore reinforcing the market slack.

While it is tenuous to conclude what the ultimate solution may be, individuals can lessen the effects of "toxic lending" by ensuring that their loans and mortgages equate to no more than four times their annual income and ensure financial security against stock market dips by diversifying their assets. A general rule of thumb to follow is that one should hold no more than half of their net worth in common stocks, placing the remainder in savings accounts, bonds, property and other low-risk securities. As you grow older and near retirement, your stock assets, including those in a 401(k) plan, should gradually be divested into more stable securities, such as bonds and money-market accounts, to protect against market fluctuations. Historically speaking, amongst types of securities common stocks have been the most variable, and therefore the riskiest.

Congress repealed a long-standing regulation requiring a minimal credit rate for loan and mortgage applicants, resulting in many who would have previously been unqualified for such provisions receiving them. Many of these people later defaulted on their credit due to their inability to finance them and ultimately found their property repossessed.

Credit ratings exist for a reason: to ensure that people pay back their debts and do not cost the government or businesses excess funds to finance toxic loans. You can protect your ability to receive loans by paying credit card bills on time, repaying student loans, and avoiding excessive credit card purchases which you will have difficulty repaying on time. While mortgage originators and loan financing institutions may ultimately hold responsibility for the current credit crisis, we can each play a role in preventing future economic pitfalls.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

on campus

"Into the Streets" enhanced by new photo contest

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Features Editor

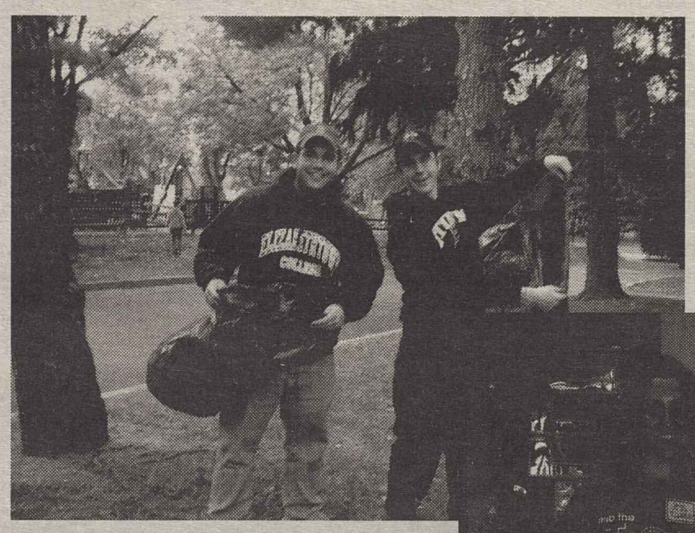
Into the Streets is quickly galloping toward us, but before Elizabethtown students head out and perform their good deeds, they should know about a new aspect to the program: the Into the Streets photo contest.

The photo contest is designed to better document the range of activities that the students from Etown participate in on this day.

Hopefully, as more students see the different activities, it may spark some new ideas for future programs to be incorporated into this fun and rewarding day.

The idea of a photo contest was conceived because of the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words."

All the experiences and stories that participants come back with can only be enhanced by having pictures to truly demonstrate their efforts.



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Nancy Valkenberg, director of Service-Learning and Civic Programs, said, "It is hard to visualize facial expressions, body language, and the excitement in the telling of stories. So many times students will say, 'You should have been there.' When participating in one or two projects, you do not have the opportunity to see what other projects and events are going on the same time and in other locations."

The photos will provide people a chance to visualize what was accomplished and students who did participate the chance to remember the day.

The photo contest was designed "to be able to better document the events of Gallop Into the Streets. To give everyone the opportunity to 'see' the range of the projects and maybe spark new project ideas. To demonstrate how student leadership can be developed, classroom learning can be incorporated and relationships built by working with the community. And to see works in progress, improvements made, share the laughter, smiles, interactions, and accomplishments of a day well spent with the children, elderly, and residents in the community," Valkenburg said.

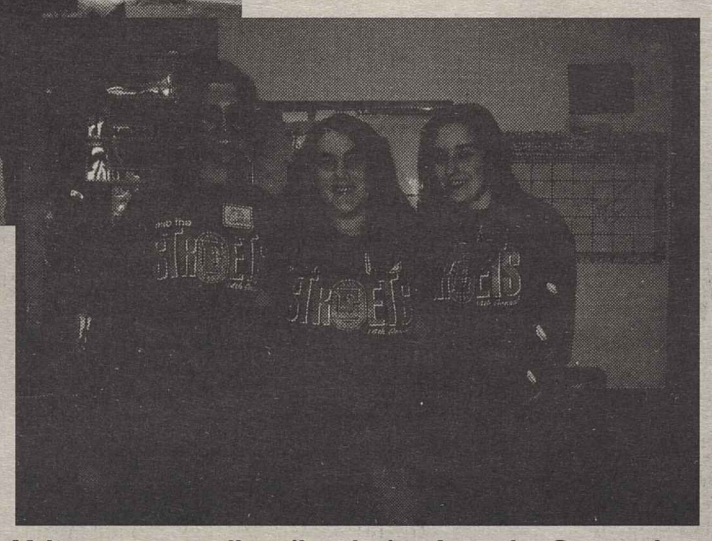
The first prize photo will receive a $100 gift card, second place $50, third place $25 and honorable mention will receive certificates for pizza and other giveaway items.

All pictures will be displayed on bulletin boards in the center for global citizenship hallway, Nicarry, first floor.

Photos will also be available online if copies are e-mailed.

Anyone who participates in Gallop Into the Streets can submit a photo. Bring or mail your photo(s) to the Office of Civic Engagement, Nicarry 117, by Monday, Nov. 3.

The photo must include the project that the picture was taken on, a photo description or caption, contact information and a clause granting Etown permission to use the photos in advertising and marketing for the office of civil engagement.



Volunteers are all smiles during Into the Streets last fall, where they participated in activities at local public schools as well as community clean-up projects.

"Hopefully, the photo contest will energize the participants by sharing their experiences with each other," Valkenburg said. "The photos will be a reminder of participation, collaboration, fun and service. Not all projects take place on Saturday, Oct. 25. Some projects take place the week before and week after.

"All projects are important and meaningful," she said. "And, most importantly, combining the photos of individual projects to create a display will demonstrate how the individual projects come together to define into the streets as a whole."

in the world

Kanagy studies differences among Mennonites globally

Alysa D. Poindexter
Staff Writer

We define ourselves by our thoughts and beliefs, and tie ourselves to a certain group of individuals.

Often when we come across others with those same beliefs, it can be important to bring those commonalities, as well as differences, to light.

When it's discovered that we share a common link between beliefs, even though we may not be entirely the same, we can grow from learning about how others function in different ways according to that same belief.

The sociological study titled the "Multi-Nation Anabaptist Profile," conducted by Associate professor of sociology Dr. Conrad Kanagy, looks into the differences amongst Mennonites globally.

Specifically, the project researches the beliefs, religious practices and attitudes of Mennonites in other countries. Previously, Kanagy published a book titled "Road Signs for the Journey: A Profile of Mennonite Church USA", which researched changes within Mennonite churches in the United States, and also compares it with other denominations in the U.S.

An Anabaptist, or "re-baptizer," is a Protestant Christian who traces their history back to Europe.

One of their main differences from other Mennonites is their preference of believer's baptism over the infant baptism.

The difference between those baptisms is that in the practice of believer's baptism, a person is baptized as an adult rather than an infant.

Anabaptists are very war-resistant and practice peace-making. According to Kanagy, they have a very "strong emphasis on social justice."

He says that the study of Mennonites "draw[s] comparisons across different countries." Kanagy conducted the study in India, where he met up with his research partners from different areas.

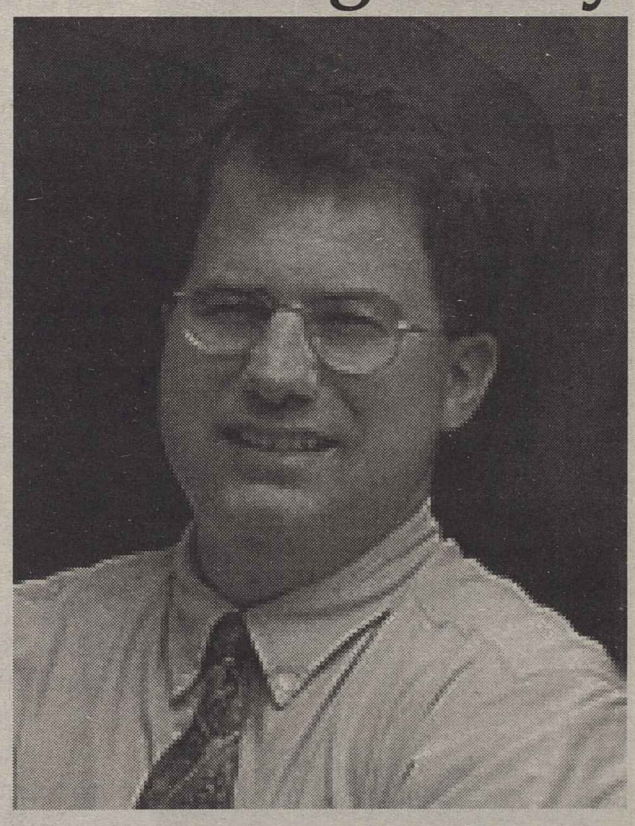
They compiled a 6-8 page survey and questionnaire that looked into beliefs on God.

The research examined the issue of polygamy and the practice of ancestor worship.

They have conducted research on Anabaptists in eight other countries including Asia, Latin America and Africa.

"We want to give voices to churches in the global south," Kanagy said.

His inspiration for the study came from a trip to Ethiopia. "I traveled to Ethiopia in 2003, and my son visited a church," Kanagy said.



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"I was amazed at how spiritually vibrant the church was." The trip to India was Kanagy's first time in Asia.

Kanagy stayed in India's capital, Delhi, where he says he was "struck" by the population, amount of poverty and political unrest.

Delhi is the second largest metropolis in India and has a population of over 14 million.

The country's ongoing tensions between the Hindu and Christian religion creates an air of tension.

"You sensed it was there," Kanagy said in regards to the anxiety felt.

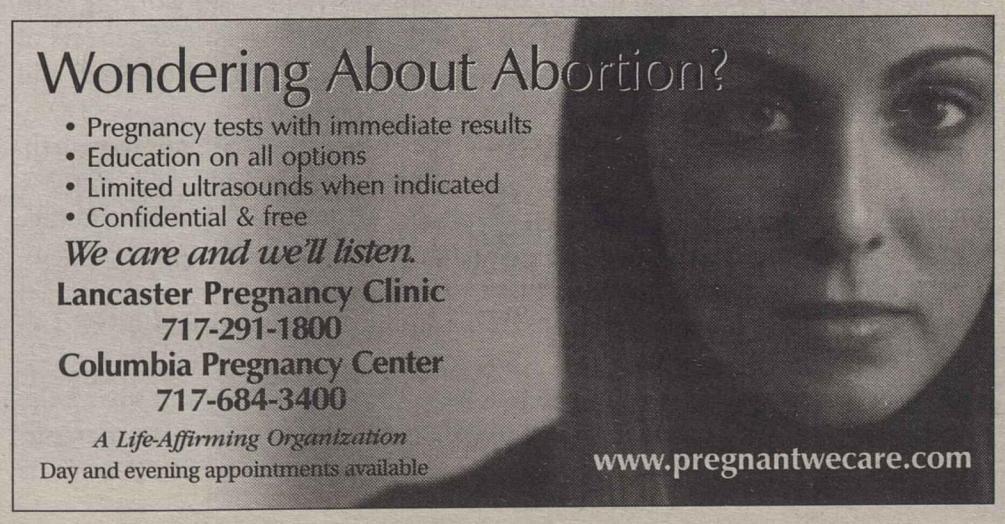
Kanagy said he wants to "give [the Mennonite churches] an opportunity to tell who they are. "The differences amongst one religion could ultimately be a uniting factor.

Although it will not occur overnight, Mennonites may not have to be so separated.

Rather, by comparing beliefs, each could grow.

"The story of the church and growth needs to be told," said Kanagy.

The "story" is making its way to the light, and Dr. Kanagy is one of the many people guiding its path.



The Jayd-ed edge

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Some people are just seconds from snapping ...

An English teacher in Michigan got a little more than she bargained for after giving her adult education class an assignment to read Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible." A few classes later, one of her students dumped water on her and shouted that she be burned as a witch as he ran from the classroom.

The student, 20-year-old Darin Najor, told authorities that "he was trying to kill the witch by pouring holy water over her head." Apparently, since the teacher assigned a play metaphorically portraying the 1692 Salem witch trials, Najor concluded that she must have been a witch as well. He was immediately sent for a psychiatric evaluation. The student is expected to be charged with an assault and battery misdemeanor later in the month.

More proof that the Russians are up to something

It was recently announced that Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is allowing satellite tracking equipment to be attached to his dog's collar.

This was apparently done as a stunt to show that Russia is moving forward in satellite tracking technology. The device can show the exact location of Putin's dog at all times. The technology is expected to be used on other animals, vehicles and even people.

The dog, Koni, reportedly offered no protests when the tracking device was attached to her collar.

There are some things that cops just can't catch.

A Utah man proved that you can elude police in any kind of vehicle — even a golf cart. Police began their pursuit of the man after they caught him performing doughnuts in his golf cart at a Utah city park. The golf cart sped off, faster than any cruiser could go — it turns out it had been retrofitted with a car engine. The golf cart's driver raced through an alfalfa field and then jumped the cart over an irrigation ditch the cops' cruisers couldn't cross, effectively avoiding capture for the time being.

The suspect was arrested the following day at his grandmother's house.

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on campus

Gretna Music concert: Bostonian ensemble

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On Nov. 8, Elizabethtown College will host its first Gretna Music concert of the semester. The concert will be performed by Tapestry, an all female vocal ensemble from Boston.

Laurie Monahan, Cristi Catt and Daniela Tosic founded the ensemble in 1995. The group sometimes invite guests to sing with them at concerts. The guests that will perform at Etown include Elizabeth Anker, Diana Brewer, Carolann Buff, Shira Kammen and Takaaki Masuko.

Image: *singers.com*

Tapestry combines medieval style with a more contemporary sound to create "haunting vibrations, old and new," according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The ensemble has performed in festivals at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Le Donne in Musica Rome, Festival de Musique Sacree of Quebec, the Sacred Music Festival and Hildegard von Bingen Symposium at the University of Oregon.

They have also won several awards, including the Chamber Music America's Recording of the Year and, most recently, the prestigious Echo Klassik Prize.

The ensemble will feature music of Hildegard of Bingen, an 11th-century philosopher, poet and composer.

She was also the first woman to perform preaching tours in the Middle Ages. After her death, attempts were made to canonize her, but were never successful.

However, many still consider her a saint. Before the performance, a "Classical Conversation" will be held at 6:30 p.m. by Matthew Fritz, professor of vocal music.

The concert will be held in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center at 7:30 p.m.

There will be an intermission with free snacks, but a pre-concert buffet is available for $19. Reservations for the dinner must be submitted before Nov. 3.

Tickets for Tapestry are range from $18 to $25, with $1 tickets for children 18 years of age and under, and half price tickets for adults ages 19-26.

Tickets can be purchased online at *www.gretnamusic.org* or by phone at (717) 361-1508. Multi-concert discount packages are also available for Gretna Music at Elizabethtown College.

Later in the semester, Gretna Music will be hosting two more concerts. On Nov. 21, Guitarnival, featuring David Cullen, Allen Krantz and Ernesto Tamayo will take the stage.

On Dec. 13, Quartetto Gelato will perform some not-so-traditional seasonal music.

on campus

Camp Curtin receives community grant

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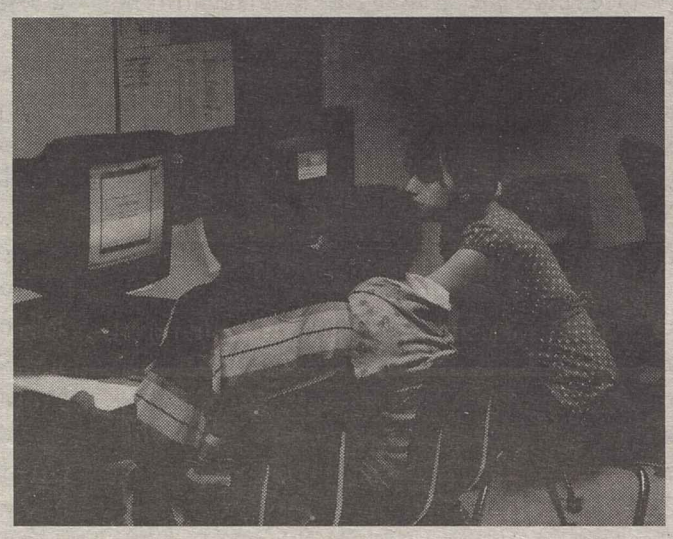
Educate for service: a familiar phrase to Elizabethtown College students and now an even bigger part of the lives of those in the surrounding community. As part of the $500,000 Century Community Learning Center grant, Etown College is working in conjunction with Camp Curtin School of Harrisburg to create a Student and Family Learning Center. The Center works within urban areas and families to connect them with resources to improve their lives. The goal is to provide a comprehensive education which will bring parents into the learning process. The hopes are that this will eventually form into a successful model that can be replicated at other schools.



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Junior Alicia Risley participates in computer activities with the students of Camp Curtin.

Nancy Valkenberg, director of Service-Learning and Civic Programs at Etown and a grant director, uses her connection with the social work department to build upon the requirement of urban service-learning to add to the program.

The Camp Curtin School is a public educational institution within a low income area of Harrisburg. Valkenberg spoke of the success she feels the program is already exhibiting when she said, "I see a healthy thirst for education, the desire to do well and the growth of self esteem that accompanies successes."

The combined efforts of the school, the college and the community allow many possibilities to get involved. After school programs and Saturday morning activities for the families shine a positive light and give them something to look forward to. In the past, Etown coaches Skip Roderick and Bob Schlosser worked with the women's and men's soccer and basketball teams to create a Saturday morning program for the students.

A portion of the grant is being used for an offshoot program coordinated by SIFE. Junior Alicia Risley is working with other members of SIFE to bring an interactive learning program to the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. The activity challenges students to create their own environmentally-friendly businesses. This doubles as an opportunity to breed entrepreneurship, as well as educating the importance of protecting the environment. The students were paired off and placed in competition with one another to see who could create the best business. Students were walked through many of the steps a real business would take, such as creating a mission statement. In the fifth week of the activity, the students will present their businesses to a panel at an awards reception.

Many of the businesses the students are working on follow a fashion theme. Using recycled denim for jeans and an idea to donate a portion of proceeds from clothes to rebuilding a forest are some of the enterprising ideas students are inventing at the school. Risley explained the difference she thinks the program is making in the community. "I think it's definitely showing that even though people may think Harrisburg is a bad area, there are people there that are trying to bring everyone together and striving to achieve something."

The students at the Camp Curtin School are not the only ones who benefit from these activities. After working with her students and researching all of the business aspects of the program, Risley said, "My knowledge has evolved, and so has the children's"

Valkenberg stressed that everyone is welcome to help join the initiative. After-school programs are held from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday programs are from 9-11 a.m. Whether your interest is academic, musical, scientific or other, you can put one of your own interests to good use to get involved. The programs should be educational, hands-on and interactive.

Valkenberg invites the Etown campus to lend their help, and said, "I would love for more members of our Campus community to experience the joy. 'Educate for Service' is what it is all about!"

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campus events

Revolution 9, dance and theater, at Ephrata Playhouse

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When Kristin Pontz saw that the artist scene was increasing in the Lancaster area, she decided she wanted to put on a production that everyone could enjoy. That was how Revolution 9, a combination of both dance and theater, was born.

Pontz is an associate professor of dance in the theater and fine arts department at Elizabethtown College, and has an impressive resume that includes dancing at NYU, attending prestigious dance companies, participating in dance festivals and many other experiences.

In addition to teaching here at the College, she is also an instructor at Susquehanna Dance Center, Dickinson College and Elite Dance Force. Her love and passion for dance has made this project a top priority for her.

"I always wanted to put together a dance concert to an entire album," Pontz said.

That was how Revolution 9, a tribute to The Beatles' *White Album*, got started. It is something she hopes will excite more than just the typical dance crowd. The album is broken down into nine sections for the performance with themes such as revolution, psychedelic evolution, loves' resolutions, Indian exploration and growing complications.

The show will combine many different dance styles including ballet, modern dance, jazz, partnering, swing and aerial movement, which is very much like Cirque de Soleil, in order to make it interesting for the audience. Pontz said she wanted to excite people in this area about dance, as well as support the very talented dancers who live here.

"I feel that sometimes people only see high-quality productions in large cities," Pontz said.

After moving back to her hometown in Lancaster, Pontz began to realize that there were others like her, who had moved here after being featured in productions in big cities and had brought all that they learned back to Lancaster.

Pontz attended New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She remained in New York City for the following seven years. She believes she truly knows a good performer when she sees one. That's why junior Megan Momenzadeh was "nervous and excited to be asked to perform in Revolution 9."

Momenzadeh, who is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and has been dancing for 16 years, was nervous because she knew the dancers in this production were some of the best in the business, but she was also "excited to be a part of it and learn more."

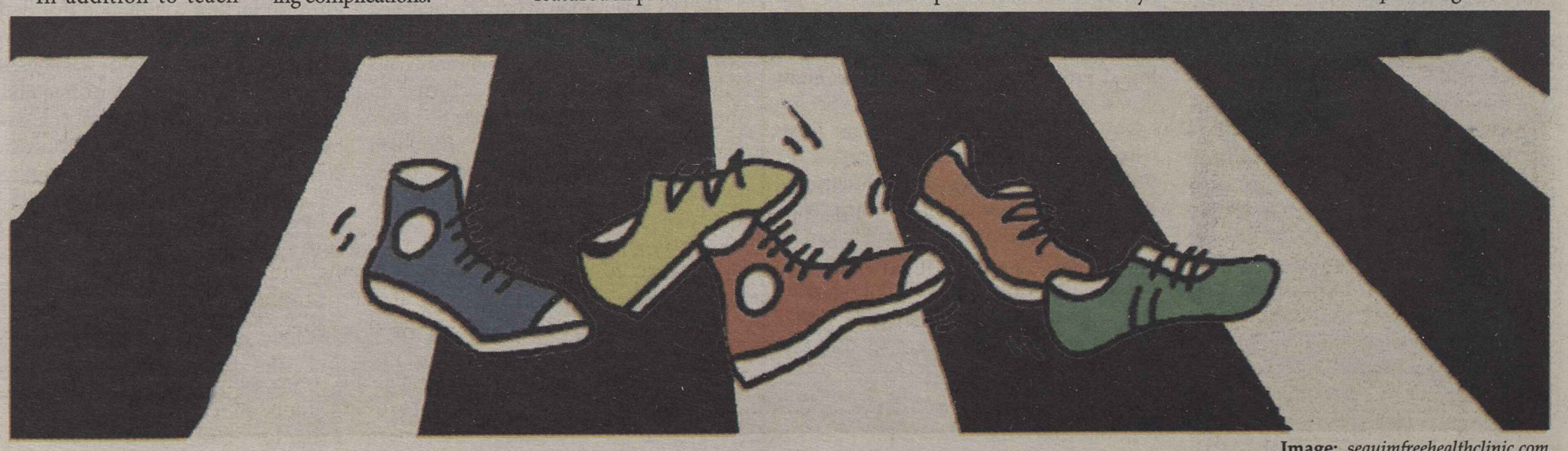
Michael Gephart and Shannon Shughart, who both graduated last year from Etown, will also be performing in this production. When asked what her favorite number in the show was, Pontz said, "The dance to the song 'I'm So Tired' is some of my best work." Pontz also said she enjoys dancing in numbers by other outside choreographers such as Kyle Schwandt, who choreographed the opening number, and Cody Smith, saying, "Their movement allows me to let go and enjoy myself."

Momenzadeh, on the other hand, enjoys "Ob-La-Di" because it "is so bouncy and ridiculous you can't help but get a huge cheesy smile on your face."

Momenzadeh said she also loves the performance of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" because it is a high-energy, fast-paced number with magnificent choreography and "is so much fun, in an 'I can't breathe anymore' kind of way."

Pontz and Momenzadeh encourage everyone to attend Revolution 9, especially because this is something that can appeal to more than just theater and dance students.

Performances will be held at the Ephrata Playhouse in the park on Nov. 7 - 8 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. Ticket information is available at *http://www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.*org.



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A Blueprint for America

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At the time of printing, there are less than three weeks left in this monumental election. Hailing from Illinois, Democratic candidate, Senator Barack Obama has focused his campaign message on having people believe in change for America. Obama is here to rustle things up in Washington and break away from the failed policies of our current leader. The Blueprint for America provides Obama's plan for our beloved U. S. of A. One of the major changes detailed in Obama's blueprint occurs in U.S. foreign policy. The winner of this election will inherit the helm of a nation, which, over the previous eight years has lost respect in the global realm. George W. Bush utilized foreign policies that were questionable, to say the least. The best example of these failed policies resulted in the "quagmire" of Iraq and Afghanistan. Barack Obama's plan aims to break away from Bush's policies and to rebuild America's image. Listed are the main points for Senator Obama's foreign policy:

Iran

In the past decade, relations with Iran have become strained. Iran's pursuit of nuclear power and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's denial of Isreal as a legitimate state are among the factors contributing to our dissent with Iran. To handle Iran as a potential threat, the Bush administration has threatened extending the Iraq war into Iran with the passing of the Kyl-Lieberman amendment. Obama is openly opposed to using force to deal with Iran. Rather, Obama believes that direct diplomacy is the best solution. Obama would give Iran the choice to abandon their suspect ways, and would provide benefits to Iran such as membership in the World Trade Organization and economic investments. If these attempts fail, Obama plans to use economic sanctions and political isolation tactics to persuade Iran.

War in Iraq

An opponent of the war since its conception, Obama plans to refocus our strategy in Iraq to a completion of the war with a timely, calculated withdrawal of troops. His plan speculates removing one to two brigades a month, which would have the majority of our troops out of Iraq in 16 months, the summer of 2010. A small number of troops will maintain a presence for the purpose of anti-terrorism targeted missions and to protect American diplomatic personnel. No American bases will be constructed in Iraq. However, Iraqi forces will be trained by U.S. soldiers so that one day, Iraqi forces can maintain security independently.

Politically, Obama's focus will be encouraging Iraqi leaders to move toward a stable government in Iraq. A stable, autonomous Iraq was the ultimate goal of the Bush administration, however, stability has not yet been achieved. To aid Iraq in achieving political independence, Obama claims he will engage in aggressive diplomacy with Iraq and its surrounding neighbors such as Iran and Syria.

Bipartisanship

Barack Obama attributes the policies of secrecy and lack of bipartisanship as the cause for Bush's failed foreign policies. The Blueprint for America calls to establish a bipartisan Consultative Group comprised of leading members of Congress to bring bipartisan unity on issues of foreign policy. Obama has proposed a major declassification movement to break away from Bush's administration of secrecy. Furthermore, Obama is taking a page from FDR's presidential book. Occasional "fireside chats" will be broadcast to the American people to have Americans more involved and informed in Americas foreign policies.

Issues in Foreign Nations

Issues exist across the globe that have no direct impact on the United States but rather create implications for humanity. Within Africa, genocide exists in Darfur, poverty is widespread, and prosperity is stagnant. Obama plans to actively work to stop this genocide and provide funding to eliminate poverty and provide help to increase utilization of Africa's resources.

With Russia's recent reemergence as an antagonist, Obama wants to maintain relations while keeping Russia in check. Through diplomatic relations which include more nations as one unified force, Obama plans to accomplish his goals. His aim is to create a more global community to handle not only Russia, but any other nations wishing to cause problems.

Renewed American Diplomacy

George Bush and Dick Cheney enlist a foreign policy that has isolated America and tarnished our image globally. Barack Obama plans to polish America's image with his new approach to diplomacy. Under Obama, the U.S. will advertise its willingness to hold meetings with any nation, friend or foe. The hope is that American openness to negotiate will be contagious and other nations will follow, eventually leading to the solving of global issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, global poverty, strengthening of NATO, and new, valuable partnerships throughout Asia.

Obama's campaign focuses on the change he offers America from the failed presidency of the previous eight years. Obama's foreign policy specifically differs from that of George Bush who has isolated America through his poor diplomatic relations and repudiations to speak diplomatically with enemies. Obama's foreign policy can be summarized as a plan to create a global community through the use of effective and focused diplomacy. As global crisis rises, the time has come for nations to interact and work together toward a goal not for the benefit of any one nation, but rather for the global community.

Questionable American Foreig

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On May 1, 2003, President Bush stood aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln outside of San Diego, Calif, and announced to the officers, sailors and the rest of America, "My Fellow Americans: major combat operations in Iraq have ended. In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed." Following a boisterous applause and a presidential thumbs-up, an illuminated banner reading "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" was unraveled upon the ship's control tower.

On Jan. 1, 2008, ABC News reported that 899 U.S. troops were killed in 2007, making it the deadliest year since the initial 2003 invasion of Iraq. More than five years after Bush's victory speech, it is clear that the United States' occupation, involvement and operations in Iraq have not ended and that serious issues still need resolution.

The U.S. led invasion of Iraq was launched on March 19, 2003 by President Bush. Shortly after the declaration, many significant events within the Iraq War timeline occurred. In April, both the "rescue" of private first class Jessica Lynch and the toppling of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad were staged by the Pentagon. Hussein's sons were killed in a U.S. raid of Mosul in July, and five months later, Hussein himself was captured alive by U.S. troops in Tikrit.

On March 31, 2004, four American contractors who worked for Blackwater USA, a private security company, were killed in Fallujah. According to Dr. R. William Ayres, the director for the center of global citizenship at Elizabethtown, this was a significan The event in the beginning of the war. "It showe olved that the Iraqis could hurt these guys," he sai rmer Ayers also added that this event sparked th nd Se criticism against the war, including persuasi ver A opinion articles in the New Yorker. "This itions the point where the American public opinio nge really started to turn, because it was given a at ra anchor around which to start turning. nly s

Shortly after the death toll for Ameri ose can soldiers in Iraq passed 1,000, a CI civil report concluded on Oct. 7, 2004 tha abso Saddam Hussein did not have weapo blue of mass destruction.

Between late 2004 and 2006, both th At United States and Iraq witnessed and pa h Ira ticipated in important elections. On Nov. rge, 2004, Bush was reelected to the presidenc cam of the United States, defeating Massachuset xact Senator John Kerry. On Jan. 30, 2005, Iraq etrae voted on the first multi-party democrat rces parliamentary election in 50 years. Sever pro months later, millions of Iraqis voted to a as la prove an interim constitution that declare nive the nation as an Islamic, federal republi e bil April 22, 2005, Nouri Maliki was chosen a ll re appointed prime minister of Iraq and w Du given the responsibility to form a gover mpa ment. Simultaneously, Saddam Hussein w ost o convicted of crimes against humanity an ven l sentenced to death on Nov. 5, 2006. plain

On Feb. 22, 2006, the Shiite al-Aska t be shrine in Samarra, also known as the "Golde n the Mosque," was bombed, and an estimate gotia 1,300 Iraqis were estimated dead. Ayres, als nme a professor of international relations at Etow e sta said, "This didn't start the ethic civil war i ture. Iraq, but it ushered in a major new phase ntinu the conflict." caus

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The debate around whether Iraq was involved in a civil war has been denied by both former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, however Ayres disagrees. "There is a range of definitions on what constitutes a civil war. But the range is not that wide. The difference within that range mostly turn to esoteric points that only scholars of conflict care about. By all of those definitions, absolutely all of them, it was a civil war. Arguing this as a matter of opinion is absolutely absurd. It's like arguing if the sky is blue," Ayres said.

On Jan. 10, 2007, Bush announced that he would order a troop escalation in Iraq. He coined this strategy as "the surge," and more than 20,000 new troops became committed to serving in Iraq. Exactly one month later, General David Petraeus officially took charge of U.S. forces in Iraq. On April 26, the Senate approved an Iraq withdrawal bill that was later vetoed by Bush on the four-year anniversary of his victory speech. Before the bill was vetoed, the U.S. soldier death toll reached 4,000.

Due to the primary elections, presidential campaigns and the recent economic crisis, most of the current events in Iraq have been given less coverage by the mass media. Ayres explained that there is a huge story that is not being followed by the media or public. On the American side, it deals with a treaty negotiation between the existing Iraqi government and the U.S. which would govern the status of U.S. forces and presence into the future. "The negotiations are more or less a continual failure. This is highly significant, because whatever the agreement is, it will determine how long the U.S. will stay in Iraq and in what capacity."

On the Iraqi side, it is important for their government to make a careful yet quick negotiation soon. "If they don't sign a deal that doesn't get the U.S. out sometime in the foreseeable future, which is what the vast majority of the Iraqi people want, that government will fail, probably within a week. This is kind of important, and yet nobody is really paying attention to it," Ayres said.

On May 1, 2003, President Bush's message upon that aircraft carrier was not only to declare victory but also to ensure the American people the overall international reputation of America. Five years later, that worldwide status may have been tainted. According to Ayres, it was not our involvement or tenure in Iraq that has affected international perception, but rather the way our military operations have been conducted. "The way in which we have conducted the war has made the world a more dangerous place for American forces. Period. We invaded a country whose military strength had been gutted because we bombed the bejesus out of them a dozen years before. This was very much the schoolyard bully and the little, wimpy kid," Ayres said.

"We promised all these great things about how we are going to bring democracy and freedom. And what do we have? Nothing but bloodshed. The rest of the world looks at that and says, 'Well, they can knock over a government, but they can't do anything else.' There is kind of an obvious lesson for everyone else in the world, which is American power is not that impressive."

Ready: Biden & McCain

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While neither Obama nor Palin has any international experience of which to speak, both Biden and McCain present America with long and colorful foreign policies.

Here's what you may have missed:

Delaware's Joe Biden is the fifth-youngest US Senator in history and the longest-serving for his state.

He is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and a member of five Committee on the Judiciary subcommittees. During his time there, he has frequently and effectively collaborated with members of the Republican party, often at personal political cost.

In 1979, when Congress voted against Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II (SALT II) treaty ratification, Biden personally met with high-ranking members of the Soviet government.

He succeeded, both in educating his counterpart and in addressing American concerns with the proposal.

Biden's efforts in the Balkans — particularly relevant in today's world, given the recent strife between Georgia and Russia — helped to propel President Clinton into direct military intervention in Bosnia.

He fought against arms embargoes and war criminals — and for air strikes.

His claims of friendship with John McCain are more than hyperbole. Indeed, the two men share an extraordinary amount of common ground.

His reasons for initially voting for the invasion of Iraq reflected decades of experience, insults, gaffes and successes in the Balkans.

His concern for that region — itself, along with Russia, a primary catalyst in the current structure of the Middle East — is founded on the same aggressive realism that prompted him to arm Serbian Muslims and call Slobodan Milosevic a "war criminal."

According to the LA Times, Biden possesses both progressive pragmatism and superior working relationships with several chiefs of state.

In Iraq, his general proclivity for direct military action was tempered by a reluctance to remove Saddam Hussein from office. Such a decision, he realized, would drastically alter the balance of power in the Middle East.

McCain and Biden share a sensibly cynical cognizance regarding modern warfare, though they may disagree with each other on television.

Although McCain's experience in international conflict began with a bit more viscera — he graduated from Annapolis, flew attack aircraft, and spent now-legendary time in a Vietnamese prison camp — life has led him to a similar stance.

His influence as a catalyst to the Iraq war is beyond dispute, but so is his willingness to hold himself accountable for its failures.

McCain has visited Iraq no less than eight times. A bipartisan entourage, including everyone from Lindsey Graham to Hillary Clinton, routinely accompanies him.

McCain regularly meets with Coalition heads, among them Provisional Authority administrator Paul Bremer and Generals George Casey and David Petraeus.

Since autumn of 2003, he's fought against Rumsfeld's initially optimistic military strategy, responding to the recommendations of senior Coalition officers.

McCain has demonstrated curiosity, understanding, adaptability and energy in the war's advocacy.

For better or for worse, he is more likely to listen to soldiers over there than experts over here. Before his first visit, he ignored Biden's initial misgivings about the invasion, even though the Delaware senator had already toured the fresh battlefront.

When he saw firsthand the failure of the initial occupation, however, he adopted the same flag that Senators Biden, Chuck Hagel and Jack Reed had already been flying.

And when in the winter of '05-'06 McCain discussed the state of the war with Bush, the Republican squandered his opportunity for "straight talk," losing Biden's respect in the process.

Yet McCain has been instrumental in fixing his own mistakes. Like Biden, McCain trusts both himself and the actual combatants implicitly, and neither man will tolerate laxity on the parts of either the Coalition's leaders or their Iraqi allies.

McCain's savage rivalry with Rumsfeld and zealous advocacy for the troop surge have both resulted in safer Iraqi streets, and his senatorial bipartisanship has set him in good stead for the future.

In the world, both he and Biden are far bigger, better-respected players than many Americans know.

In many ways, McCain's response to the Ossetian crisis is representative of his greatest strengths over Obama.

He called for immediate NATO collaboration and stressed the need that Russia "immediately and unconditionally cease its military operations and withdraw all forces from sovereign Georgian territory."

Acknowledging that the Russians "crossed an internationally-recognized border," he saw the gravity of "the consequences for Euro-Atlantic stability and security."

By at once recognizing Russia's gross violation of sovereignty, Moscow's corresponding aptitude for espionage without dismissing the reality of Georgia's ethnic cleansing, McCain demonstrated his understanding of international law and the necessity of accountability.

Yet it also marks him as a member of the old guard. McCain's childhood was marked by WWII.

Since then, he has been witness to Vietnam, the Cold War, the Reagan years and decades of crisis in the Middle East and the Balkans.

Neither McCain nor Biden is a man without baggage. Their defining tribulations present voters with faults and advantages alike.

student concerns

As economy weakens, college loans concern students

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As numbers in the stock market continue to plunge and the economy struggles to stay afloat, Americans are forced to dig deeper and deeper into their pockets to pay for everyday amenities.

The burning question, or rather the $30,000 question, is, "How will student life at Elizabethtown College change as a result of the current economic situation?"

Elizabeth McCloud, the director of financial aid at Elizabethtown, faces this as well as other difficult questions in these financially trying times.

"I think that with what is going on with the economy currently, we will see results impacting every sector of society," McCloud said. "I'm sure there will be an impact here at the college."

According to the Elizabethtown College Web site, the total cost for the 2008-2009 school year for an undergraduate student is $38,600. Students often turn to financial aid and student loans to help pay for a college degree.

"There are a couple of different types of student loan programs that are available," McCloud said. "The one category that the majority of our students utilize is the federal student loan program, the Stafford loans."

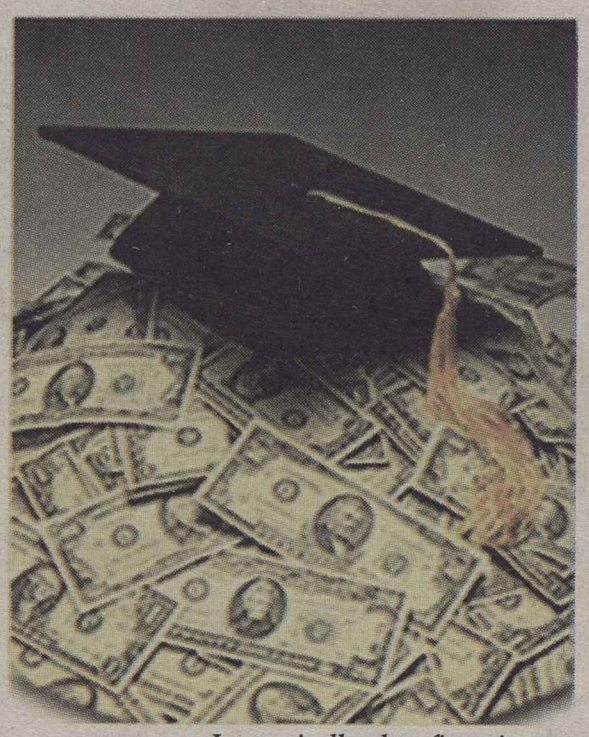
The subsidized Stafford loans are granted to students on the basis of financial need. This is primarily the loan of choice because students do not pay the interest that a normal loan would accumulate while the student is in school.

The Stafford Federal Student Loan Center also offers an unsubsidized loan where interest is charged from the time it is taken out until it is paid off.

May 7, 2008, President George W. Bush signed the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act, or ECASLA. This new law provides students with uninterrupted access to federal loans, regardless of activity in the credit markets.

ECASLA protects those who utilize federal loans, but leaves students with private loans vulnerable. Private loans have always been an option for students trying to get through school, but as the economy evolves, private loans evolve as well.

"Some of the larger leaders have announced that they are tightening up their credit criteria for private loans," McCloud said. "For students who have been borrowing private loans, those students really have to make sure that they're keeping their credit record impeccably clean to ensure their continued access to private loans."



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McCloud worries that while some students at Etown were approved for the 2008-2009 school year, it does not necessarily guarantee access to those loans after this year.

The cost of tuition is rising in private colleges, like Elizabethtown, all over the nation. According to Marcy Gordon in a *USA Today* article, over the past 10 years, tuition, fees and room and board at private colleges and universities have gone up 65 percent to about $30,000 per year.

Gordon points out that "more than $17 billion in private student loans were issued last year, up from $4 billion in 2001."

This trend means that even though there is more money available for undergraduate students to borrow, it will not necessarily be cheaper for them to attend college than it was a decade ago.

The rising need for student loans will eventually force many students into debt that could haunt them for years.

Departments, like the financial aid office, have been set up to help and educate students about ways to afford college.

"I'm hoping that families realize what a resource they have in the financial aid office," McCloud said. "If students have concerns about the availability of student loans, certainly they want to continue talking with our office to see what the available options are."

The financial aid office is located in Zug Memorial Hall, and students should not hesitate to go in and ask questions.

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technology review

Online shopping offers appealing bargains to consumers

Benjamin G. Brewer
Staff Writer

With the economy in shambles, and college students as poor as ever, why pay heavy retail prices when there are plenty of deals online?

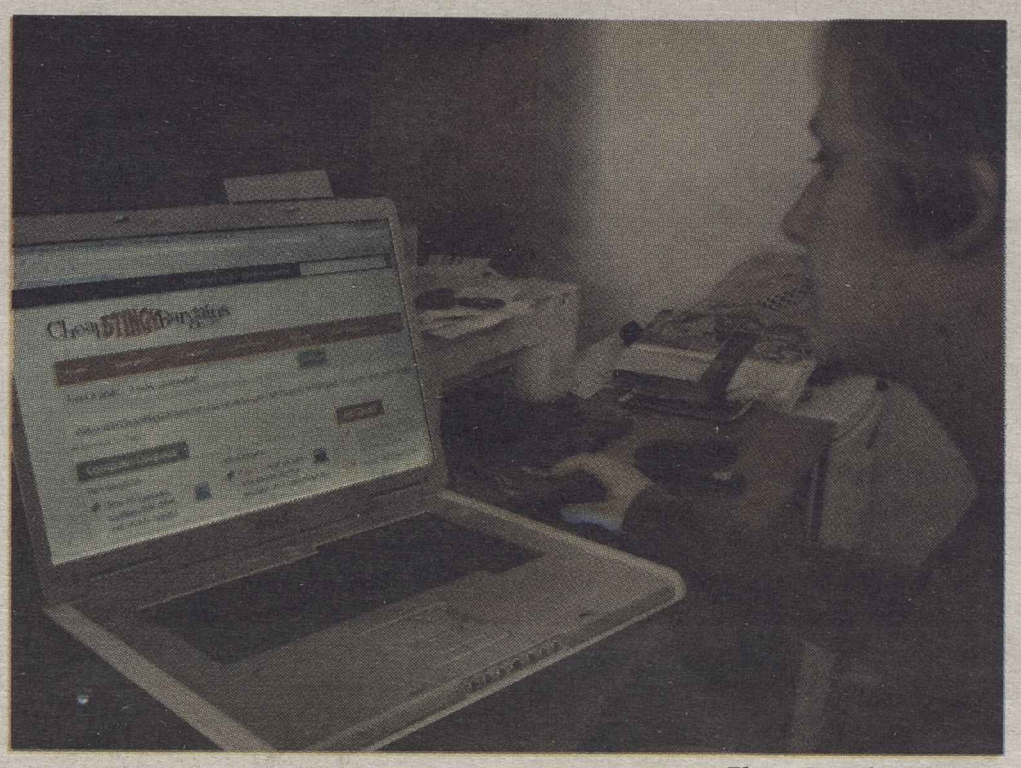
Web sites such as cheapstingybagains, Woot and Newegg offer great deals on a variety of merchandise, often offering free shipping on top of an already reduced price.

Cheapstingybargains.com has a collection of coupons and great deals across the Internet, linking to other sites that are currently offering a great deal on particular items. Some of the coupons offer significant discounts, like one featuring 25 percent off the purchase of a new Dell laptop. The site often links to online retailers such as *Buy.com* and *Newegg.com*.

Woot.com offers a single deal of the day with a significantly reduced price. No other options are offered on Woot during a deal, and the item can only be purchased during that time period. The deals are typically lower than you could find anywhere else that day.

If you are looking for electronics, a great place to start looking is *Newegg.com*. They offer consistently low prices on a wide range of electronics and computer components. It is the perfect place to purchase computer components to extend the life of your current desktop or laptop computer.

"I bought more memory for my computer off of Newegg. [The memory] was cheaper there for the type of memory my computer takes," junior Travis Enyeart said. "I upgraded from 512 megabytes and added an extra 2 gigabytes of memory. It really sped up my computer a lot."



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Enyeart also advised that students shouldn't be intimidated by upgrading their computers. Often the upgrades are cheap and fairly simple to install.

Simple swaps like memory and hard drive upgrades can often extend the life of a computer by several years and are fairly easy on both laptop and desktop computers.

For the chance to grab a great deal on popular items such as speakers and video game consoles, check out *Dell.com*. They sell popular electronics at extremely low prices, on occasion. However, act quickly, as many of these deals seem to last for a short period of time, and *Dell.com* quickly runs out of stock.

Even *Amazon.com* offers their own great bargains through their Gold Box, which presents a new deal every hour throughout the day at a significantly lower price than Amazon's already discounted prices. Every day, the Gold Box offers a different theme for deals, such as home improvements, electronics or videogames. Each deal only lasts for an hour, or until they run out of stock of that particular item.

The Internet is also a great place to find rare items, such as Nintendo's popular gaming consoles.

"I couldn't get a Nintendo Wii anywhere," junior Taylor Jones said. "I was finally able to get one at *Dell.com*, and without having to buy it bundled with a bunch of games and accessories I would never play or use."

The Internet is also a great place to buy accessories that are often overpriced in stores. Often electronic cables in stores cost 20 to 30 dollars or more for a simple audio cable, but from Amazon they can cost only a few dollars.

It is important to consistently compare prices across the Internet and in local brick- and-mortar stores for the best deal possible. No one store will always offer the best deal on any particular item, so research before you buy.

Also, if typing in your credit card information online makes you nervous, many retail outlets will price-match any item. This can also forgo the potential shipping charge, especially on heavier items that can have expensive shipping charges attached.

For those of you looking for great deals, keep some of these Web sites in mind. Just remember, when trying to save money, it is best shop around on a few sites to find the best deals.

campus events

Campus community volunteers gallop Into the Streets

Abbey B. Anderson
Staff Writer

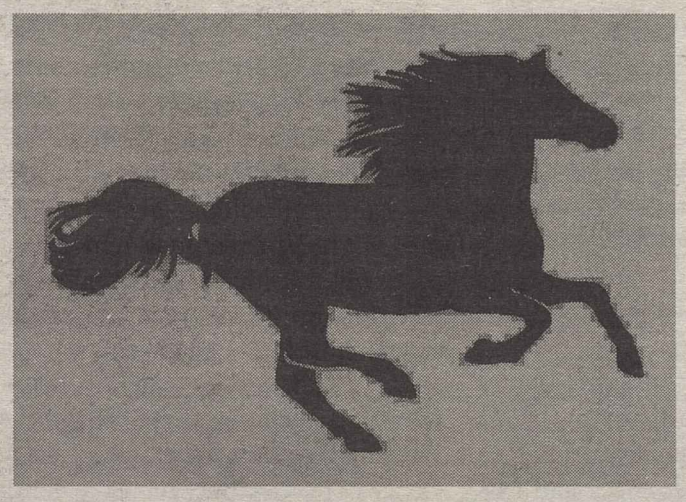
"This isn't just a day of service," said senior Erika Belleti, student coordinator of "Into the Streets. "It is a day of friendship-building, team-building, and sometimes a test of patience."

On Saturday, Oct. 25, students from Elizabethtown College will be heading out into the community to take part in service projects and charitable events.

Into the Streets is an organization on campus that plans service projects in the surrounding areas to help give back to the community.

"Our motto is, 'We challenge ourselves to go into the streets not only for a day, but for a lifetime.' I think that sums up our goal — lifetime service," Belleti said.

Each year, the theme is centered on an animal. This year's theme is "galloping into the streets." There will be horses roaming on campus this evening to promote two of the service projects. A group of about 500 students and faculty members will be taking on nearly 50 projects.



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"What I would absolutely love to see is the entire campus going out for the day," Belleti said. "It is just one day; I am sure that everyone can spare a few hours to make a difference in somebody else's life. It is really rewarding when you see the end result."

Those who take part in the service projects represent the Etown community and uphold the motto of the institution — "Educate for Service." Each person who volunteers is giving their time to make the community a better place. There will be volunteers working on ventures for youths, senior citizens and environmental, social and health issues.

At the end of the day, the members reflect on their hard work in the local areas and will begin planning the next event. Each school year, Into the Streets hosts one event, since it takes nearly a year to plan the projects. The events will begin at 8 a.m., and volunteers will work for the remainder of the day.

"It's going to be a long day," Belleti said, "but, seriously, I'm pumped! It's going to be lots of fun."

Belleti will be traveling from site to site to get involved in each project, to manage the event, and snap a few pictures to remember all the hard work. The sites for these projects will be in Elizabethtown, Lancaster, Grantville and Harrisburg. Some of the tasks will include a youth activities fun fair, raking leaves for senior citizens, highway adoption, and dinner for the Ronald McDonald House. These are just a few of the places that Etown students will be on their day of service.

Many hours of planning and preparation go into making this day possible. This group of service projects has been in the works since November of last year. Teams are developed to organize and coordinate each on-site venture. Each group takes on a project, and it is their job to execute everything and effectively service the community.

For these volunteers, community service is a way of life; it's a necessity for creating a close community. All of the time and hard work will pay off when the volunteers go galloping into the streets on Saturday, Oct. 25.

movie review

Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist: excellent date movie

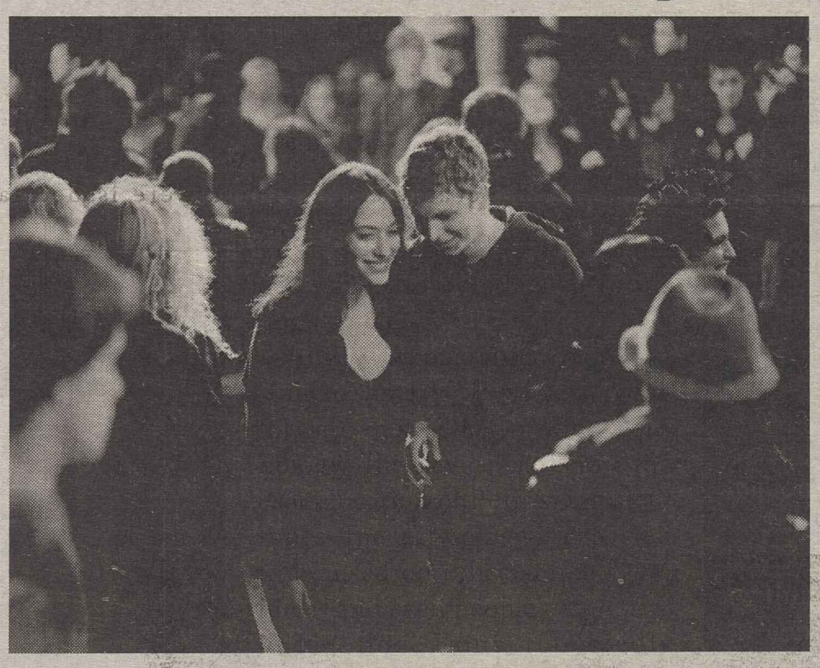
Peter S. Northrop
Assistant Features Editor

When audiences first saw the preview for *Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist*, many might have thought "Oh, great — another film jumping on the *Juno* train."

The movie seemed to have the look of one of those character-driven messes that would be nothing without a witty protagonist equipped with zippy and comical one-liners. This was not necessarily the case.

Sure, the movie does have some *Juno* vibes.

It opens with awkwardly hand-drawn credits, and its soundtrack primarily comes from the obscure indie set, but *Infinite* has its own stand alone qualities that make it a great film.



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Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist is the sprawling of a modern set of star crossed lovers. The story centers around two New York twenty-somethings: Nick and Nora.

Nick (Michael Cera) is the only heterosexual member of a dance band called The Jerk Offs, and he is quite an emotional wreck after being dumped by his long-time girlfriend, Tris, played by Alexis Dziena.

Nora (Kat Dennings), on the other hand, is a strong-willed anti-heroine bound for college. The two meet in a Lower East Side club, where Nick's band is playing.

The plot takes off when Nora ropes Nick into posing as her boyfriend for "five minutes" so she can prove to a friend (who, coincidentally enough, is Nick's ex-girlfriend) that she is going out with someone.

Apparently Nora was having ex-issues of her own, and the film begins to focus on whether or not Nick and Nora can get over the problems they have with their former flames in enough time to allow their own romance to blossom.

The story is also about Nick and Nora's ridiculous journey as they attempt to find the venue of a mutually-loved band called Where's Fluffy.

Along the way, there are plenty of side characters who provide conflict and comic relief.

The most notable character is Nora's friend, Caroline, who remains ludicrously intoxicated throughout the film's duration.

Caroline's hijinks include getting lost in New York City and being found on-stage at a gay bar dressed as a Christmas tree.

The characterization is very well done in this movie and most of the characters are very well developed.

Most of the interest in the movie comes from the side characters, as Nick and Nora, despite slowly becoming romantically involved throughout the film, don't have any visible chemistry.

All in all, *Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist* is very well put-together. It is much more mature than other teen indie romances that have recently been released in theaters.

This movie can definitely be fun to see with friends for fun and laughs, but make sure to bring that special person who you're interested in or dating. This movie is a good first date movie, without a doubt.

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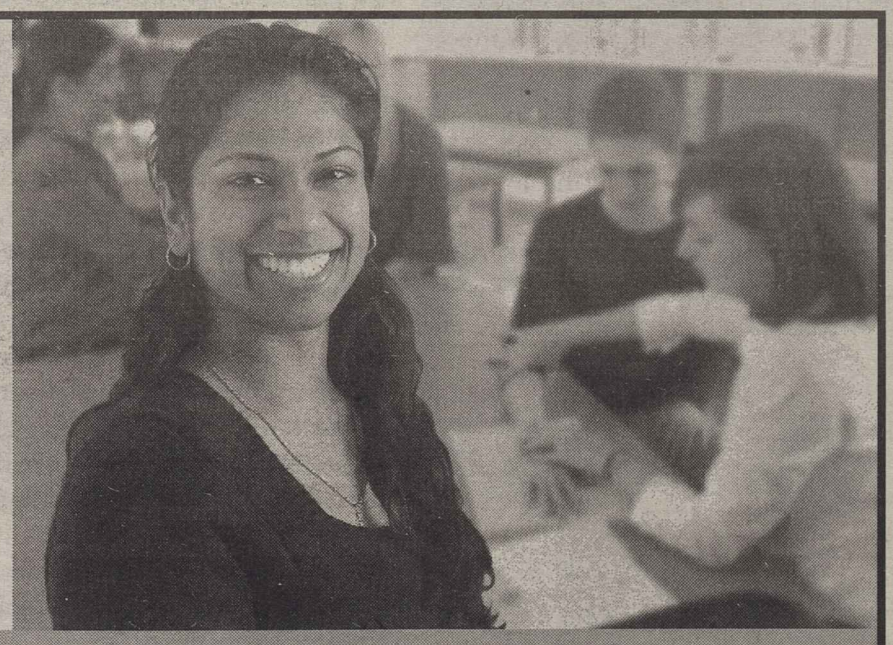

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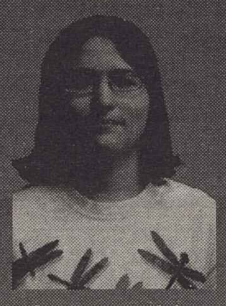
HOW PREVALENT DO YOU THINK DRINKING ON CAMPUS HAS BEEN THIS YEAR COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS?

by Kalie M. Desimone

Alex Harris
Class of 2011
"I feel that drinking hasn't changed at all. People are always going to drink and nothing can really change that."



Theresa White
Class of 2011
"I'd say that drinking is about the same as it was last year. People do it whenever they have the opportunity, but I don't think it has increased too much."

Michael Fleming
Class of 2011
"I think it's about the same. Every college has their problems; Elizabethtown is no different. As you grow older, I think you just become more aware of it."

Gabrielle O'Neill
Class of 2009
"I feel like drinking hasn't increased on our campus and yet I have become more aware of the number of parties/drinkers that there are on campus"

in the nation

Student view of economy, Obama relief

Hope R. Salisbury
Staff Writer

Economic policies, $700 billion bailout plans, stock market collapse, bad mortgages, too many loans: the list goes on and on. The economy hasn't received this much attention since the depression, and everyone wonders how the situation has gotten so out of hand.

The exact reason our country is having so many problems seems obvious. Neglecting to have a proper check-and-balance system for banks lending out loans and not keeping a close enough watch on the inflating housing market could only end in economic turmoil.

While I disagree with our government's lack of involvement as this problem grew, I do agree with their solution. The first bailout plan had a ridiculous amount of flaws, not to mention that it was initially written as a "last resort" for an economic disaster. The bailout plan's creator, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, included a clause in the proposal stating that he would control all major decisions regarding the plan. His decisions would also not have to be reviewed or approved by Congress or the court system, essentially leaving the world's economy in his hands.

Such power is not even given to our president, let alone the Treasury Secretary. Thankfully, Congress rejected the $700 billion bailout plan and immediately went to work on revisions. The revised (and later approved) bailout plan was cleaned up by dispersing responsibility throughout the government instead of leaving the plan's fate to Paulson's discretion, among other changes.

Congress then passed the bailout plan, leaving the final vote and its destiny up to President Bush. It should have been a no-brainer for Bush, considering his already extremely low approval rating. Had he vetoed this bill, his entire presidential career might as well have been declared "America's eight-year downfall."

Congress also kept the upcoming election in mind and left some "wiggle room" for the new president to be able to incorporate some of his own ideas into the plan.

We, as students, can only hope that America chooses the best candidate for the job, Democratic Senator Barack Obama.

Obama believes that achieving the boost in our economy that we so desperately need can be achieved cutting taxes for families who make less than $250,000 a year, raising minimum wage to give workers an extra incentive to wake up in the morning, and by giving students better options to pay for a college education.

Republican Senator John McCain plans to fix the economy by lowering gas prices and our dependency on foreign oil producers, and he plans to stop taxing the Internet and cell phones. While this will lower consumers' bills each month, it will not make a big enough impact to solve the economy crisis. McCain's plans are unreliable and fail to address the issue with a serious approach. With the economy in shambles, the bigger question on most of our minds is, "how will it affect our payment methods for education?"

Since banks and lenders have been hit hard in the past few weeks, some student loans may be at risk.

Senator McCain's plan to help students involves consolidating aid programs to make them simpler and more understandable and to hold private lenders at a higher standard of integrity.

These two very broad changes are risky and untrustworthy. His higher standard of integrity is not defined, and consolidating aid programs will only lessen the chance of receiving aid because there will not be as many programs for students to choose from.Senator Obama plans to eliminate the complicated student aid form that discourages students from applying for aid and to use tax data instead.

He will create a fully refundable $4,000 tax credit that students can use to pay for tuition and other expenses, and will eliminate the Federal Family Education Loan Program that receives subsidies from the government. These are all changes that students need in a time like this.

Yes, the economy is having problems, and yes, at times it can seem like it is all just political talk and it doesn't actually effect us, but it does.

Our generation can make a difference, especially in the election, so help rebuild the economy and cast your vote Nov. 4th.

From the desk of Dale Boyer

Assistant Director of Campus Security

This is the second time the staff of *the Etownian* has asked me to write a "From the Desk of." Obviously, they didn't learn the first time, or they're hurting for script.

Suggested topic: "From your perspective, how is the semester going so far?"

Hmm. I hate to sound too optimistic, because I don't want to jinx anything, but overall, things have been pretty good. What's better, what's not, and why? Good news: while we have had more than one student transported to the hospital due to alcohol, the number is down considerably from some previous years.

In general, numbers of alcohol violations seem down. There may be several factors here. The first may be that a problem area, the Farm House/ Ranch House, is no longer there. Bad news: this has prompted an increased number of students to wander farther off-campus in search of parties. This puts students in conflict with local residents and the Borough PD. Here's a gentle reminder. When at a party off-campus, only having one or two drinks rather than four or five or more means you will be less likely to do anything to draw attention to yourself walking back to campus, thus less likely to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation with the Borough PD or residents. Perhaps students overall are getting more responsible.

Next topic for discussion is, of course, parking. I think I can honestly say not much has changed there. I'm still writing loads of tickets. Top of the list seems to be violations of time-limited spaces. The time-restricted spaces were created specifically for students who only needed to take something to a professor or just "run in for a minute," yet these spaces are the most abused, often repeatedly, by the same individuals.

Student/Security relations seem pretty good and getting better. The Halloween Costume Contest (one of my personal favorites) is coming up. Do you have yours yet? The food in the Marketplace is even better than last year. Dean Calenda is smiling more. Heck, even the Security Director is smiling. A beautiful fall is almost here.

Yeah. Overall, things are looking pretty good.

Dale Boyer
Assistant Director of Security

Editor's note:
We would like to commend Mr. Boyer on his excellent memory for remembering our number of requests for information.

We would also like to thank security for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Also, we apologize for missing the Renaissance faire.

in the world

Russia: bettering the world?

Amanda P. Calabrese
Staff Writer

Oct. 8, 2008, the first World Policy Conference took place in Evian, France. Dmitry Medvedev, the President of Russia, spoke harshly about international issues and gave his opinion about what should be done to fix the problems. Medvedev centered his speech around three main points: ways to overcome the current economic crisis, the situation in the Caucasus, and convening a new conference on security. "The goal is to work out common responses to these challenges," Medvedev stated.

The issues under discussion show that the world has reached a critically important, transitional stage of its development.

Recent events in the Caucasus have demonstrated that it is impossible to appease or contain an aggressor based on bloc approaches. If irresponsible, adventurous actions by the ruling regime of a small country (Georgia, in this particular case) are capable of destabilizing the situation in the world, is this not proof that the international security system based on unipolarity no longer works?"

But whose fault is it that the security system is in shambles? According to President Medvedev, the world missed a historic opportunity to take apart international politics and create a genuinely democratic world order. The chance slipped away because of the United States' desire to strengthen its global rule. More blame on the United States was put forth by the Russian president when he explained the aid Russia gave to the U.S. after Sept. 11th. How many countries risked a lot to help them in any way they could? The U.S. eventually started a chapter of unilateral actions which did not involve the United Nations. Therefore, the end resulted in a trend of growing divisions in international relations. The harsh words which clearly directed most blame towards the U.S. were soon followed by a tranquil statement. Medvedev said, "I am convinced that people seek peace and harmony. They want to cooperate, do business and exchange cultural and educational achievements. They want to meet and communicate as friends and neighbors. And I have no doubt that these humanitarian factors will yet manifest themselves in a meaningful and robust way." He believes all countries should abandon war as an instrument of policy, because who knows if what happened in Iraq — citizens turning on each other — could happen anywhere.

I believe trying to end war is nearly impossible, but with Medvedev standing up and taking pride in what he believes, it could be a start to fixing international troubles. He said, "I want to emphasize the importance of maintaining the central and coordinating role of the United Nations as the most plenipotentiary international organization. It is more important now than ever to strengthen and uphold its international and legal authority." Maintaining a strong United Nations is something that definitely has to happen: they uphold more than enough when dealing with international disputes. In the end, President Medvedev believes that internationally, we are not as strong as we should be, and by using his proposals there is a chance for a stronger and more secure United Nations.

letter to the editor

Aussies seem to like Obama

First and foremost, greetings from down under! Second, please accept my sincerest apologies for Elizabethtown's feelings of love, uneducated bliss and disgusting ignorance toward the Republican nominee of John McCain and that for which he stands. While spending my time in beautiful North Ryde, Australia (a less-than-quaint suburb of Sydney), there is one clear thing I have grasped here: the Australian people think we're all backwards idiots. After our silly voting scheme in 2004 elected soon-to-be-former President Bush for a second term, they gained not only a more pleasing exchange rate, but also disgust for our lack of intelligence. Professors, students and creepy people in the mall alike are supporting Barack Obama. Alas, poor McCain supporters, this is not a spot for your usual terrorist jokes or Obama bin Laden comments — please save those for someone who thinks you're funny. The Aussies are actually quite educated in American politics. It affects their economy, their dollar and their national security — they, too, have soldiers in the Middle East (or as a Kiwi called it, the Midwest)

Amusingly, I know very little about Australian politics or geography. Yet, the Aussies can easily have an educated conversation about Obama's platform, his feelings about taxes (raising them for businesses, but cutting them for the middle class), education, the war and simply providing Washington with some adult supervision. Now, I find this to be immensely amusing, as I find many Etowners with the lack of this knowledge: the Blue Jays For McCain group on Facebook has an overwhelming amount of sophomores and freshmen (no, not first-years, either: freshmen). Now, according to my calculations, most of you are newly 18. That means in 2004, you were 14 years old. I'm no math major, nor am I good at math at all, but I'm pretty sure that puts you in the bracket of, "oh my god, Timmy is totally looking at Jenny in 3rd period pre-algebra" at that age. According to my calculations, that makes your knowledge of politics miniscule at best, as well as heavily diluted by parental influences.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not simply ragging on McCain. I'm educated. I reviewed both platforms, examined the small print of each individual "promise" and plan, and came out respecting Barack Obama. Now, while down under, I have met my fair share of complete idiots. I've been asked if I'm Amish, if Pennsylvania has a lot of vampires and — this is the kicker — if I can see the Statue of Liberty from my house. Alas, I've found even more individuals more educated on politics then Sarah Palin. Which, as a note, is not difficult — the fly I just killed on my desk knows more then she does.

So really, in my usual form, I'm attempting to persuade anyone of voting age to review the information and make their own educated decision — and then seriously vote Obama. Because if McCain wins, I'll have learned two things: there is no God, and I need to figure out how to get my citizenship here. …

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Guest Writer

staff column

Reve*Law*tion

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

For the record, none of this article is a joke. None of it is hyperbole.

When, in 2006, I first settled on the idea, law seemed like a pretty splendid track. Lawyers wear suits every day! They oversee the political mechanisms of the world, employ their élan to ensnare chief executives and enrapture beautiful women, and pad their pillows with six figures of delicious green.

Except they don't.

Even before this economic apocalypse began, the legal industry was changing. The advent of the Internet (which combines standardized forms with readily available databases for things like tax law) dramatically cut the number of potential situations that required professional assistance. And there are far fewer jobs than lawyers. The ABA accredits new schools every year — we're almost at five tiers now — yet we outsource to India.

Want a job? The name of your law school is the single biggest barrier to entry at a good firm. (Note — bad firms aren't in any way easier; they just pay less. Like $40k a year, total. And you'll have $100,000+ in debt, and live in a city.) Before the recession, you wanted to aim for Tier 1, the top 50 schools in the country.

Graduate in the top 60 percent of your class, and you'd almost certainly find work somewhere. Top 10 percent in Tier 2 or 5 percent in Tier 3, and you still might be employable. At the crest are the T14, Yale through Georgetown. Assuming you avoided the bottom 10 percent and built work experience during your 1L and 2L summers, a reasonably bright future awaited you.

That's all changed, of course. There are no transactions since all of the I-bankers are begging for change, and even litigators are feeling the burn — Clifford Chance just laid off 20. Yet the kids think that law equals cash money, so law school applications are already up 40 percent over last year. For the foreseeable future, even a T14 might not be enough.

Some of us won't give up, though. I've already managed to talk at least a dozen other undergrads out of it. Still intent? If you score at least a 170 on the LSAT and clear a 3.5 GPA, you might have a prayer. Look at the T14 admissions matrices. If you're inside the top 30 percent of last year's admitted, go ahead and apply. Don't let your pre-law advisor or rich granddaddy lie to you, though: the future is bleak. Nobody cares about your work experience or your semester in Belgium. If you're a URM, you'll get an LSAT bump between 10 and 15 points. (Incidentally, Asians are not underrepresented. Sorry, guys. But if you're at least a quarter Native American, check the box.)

If you do get a job, prepare for 100-hour workweeks, substance abuse and clinical depression. If you're lucky, you'll only bill 2400 hours annually, though between lockstep pay and the recession you'll probably be packing up within months. You will not see your family. On the plus side, if you go to Columbia or UC Berkeley and land a job at an NLJ 250 firm, you'll have $180,000 per year to burn on office furniture and Brioni suits.

Honestly, consider selling cars or cleaning drains instead. You'll sleep better at night. And, by the odds, you'll probably make more money.

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etown cross country

Battle for the Buggy next stop for men's and women's XC

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Coming into the season, everyone expected big things from the men and women's cross country teams. But then again, who wouldn't?

The women's team came in after winning the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships in 2007, and the men's team was trying to regain their championship status from 1999 through 2006, when they won eight straight MAC Championships.

"I came into this season somewhat awestruck of the program and the runners here," first-year runner Colby Miller said.

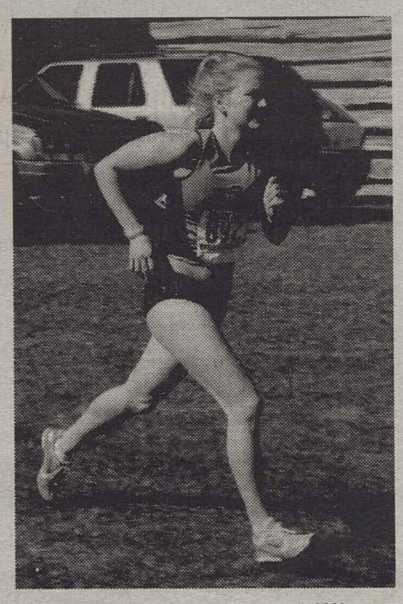


Photo: Drac Williams
Sophomore Teresa Beshore runs at the Juniata Invitational on Oct. 11. Their next stop will be the Battle for the Buggy on Oct. 25 at Lancaster County Central Park.

"Now, having progressed through a very successful season, I couldn't have picked a better group of guys to call family. There are no other individuals I'd rather toe the line with."

The concept of the team being a family seems to be a universal one on the Etown cross country teams, as senior captain Tiffany Kulp outlined "One great thing about [Elizabethtown] cross country is that we're like each other's families. We practice, eat together, and spend weekends together too."

This kind of effort to keep the team unity together off the paths is what really pushes the Etown cross country teams past their competitors.

The women's team has had a hard season on paper so far, as they were hit with many losses due to graduation and runners studying abroad.

Even with the depletion of some of their team, the women have placed in the top five of three out of their four races so far, progressively growing stronger throughout the season, and building up to the MAC Championships in November.

"We know that people are doubting us this year because of our numbers, but that's what fuels us to race well," stated fellow senior captain Megan VanDenHengel.

"As the season is progressing, I think we are realizing that we are a talented group of runners who are capable of reaching all of our goals."

Sticking with the theme of progression, the men's team has drafted off of the women's drive and determination to put up impressive statistics this season.

This placed them in the top five in three out of their four races as well, and in first during fall break at the Juniata Invitational.

"The [Juniata Invitational] definitely was a good boost, but it just represents another step in the right direction for us," senior Jeremy Matula said.

"What is way more important now, is that we get all our guys physically healthy and mentally prepared for the month ahead."

So what's up for the teams in the month ahead? Possibly the two most important races of the year.

On Oct. 25, the men and women's teams compete in the Battle for the Buggy, a race that head men's coach Chris Straub conceived about 10 years ago.

"The 'Battle for the Buggy' is a concept I came up with to challenge the local Lancaster County colleges in a cross country race," Straub said.

"Basically, a challenge that we'll take on Millersville and F&M anytime, anywhere."

Like much of their season, The odds were against Etown in the first "Battle for the Buggy," but as always their hard work won out.

"Our men's team literally shocked Millersville and beat them badly," Straub continued.

"They were nationally ranked in NCAA Division II, at the time and we were unranked in NCAA Division III."

After Millersville was humiliated one more time in the coming years, they decided it was enough, and the race proceeded to die.

Since then, however, Millersville and F&M have changed coaches numerous times, and Straub felt this would be a great year to co-host the event with Millersville, as it would be a good warm-up for all teams before the MAC Championships, also hosted by Elizabethtown.

The men's and women's cross country teams both have a great shot of winning their conference titles this year for the first time since 2004, but to get there they need your support.

If you want to encourage the teams and show your Etown pride, you can go out to Lancaster County Central Park on Saturday, Oct. 25, for the Battle for the Buggy.

To see them fight for the championship, you can be at the same park on Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. and root for Etown to take home the championship title and earn the bragging rights once again.

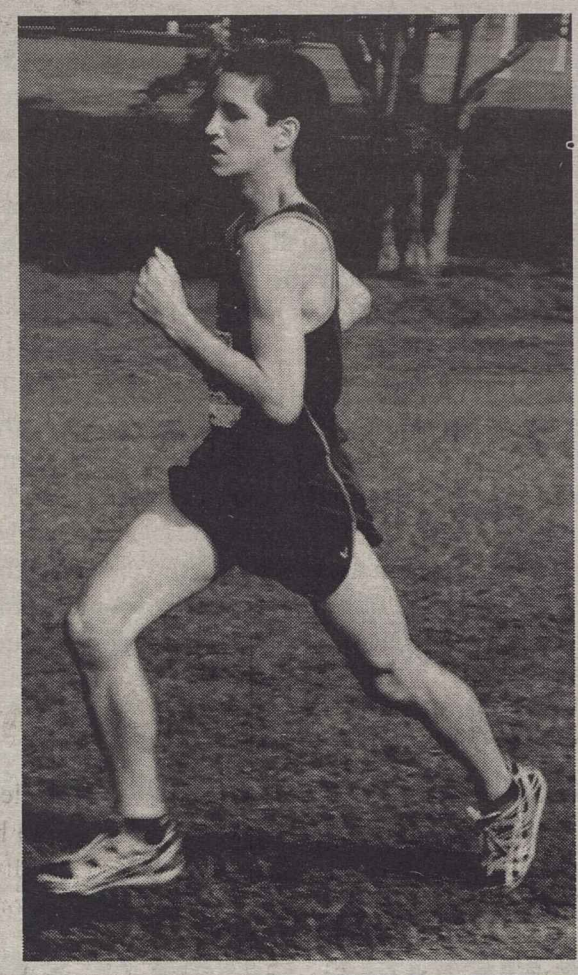


Photo: Drac Williams
In a meet at Dickinson on Oct. 11, sophomore Adam Derkacz takes his strides.

etown volleyball

Girls remain positive after two Homecoming deficits

Madison M. Cessna
Staff Writer

The ladies of the Elizabethtown College volleyball team worked hard against two nationally ranked teams Friday evening, Oct. 18.

The guests were from Christopher Newport University and Juniata College, touring for the Commonwealth Conference.

The first game was at 3 p.m. against 23rd ranked CNU, the visitors coming out on top with scores 25-19, 25-21 and 25-23.

Junior Paige Tanner fought for the Lady Jays with a recorded nine kills and 11 digs.

Sophomore Kara Burkholder also worked hard with a recorded 21 assists.

The Captains then lost to number one-ranked Juniata, leaving them at 23-6 for the year, though the work wasn't over for Etown.

The next game was against the Juniata Eagles at 7 p.m.

Again, Tanner led the way with six kills. First-year Kelsey Hayes had five kills, as did junior Kayla Deats, who also shined against the Captains with four blocks. Burkholder kept her head in the game, offering 12 assists.

"The games on Friday were tough. Randall scheduled them to be challenging games for us to play. We did the best we could and really competed well against CNU," Tanner said.

The Blue Jays plan to work hard to keep the Lady Lions of Albright College from getting their second conference win.

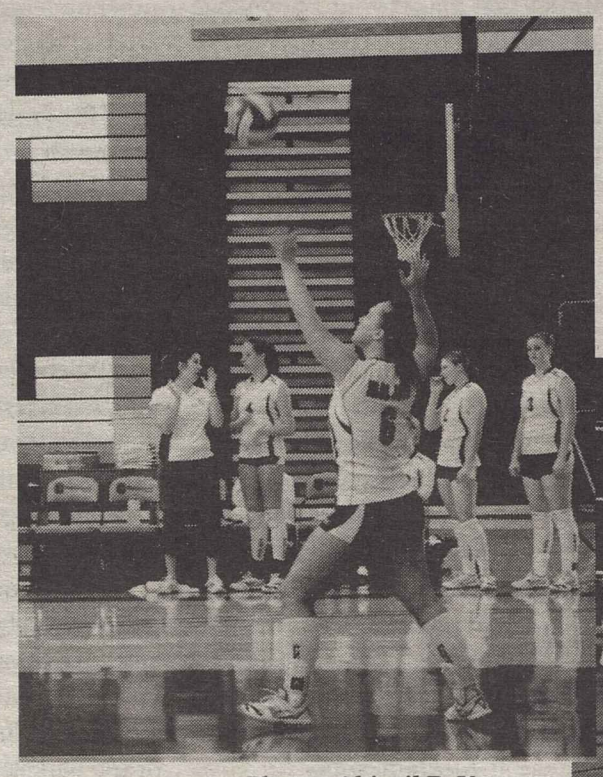
Tanner remains positive and has faith in her team.

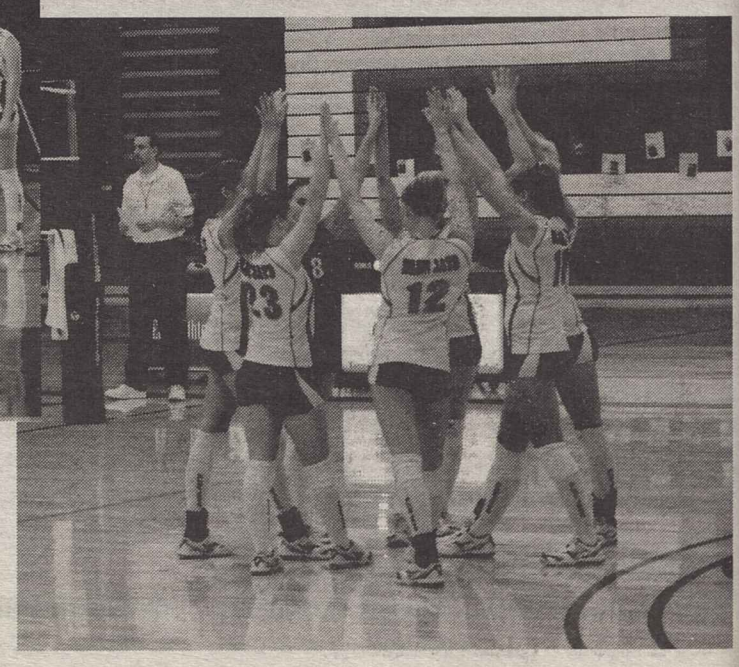
"This week's game on Tuesday is another conference game so we are going in to win," she said.

On Tuesday, the Jays traveled to Albright for another Commonwealth Conference. The Jays won the match by a score of 3-0. Tanner was able to get 12 kills. Tanner now has 998 total career kills. If she is able to get 1,000, she will be only one of six players in the program history to ever achieve such an honor.

Their next match will be on Saturday at Moravian College at 1 p.m. They will also be challenging Susquehanna that day at Moravian, and that game will play at 4 p.m.

The ladies will take on another Conference match next Wednesday when they take on undefeated rival Lebanon Valley.





Photos: Abigail R. Kramer
In a match against Christopher Newport last Friday, junior Kathy Perry goes for a serve (above). To the right, the team team prepares for the game together . Etown lost the match by a score of 3-0, and later fell to Juniata later in the day.

etown field hockey

Ladies improve record to 14-2, ranked 13th in nation

Elyse R. Carabello
Staff Writer

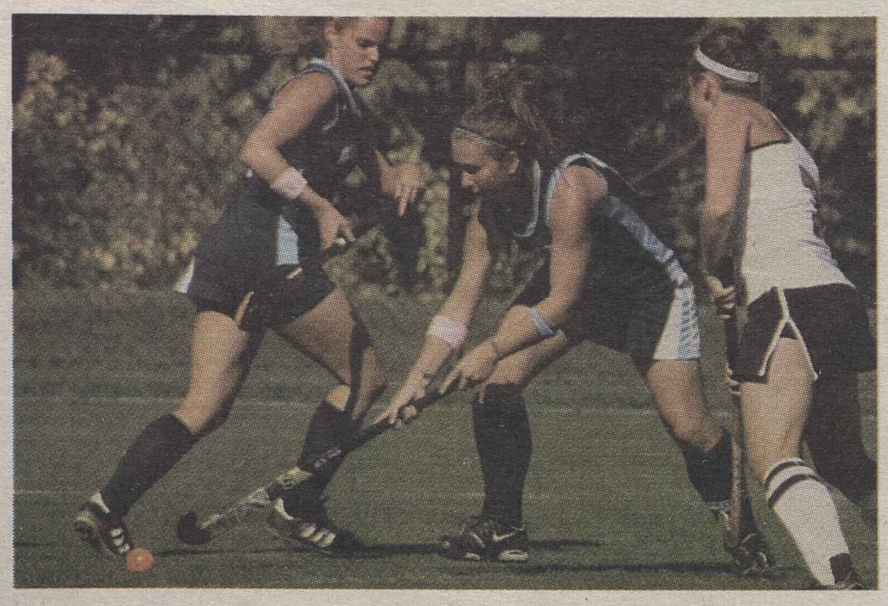
Saturday, the Elizabethtown College field hockey team shut Widener down 6-2 in their homecoming Commonwealth Conference game.

The Lady Jays took the lead only four minutes into the first half of the game with a goal from senior Andrea Miles.

Although Widener tied it up only a couple of minutes later, junior Brenna Noon came back with goal number two for Etown later in the first half.

The Widener Pride put up a good fight, and eventually tied up the score again 32 minutes into the game to make it 2-2 at halftime.

The Lady Jays came out strong in the second half and Noon pulled the team ahead with her second goal of the game. With 16 minutes left, sophomore Julie Foster added a goal to extend Etown's lead 4-2. During the home stretch, senior Megan Angstadt scored a pair of goals in the last 10 minutes of the game to finalize the score 6-2.



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In a game against Arcadia on Oct. 11, junior Brenna Noon (left) and senior Megan Angstadt (middle) go up against an Arcadian defender. The Lady Jays took home the victory when they won the game with a score of 4-0.

"We are very confident in the team as a whole this year," Angstadt said.

"We have a lot of experienced players as well as strong underclassmen.

Each player gives 110 percent every game and every practice."

The hard work has sure paid off over the past week.

After gaining their fifth straight win in their game against Immaculata, they rose to be ranked 13th in the NFHCA (National Field Hockey Coaches Association) Division III Poll last Tuesday.

It is the sixth straight week the field hockey girls have been ranked, and it is the second time this year that they have climbed as high as 13th in the poll.

Senior Alison Duval said that the team is doing so well this year because of its solid foundation and teamwork.

"We only lost two seniors last year, so a lot of us have played many games together. We have really learned each other's playing abilities and specialties, and we play very well as a team."

The Blue Jays have two more conference games and two more non-conference games scheduled for their season.

The next conference game is this Wednesday at Messiah, and their last game is at Albright on Nov. 1.

As always, Messiah should prove to be a tough competition, but the girls are ready to come hard and play strong.

"We played Messiah twice last year and lost both times in overtime," Angstadt said.

"We know we are just as good, if not better, than we were last year, so we are coming for revenge."

Now that they are coming to the end of their regular season, the girls are concentrating hard on their conference games and staying focused on their goals.

"Our goal since the beginning of the preseason has been to win the conference – be conference champions and move on into the NCAA tournament, hopefully going all the way to the championship," Duval said.

"Being a senior, I know we just want to keep playing as long as we can."

etown women's tennis

Individual championships good experience for team

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown women's tennis team concluded their two-day Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MASCAC) championship meet on Sunday at the Hempfield Sports Complex.

"I think that we did pretty well as a team, considering the number of first-year members," first-year player Sarah Poulle said. Senior Alice Yu was the only Blue Jay to advance to the championship round and finished as the second singles runner up after losing to Wilkes' Xiaoqiao Zhang 6-2, 6-2 in the finals.

On Saturday, junior Emily Swarr, Yu and junior Jessica Russell moved into the semifinals. Swarr defeated Jillian Talarico of Kings 7-5, 6-1 in the first round of first singles and Jenny McKee of Alvernia 5-7, 6-4 (11-9) in the quarterfinals.

As the second seed in second singles, Yu received a bye in the first round and then beat Misericordia's Ashley Mangabang 6-0, 6-0 in the quarterfinals. Russell, who was seeded third in third singles, had a first round bye as well and then beat Lindsey Leh of Eastern University 6-0, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

Poulle competed in flight four and beat Julia Romano of Manhattanville College 6-2, 6-3 in the first round, but lost to Messiah's Katie Marstaller in the quarterfinals. First-year Alyssa Neill beat Annie Jaeger of Manhattanville 6-1, 7-5 in the first round of flight five, but lost 6-3, 6-1 to Wilkes' top-seeded Michelle Knight in the quarterfinals.

First-year Alison Oberg defeated King's Maria Cometa 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of flight six but lost to Lebanon Valley's top-seeded Sara Wagner in the quarterfinals.

Doubles team Russell and Swarr and team Yu and Poulle also qualified for the semifinals.

Russell and Swarr had a bye in the first round of flight one and went on to beat Manhattanville's Paisley Coats and Scarlette Rodriguez 8-4 in the quarterfinal round.

Yu and Poulle beat Eastern's Leh and Maria Shrefler 8-4 in the first round of flight two and then upset third-ranked Mary Kate Boylan and Christine Petrilla of DeSales University 8-3. The team of Oberg and first-year Shannon Brown beat Elizabeth Stauffer and Gabrielle Toda of Albright College by default in the first round of flight three, but lost to third-seeded Marstaller and Steph Knepper of Messiah 8-3 in the quarterfinals.

On Sunday, Swarr lost to Lebanon Valley's Sarah Grodzinski 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals of first singles. Russell lost 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals to Wilkes' Alison McDonald, who eventually won third singles.

Yu beat Jess Smith of DeSales 6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals of second singles but lost 6-2, 6-2 to Zhang in the championship match.

In doubles, Swarr and Russell lost 8-5 in the semifinals to champions Zhang and McDonald in flight one. In the semifinals of flight two, Yu and Poulle were defeated 8-5 by Lebanon Valley's Kelly Moll and Jan White.

Poulle was optimistic about the spring season, saying, "As a freshman, I have yet to be around for a spring season, but I think that we should do better because we are getting some returning players, and the first years have gone through the fall season and should have some more confidence. We kind of know what to expect now."

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The women's tennis team looks to capture another Commonwealth Conference Championship as they did last year (pictured above).

etown men's soccer

Men take Homecoming match with score of 2-0

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Despite having a losing record coming into the big Homecoming match this past Saturday afternoon, the men's soccer team was able to pull off a big win against Arcadia.

The men won the game 2-0 in front of a crowd of over 1700 people, including many parents, students and Alumni who attended the Homecoming event. This game was certainly a highlight of the day.

The match started off evenly, as there were no goals scored until the second half.

But once the second half started, the Jays took the lead.

In the 47th minute, sophomore Cameron Gettel received a pass from senior Dan Flaherty and was able to score a goal.

In the 76th minute, sophomore Andrew Filewicz was able to score another goal off of an individual effort. Filewicz took the ball from ten yards into the defensive side and outran two Arcadian defenders. Then, as a third defender tried to attack, Filewicz was able to score the goal.

Etown outshot Arcadia 18-4. Senior goalkeeper Jeff Mullen had three saves, his fourth shutout of the season, while Arcadia's junior Jeff Kratohwill had seven.

Etown is now 2-0 in the Commonwealth Conference and 4-8-2 overall.

Their final home game will take place today at 7 p.m. This game will also be senior night, so be sure to come out and support the men.

etown women's soccer

Lady Jays look to improve conference record

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

The women's soccer Commonwealth Conference is 1-1-1 as of now. It is a record that could either make or break them into the Commonwealth Conference Championships.

Putting a stellar effort in two tough matches last week, the Blue Jays women's soccer team came out with one big victory and one important conference loss.

Coming out strong on Monday for practice after a tough game at Widener ending in double overtime with a score 0-0, the Jays were ready for a week of victories.

Nonetheless with two days of preparation, they came out strong against Lycoming on Wednesday, and defeated the Warriors 5-0.

"Practices have actually been harder as season has gone on, but I think it is good for our team, because we push each other, and that's so important, especially at the peak of a season," senior Carly Hoskins said.

"When we were preparing for the Lycoming game, there was a lot of frustration about the Widener game, and we knew that we needed to have a big game to bring back our confidence.

"We wanted to score a lot of goals and have a shutout, and it worked out the way we wanted," Hoskins said.

Working hard and never giving up were just some of the attributes that the Lady Jays were proud to show off as a team.

They knew that Homecoming weekend was a big weekend for reasons other than athletics. However, since they were playing Arcadia, they recognized it was not only one of the most popular games but also an important one as well — a conference game.

Conference games in any sport are crucial to placement when it comes to playoffs.

Hoskins says their goal for the season is "to make NCAA's."

"We've been in it the last two years, and I'd love to make it a third," she said. They knew the pressure was on for the game against Arcadia at the Etown stadium.

When the Arcadia Knights came to Etown, they were overwhelmed because of all the activity that was happening on campus, and got a quick goal in the first half.

By the second half, Etown's own senior Brooke Dotterer had scored, assisted by senior Jenna Russo and junior Erin Scott, to tie the score up.

Unfortunately, Arcadia scored within the last 5 minutes of the game to gain a conference victory over the Jays.

The Jays led the shots on goal count 11-9 and corner kicks with 7-2.

The Lady Jays are still in the game to make playoffs and possibly gain that NCAA tournament spot.

Messiah and Lebanon Valley College make for a touch schedule, but Hoskins is optimistic.

"We are capable," she says. "We just have to perform over the next 2-3 weeks to make sure it happens."

Hoskins is sure that her team has such a strong bond that they can do anything, and that they have proven themselves the better team, not by score but by their performance. With a determined mind and winning spirit, the Lady Jay's aren't going to give up, and keep going for their goals.

The ladies won yesterday in a match against Montclair State.

Photo: Scott Sheppard

Im a game against Arcadia this past Homecoming weekend, senior Jenna Russo goes for a kick. The team lost the game by a score of 1-0.

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Athlete of the Week

Jeff Mullen

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The *Etownian* is happy to name Jeff Mullen as this week's Athlete of the Week!

Nearing the end of the season, this senior goalkeeper made three saves against the Knights of Arcadia, allowing his team to win with their score of two goals. His effort helped give the Jay's their first conference win and improve their home record to 4-4.

So far this season, Mullen has started all 14 games and played a total of 1,285 minutes and 50 seconds during which he has only allowed 16 goals. If you do the math, he has played all but 16 minutes and 44 seconds of every game played this season and is only allowing an average of 1.12 goals a game. In that time he has saved over 76 percent of the shots that have come his way and posted 4 shut outs.

Mullen's next test will come at 7:00 p.m. tonight, when he anchors the Jay's at home against the Juniata Eagles. The Eagles are currently 5-9-1 and score about 2 goals a game.

Mullen and the Jay's defense will have to slow down Juniata's leading goal scorer Noah Bowers who has seven goals already this season.

Congratulations to Jeff Mullen on being named our Athlete of the Week!

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Jeff Mullen punts the ball during the homecoming game against Arcadia.

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Quesadillas

Something not many people know about me ....
I won a checkers tournament in 3rd grade

Favorite Sports team:
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When I leave college I want to ...
Attend Law School

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Arcadia 2, Etown 1
Etown 2, Montclair State 0

Volleyball (12-14, 4-0):
Christopher Newport 3, Etown 0
Juniata 3, Etown 0
Etown 3, Albright 0

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Oct. 25: Battle for the Buggy (Lancaster County Central Park), 11:30 a.m.

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Oct. 25: @ Kean, 1 p.m.
Oct 28: @ Susquehanna, 4:30 p.m.

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Oct. 29: @ Susquehanna, 7 p.m.

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McCain, Clinton rally for support in Harrisburg area

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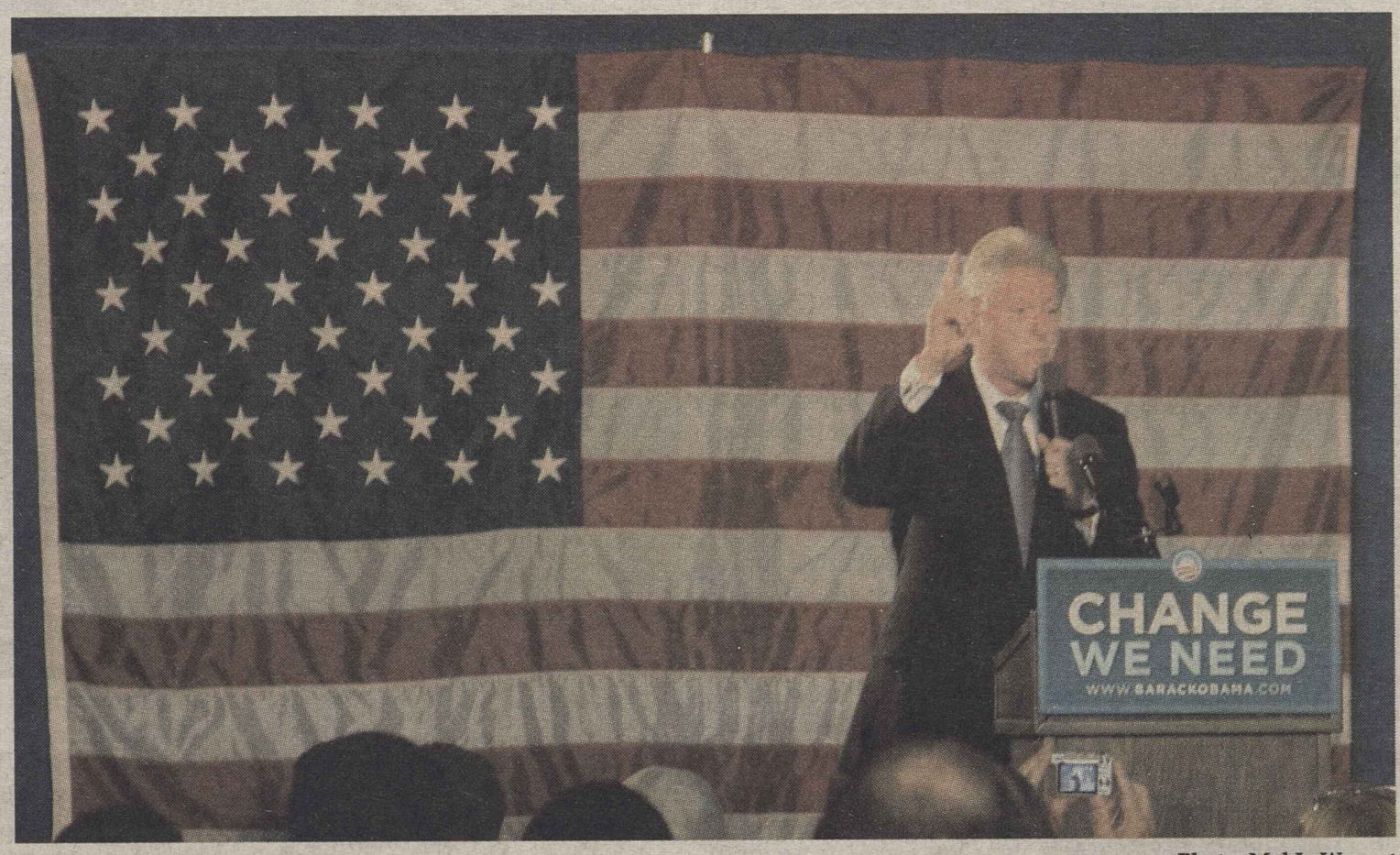

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With barely a week left until the 2008 presidential election, both candidates have kicked their campaigns into high gear. John McCain visited Hershey Tuesday morning, while former president Bill Clinton campaigned on Obama's behalf in Harrisburg Wednesday afternoon.

Senator McCain and his running-mate, Sarah Palin, were scheduled to arrive at Hershey's Giant Center at 9 a.m. Their rally was very well-attended; the whole event had the feel of a rock concert. There was a constant din as people waited for McCain to arrive. Concert lights flickered across the crowds waving their "Country First" signs. Chants of "John Mc-Cain!" resonated through the whole stadium, and were only drowned out by even louder chants of "Sar-ah!"

Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger" played as McCain's campaign bus, the Straight Talk Express, was driven into the arena. Red, white and blue stage lights illuminated the crowd as McCain and Palin got off the bus and took the stage among a storm of cheers and camera flashes. The music was shut off, but that only caused the cheers to escalate: people began chanting, "U-S-A!"

Cindy McCain was the one who eventually silenced the crowd. She expressed her gratitude for the people's support. She then discussed how her husband had made a great choice in selecting Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate.

The Alaskan governor took this as her introduction and spoke next. Every sentence she uttered was punctuated by loud cheers; it was a wonder she could speak at all over the noise. She first honored the veterans in the crowd and then asked the attendants if they were ready to "carry Pennsylvania to victory" (that is, vote for her and senator McCain).

Around this time, protestors broke into the building, brandishing anti-McCain slogans and pro-Obama messages. They were greeted with resonating boos from the rest of the crowd. Palin responded by saying she would prefer they let the protesters stay so they could "learn a thing or two."

Palin then went on to insist that Obama's financial plan was nothing more than "wealth spreading." She talked about Joe the Plumber and Tito the Builder (and other one-named gentlemen with job titles) explaining how they represent the plight of the people. After this, she introduced Senator McCain.

Upon his introduction, Senator McCain embraced Governor Palin and said, "Now, isn't this going to be a great vice president?" The crowd roared in response.

McCain gave a long speech on how he would go and shake up Washington if he were elected. He was very animated throughout his speech, waving his arms around and smiling at the crowd. He mostly discussed the financial crisis and how he would cut spending. McCain also bashed Obama for being a "wealth spreader," reducing his economic policies to "politicians taking your [the voter's] hard-earned money and then doling it out as they see fit." He asked people for their votes, and with that, they rode out of the arena.

The following day brought Bill Clinton to Harrisburg. The rally was held in the gymnasium of the Harrisburg Area High School. The crowd there was significantly louder than McCain's.

In the time preceding the rally, the crowd was regaled by the school's marching band and drum line. People were dancing in the aisles, waving around signs that said "Change we can believe in," and there were chants of "Yes we can!"

A whole slew of central Pennsylvanian politicians, including Harrisburg's mayor, Stephen Reed, boisterously and passionately gave speech after speech to the crowd before Clinton arrived.

Students from the high school led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance, and a local preacher, Reverend Doctor Gaylord Thompson, led an invocation and prayer. People began chanting "We want Bill!" over and over again.

Clinton then made his entrance, greeted by a deafening roar from the crowd and a drum number performed by the marching band. He was introduced as "the greatest president in recent memory."

After a little microphone trouble, Clinton thanked the crowd and talked about how he loved Pennsylvania, since our state voted for him in both of his elections and for Hillary in May. He went on to say that there was "no way that Obama could lose this election, unless people forgot what it was about."

He talked about how the next president would be hired to do two basic jobs: fix the broken American economy and restore America's respectable place in the world. He then went on to discuss Obama's economic policies and how they were better for the country, since Obama "wants to understand the issues and *does* understand the issues." He spoke of energy independence, clean coal and health care reform.

The crowd cheered every chance they got. He encouraged all the high school students in attendance to go to college, and talked about how Obama would help them finance their education should he be elected.

Clinton concluded by discussing the current state of our country.

"People have been saying that America's days are numbered since the very beginning," he said.

Then, he smiled.

"But America always comes back."

Senior class gift chosen

The Class of 2009 announced plans Tuesday night for their class gift: an outdoor classroom that will be constructed between Hoover and the BSC. The area will be landscaped, complete with benches and a podium, and used for classes or meetings during temperate seasons. In order to help achieve this goal, class senators are asking for 100 percent participation from their peers, starting from at least $1 by each senior student.

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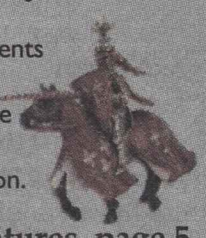
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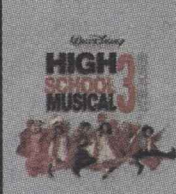

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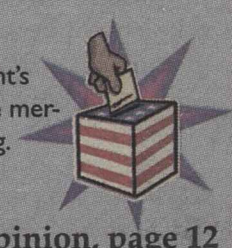
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news in brief

Red has long been linked with romance by greeting card companies around mid-February, but a new study suggests that the color could be biologically attractive on the fairer sex.

Professor Andrew Elliot of the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y., cited primate behavior as the basis for his study. Male baboons and chimpanzees, for example, are more prone to mate with females who display red hair or fur.

Participants rated similar photographs of a woman with either her shirt color or the picture's border altered in each. The men consistently reported greater sexual attraction when the border or shirt was red.

Google's proposed Print Library Project, a source of legal contention for nearly two years, may come to fruition in the near future. This week, the internet search engine and its dissenters reached settlement in the lawsuit against Google.

Under the settlement, Google will offer online access to a plethora of printed material from all participating libraries in the United States.

The settlement is currently pending approval by a federal court in Manhattan. If deemed acceptable, this settlement will end the lawsuit against Google.

Without proper financial education, poor spending habits that start during high school will continue throughout adulthood.

In an attempt to combat this cycle, select Oregon high schools are requiring their students to take a class on finance prior to graduation.

This initiative was always recommended to public schools, but few had any way of measuring whether or not students achieved financial proficiency. The finance class would become part of students' math graduation requirement.

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in the nation

Gas prices decreasing: will the decline last?

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Instead of being afraid to go to the gas pump to fill their tank, most people are finally starting to feel a sense of relief as gas prices continue to drop. Only one question remains: will the prices continue to fall, or are we just getting a moment of relief at the pump?

According to recent government statistics, the average price for a gallon of unleaded gas is now down 24 cents, at $2.91 per gallon. This is the first time since February that gas prices have been below $3. The east coast is still on the higher side of the price for a gallon of gas compared to the west coast. However, the east coast is still faring better than California, where the average price is $3.35 per gallon.

"I don't drive as much when I'm at home because gas is still too expensive, but I'm glad it's going down, because then I can do more things," first-year LJ Weiss said.

Photo: Brett L. Epps

While the prices at the pump are relatively low, the prices of crude oil are even lower. July 3, the price for a barrel of crude oil was $145.29. In one of the steepest oil declines ever, the price has dropped 56 percent to $64.15 a barrel. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said that they would reduce the output of barrels of oil to 1.5 million barrels a day so that the price would rise. However, that plan failed, and the price is still continuing to fall.

"I'm glad the gas prices are dropping," junior Megan Momenzadeh said. "$2.25 a gallon is better than $3 a gallon, but I still wish that the prices were even lower."

The decrease in the crude oil price is not only making things better for us, it is also making things less expensive for the campus. Elizabethtown College has a thousand-gallon gas pump at the Brown Building. Its gas is used for the rental fleet, maintenance vehicles, lawn mowers, security SUVs, catering trucks and other campus vehicles. The gas is provided by a local company that charges about 35 cents less per gallon than what it would cost to fill a commercial gas tank. With gas prices being so expensive recently, one would think that the use of the pump would decrease. Surprisingly, it has not.

"There has been no real decrease in the use of vehicles," work station coordinator Joe Yurkovic said. "In order for that to happen, there needs to be a campus-wide effort."

While there is no real average on how much the tank is used per month, the spring and fall tend to be a bit busier. This is because athletic teams, such as the track team, will rent the vans to go to different events.

The reason that gas prices keep falling is because the global economy has drastically slowed down and, consequently, has depressed the consumption of oil. Part of the reason for the low consumption of oil is the use of smaller and more gas-efficient cars. Many people have traded in their SUVs for smaller versions or have purchased more gas-efficient cars like sedans. The dwindling market for large vehicles has taken a toll on companies like General Motors, who will be closing their oldest factory at the start of the December.

"I'm really happy that gas prices keep falling," junior Nina Longibardi stated. "I don't mind driving places as much now, because even though I have a small car and it didn't cost over $35 to fill my tank, it costs even less now."

Many members of OPEC foresee prices continuing to drop. The economy is continuing to fall, unleashing a domino effect on the consumption of oil. While prices at the pump will be low, the use of petrol will probably be equally as low.

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on campus

Long: Economy-induced anxieties addressed

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President Long addressed financial concerns yesterday afternoon in a community forum. He discussed the College's budget in light of recent economic developments. With a 4.7 percent gain in the College's investments (compared to 2009 fiscal year benchmark losses of 6.9 percent on average) Etown is much better off than many of its competitors.

"We're in a sound position because of the things we've been doing over the years to prepare financially," Long said to open the meeting.

This is despite having 40 fewer students than planned, due to attrition and fewer-than-expected incoming transfer students.

The most damaging possibility to the College's bottom line would be an increase in the discount rate (how much the average student receives in financial aid money) or a decrease in enrollment.

"Demand is robust... but people may pursue lower-cost education," Long said, referring to a possible decrease in enrollment. On the same token, requests for financial aid are expected to increase as outside loans become harder to obtain. "Banks will become tighter and more discerning about whom they lend to."

When asked what would be the worst-case scenario for the College, Long said that it would be "a drop-off of enrollment of about 200 students and a 2 percent increase in financial aid." Although this might not seem substantial, he went on to explain that each additional percentage point spent on financial aid costs roughly $700,000.

The endowment, meanwhile, did not fare well last quarter, losing 10 percent. This setback is expected to delay President Long's goal to triple the endowment within five years, which was detailed in his heroic ambitions, published earlier in the semester by *the Etownian*.

Fundraising has also taken a hit. "We can expect some slow-down in major gifts being delivered," Long predicted. To combat this decrease, the College is emphasizing programs that tend to draw donations, such as undergraduate research. Another strategy involves expanding the Center for Continued Education and Distance Learning. Historically, adults have turned to higher education in difficult times.

Despite these issues, Long emphasized that Etown's priority is its students and personnel, whom he called "our most valuable asset." In these strenuous times, it is not uncommon for students' eligibility for financial aid to change.

"Students should go to the financial aid office if their circumstances have changed," he recommended.

Fortunately, tuition costs are not expected to increase more than usual. "So far, we expect [the increase] to be lower than recent years," Long assured the forum audience.

In addition, Long announced that "today our line of credit was doubled from three million to six million."

Yet, Etown will not be able to escape this crisis without making some sacrifices. Capital projects, in particular, will not take as much as a budgetary priority.

"We are postponing the renovations for Ober residence hall because money is tight," Long ceded.

In a different economic situation, he explained that the College would consider taking out a loan to pay for the building project.

The current situation, however, demands that it have the money immediately available.

"In difficult times, we need to be more prudent," he added.

Overall, Long was hopeful about the future, while avoiding what he called "cockeyed optimism." He urged the campus community to consider both the positive and negative facts.

"Because of our preparations, we will be able to weather the storm," he said. "What we do not know is how long the storm is going to be and what we're going to need to do to get through it... How we do it depends on the severity of the storm."

on campus

Wireless access in Nicarry, future technology plans

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Assistant News Editor

In order to effectively educate ourselves beyond a secondary level, it is necessary that we retain the ability to utilize technology in our studies. The World Wide Web has opened doors with which our generation may communicate, learn, socialize and more. Higher education institutions like Elizabethtown College must progress at a pace that is in stride with the evolution of technology, and provide their students with the means to assimilate themselves into a global world.

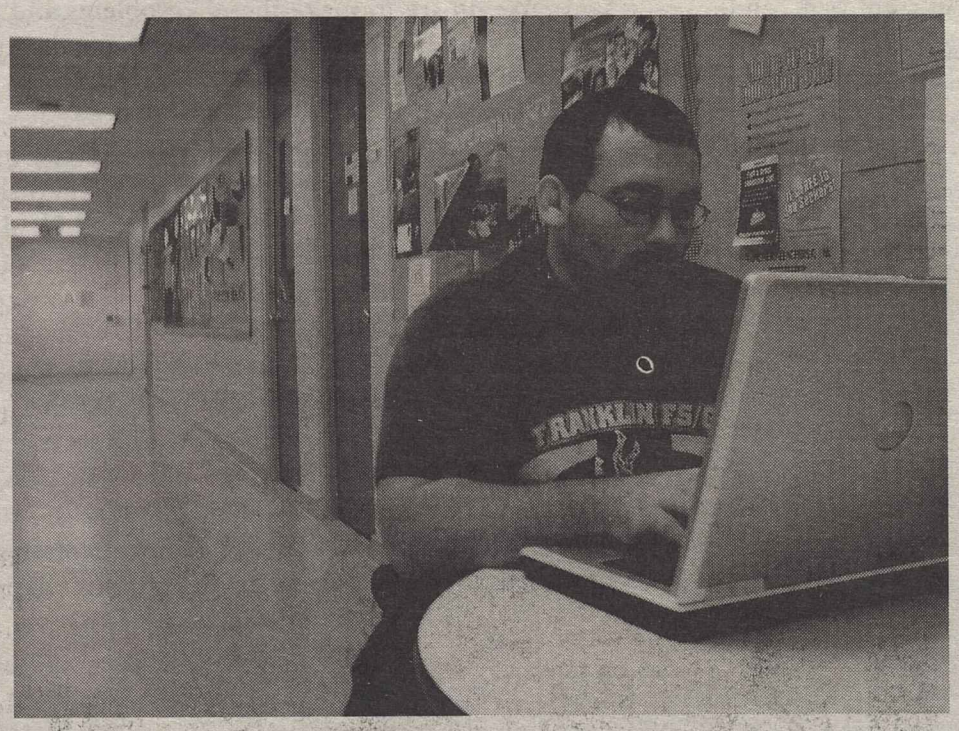

Photo: Brett L. Epps

Technology at Etown has seen advancements of its own: wireless Internet coverage was installed in a number of buildings on campus three years ago.

"The first buildings to have access points installed were the library, the student center and Brossman Commons," Ron Heasley, Executive Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) said. "Coverage is available in the Brossman Commons from the Jay's Nest to the gym, and in the Blue Bean Café. The Marketplace was not explicitly provided with a wireless signal."

Heasley explained that the first buildings to receive wireless coverage were those that could provide students with the most functionality; areas were chosen where students could meet, do homework and study without the "tether" of an Ethernet cord.

All buildings that were constructed in recent years have wireless coverage. Some of these buildings include the Masters' Center, Leffler Chapel and the Hoover Center. The main lounges in each residence hall has wireless coverage as well. Buildings that do not currently have coverage include Zug, Steinman and Wenger.

While having wireless access to the Internet in various areas around campus is a functional commodity, it is also an expensive luxury.

"In order to provide wireless coverage, it is required that we purchase centrally-managed, high-end wireless access points," Heasley said. "These units cost between $800 and $1,000 a piece, and a number of them are required to provide access to an entire building." In combination, the cost and connection speed of wireless access reduce its practicality.

Our current wireless connection functions at 15 megabytes per second, whereas a standard Ethernet cable functions at 100 megabytes per second.

To access the campus network, students must configure their computers once and input their username and password prior to each session. Further instructions for access can be found on the ITS Web site.

Wireless access in dorm rooms will occur eventually, Heasley explained, but pinning down a date is difficult due to the current economic state. Wired connections offer more reliable connections, and federal law regulates institutions' networks.

Students are not permitted to set up their own wireless connections on campus, and these access points are easily traceable.

"Security is also an issue why rogue access points are prohibited, because the government requires us to know who's on the campus network," Heasley said.

For the future, ITS plans to make the implementation of technology in the classroom a top priority.

In recent years, document cameras have become standard in the classroom. This technology gives professors a simple method by which they can display handouts and diagrams.

Sympodium displays have also been installed in certain classrooms, and they allow professors to sketch diagrams and record them for future use. These displays are especially helpful during classes that are science- or math-intensive.

Interactive whiteboards, or "smart boards," will be placed in education classrooms in order to demonstrate to education majors how to use the boards effectively during lessons.

Pending the reactions of faculty and students to this new classroom technology, more devices may be implemented at a later date.

on campus

Junior Alicia Risley travels to Dallas for SIFE conference

Kevin J. Smith
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team received a grant from the Goldman Sachs Foundation to attend a training session in Dallas, Texas, this past weekend. Junior Alicia Risley was selected to represent the group.

The Goldman Sachs Foundation awarded the international organization of SIFE a one-year grant to fund a Capital Markets program.

"This is a program initiative sponsored by SIFE and Goldman Sachs to have 45 SIFE teams from the U.S., 45 from France and 45 from China create programs that teach high school students the importance of capital markets," said Risley.

At the training seminar in Dallas, SIFE students like Risley participated in discussions of core content of capital markets and market economics. SIFE teams also discussed different delivery methods of the capital markets information so high school students could grasp the concepts.

SIFE teams presented their ideas for possible or already-implemented programs in their communities. They focused on each program's strengths and areas for improvement. Following the seminar, each SIFE team is expected to complete a project by April 2009.

Representatives from Goldman Sachs and SIFE will judge the programs created by SIFE teams across the world in April. EC SIFE has a project in mind already.

"Our main project idea is to use our copyrighted board game called 'News Flash.' As the students play, it teaches them about investing. They draw cards to see if their stock is going up, or down, or if it even splits. They land on a 'Company' spot, and can choose how many shares of that company they would like to buy," Risley said.

Once the EC SIFE project is completed, the group will submit the project and its results for judging.

If chosen, two students will be selected to represent EC SIFE at Capital Markets Summit in New York City.

These students will join 14 other winning SIFE team's to share in each teams success, tour the financial district and be recognition from Goldman Sachs for their outstanding achievement.

All 15 teams will present their results in a competitive event where executives from Goldman Sachs and other companies will select one winning team from each country.

EC SIFE holds meetings every Monday at 8:30 p.m. in Hoover 212. All Etown students are encouraged to get involved.

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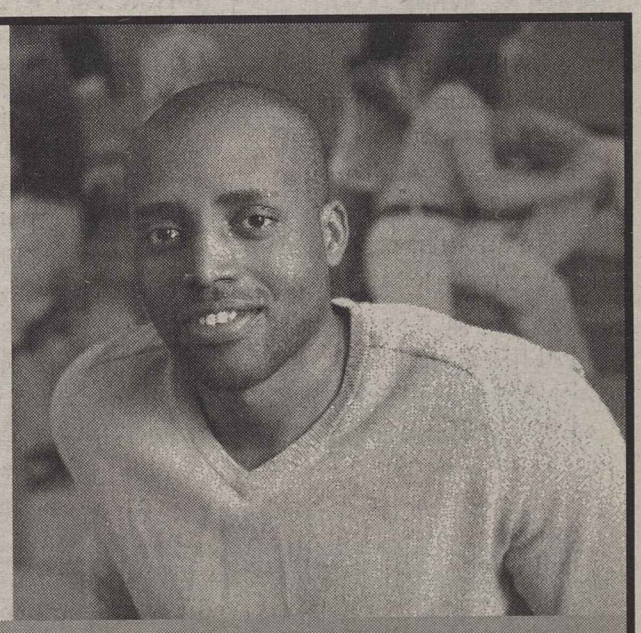

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in the community

Cornerstone Community ministries create safe haven

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Cornerstone Community Ministries provides a safe place for the youth to come and hang out, as well as learn about God and important life-skills. Cornerstone's mission is to provide a safe haven for kids to come and socialize in a supportive and caring environment.

The staff members act as mentors for the youth and help to establish a set of values and rules that keep the center safe and friendly to all who come. Children from middle-school all the way to 18 years of age are welcome to come and participate. Currently, the building has a game room, a gym, and a room with computers and internet. Visitors are free to use all of the facilities when the center is opened.

There are quite a few people who come and support Cornerstone. The young people that come from Elizabethtown and the surrounding areas are obviously important aspects of the center. Also, there are volunteers, parents and professionals who help to make Cornerstone possible.

Many parents and volunteers give their time during the week to spend time watching and interacting with the kids at Cornerstone. The center is open Monday through Friday, except Wednesday. There are also many volunteers and professionals that support the center with their time, resources and money.

The board of trustees is currently trying to raise money in order to complete the building project that is underway. Eventually, the plan is to create a second gym area, heat and provide air conditioning to the current gym, and build a skateboarding area.

Cornerstone is located right across from the train station in Elizabethtown, near the Masonic Village. Besides a place to just hang out, Cornerstone helps kids grow in various areas. There are special activities throughout the week, such as a cooking club meets every Wednesday night.

Kids are taught to cook so that they can eventually do so for themselves. Some of the food prepared by the kids will possibly be sold to others at the center. In this way, kids can learn life and job skills that will help them to be more responsible in the future.

Cornerstone is a Christian-based organization. They provide a way for kids to learn about God, if they so choose. On Monday nights, there is a group that discusses current issues established by the youth. Senior Leslie Furman runs this and has consistently asked kids to bring up topics like dating, stereotypes and materialism that are relevant to our lives today.

"As we talk about these issues, a Christian perspective is also incorporated. The belief in a loving, saving and powerful God who cares for the needs of the youth is supported throughout this gathering," Leslie said. "We do try to make these discussions relevant and interesting to youth; music videos and current events are incorporated weekly."

Image: *ccmetown.org*

It is easy to become involved with Cornerstone. "To be honest, I don't remember how I found out about it," Leslie said. "This opportunity opened up, actually, after it was suggested by a friend and my religious studies advisor. I knew I wanted to do an internship, and I love kids, so this worked well with my interests."

There are many job opportunities at Cornerstone, including summer volunteering and internships.

Leslie said, "I am an intern at Cornerstone. I am fulfilling an internship opportunity for the religious studies department. I have spent a lot of time just hanging out with the youth as well as planning some events. I lead a religiously-based discussion group, if you will, on Monday nights as already mentioned. I volunteer on Mondays at 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. as well as Friday nights from 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m."

"This experience has certainly been a positive one," Leslie said. "I love working and growing with the youth that I am privileged enough to know and work with. Certainly there are times when hearing their own personal problems and having to address them wear me down or stress me out, but I am really glad just to be there."

Since Leslie's internship began, she had high expectations for what it would bring.

"My internship started over the summer, and I had hoped that during that time to be able to work with them and do more programming. I wasn't able to do that then, but rather simply to build relationships with them," Leslie said. "At the time, I didn't know that would set me up perfectly to be better able to address their needs now as I try to establish programs that are relevant and interesting to them. I think that building relationships and helping to know that we care, as staff, is one of the most important things that can be done for them."

When offered an opportunity such as this, you learn a lot about yourself, as well as others around you.

"I have learned how to relate to youth in a more relaxed setting. I have become very used to relating to kids through structured environments," Leslie said. "Simply hanging out and being an adult and friend to the youth is a very different experience. It certainly has pushed me to strengthen my own weaknesses, and learn how to convey the importance of God or the rules of the Center in a way that is relevant and considerate. It is not always easy to do this, or go through their struggles with them, but I would rather be there for them than have them try to manage live alone."

Being a volunteer with the Cornerstone Christian Ministry can be a valuable experience. Contact Leslie Furman or the Office of Religious Life for more information.

on campus

Several job opportunities now available to students

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Staff Writer

There are many different jobs available to students on campus who are in need of them. More students are working on campus now than ever before. It usually is not too hard to apply for a job.

According to a student employment pamphlet, "securing a job on campus often depends on the flexibility of the student." It also says that "there is a difference between no available jobs and wanting the absolute perfect job."

"For the last two payrolls given by the payroll office here at Etown this semester, more than 750 students were paid, [whereas] for last year's payroll, the number of students paid was less than 700," Cheri Way, payroll assistant, said.

The payroll office basically deals with the human resource aspect of helping students apply for jobs. They try to collect the necessary information for the I-9 form so that students do not have to worry about filling it out. They have not historically tracked the percentage of students that have had at least one job on campus by senior year. "The earlier you look for a job, the more likely it is to find something," Way said.

Most positions that are available are hourly. Some jobs start at minimum wage, which is $7.15 an hour, and based on how long the student has worked at the particular job, may warrant a raise. Trying to find a job on campus is almost the same experience as trying to find a job anywhere else. Some students get paid in stipends — a flat dollar rate, such as Resident Advisors (RAs), tour guides and Peer Mentors. One of the best places to look for a job is on the Web site *http://www.etown.edu/StudentEmployment.aspx/* because it is always being updated.

Photo: Jennifer L. Tarr

Dining Services is just where one of many on-campus jobs from which students can choose. Currently, they are the largest employer at the College.

Dining Services is currently the largest employer on campus. It is not too hard to fill out an application for a job there. "I filled out an application the summer before freshman year began — when I went to summer orientation. I was automatically hired. Dining Services is very good about hiring all who apply," sophomore Sam Alleman, Team Leader for Dining Services, said.

Currently, 125 students are employed in the athletics department. It is not necessary to be an athlete in order to work in that particular department.

Students have an opportunity to work on campus under two programs: Federal Work Study (FWS) and institutional employment. The Office of Service Learning is offering an interesting program for students with FWS, an employment program regulated by the federal government. People on the FWS track can be paid for jobs that would normally just be volunteer positions.

Some jobs that are currently available as of Friday, Oct. 24 are as follows: in the Athletics Department Equipment Room Supervisor, Training Room Student Assistant; for Campus Security Student Patrol Officer; for Dining Services Dishroom on Wednesdays at the Marketplace from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; for Service Learning Marketing Coordinator Into the Streets Program. The pay is a minimum wage for each of the jobs, with exception of the training room assistant.

profile

Renaissance Faire provides unique learning experience

Laura A. Farnish
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Dressing in two full skirts, bloomers, chemise, bodice and hat does not seem to fit the stereotypical college internship. Kristen Ebersole and Lauren Wells, however, have spent 12 weeks dressed as wenches at the Renaissance Faire.

Although they dress in character, much of the day was spent completing tasks that have little to do with their costume. In fact, they did not speak in dialect or act as their characters. They were contributing to the "magic," but were kept extremely busy.

For Kristen, the day began at 9 a.m. with a meeting to explain tasks and the theme of the week. Her 12-hour workday encompassed taking surveys, recording results from four different surveys taken from the public, and delivering the results to the CEO.

"We get pulled to help in the wine shop," Ebersole added. "Sometimes I get to wear a walkie-talkie."

Wells also explained her office duties. She was in charge of general writing and research assignments, including press releases, emails and editing. She was also in charge of making various phone calls in order to hang up Renaissance Faire posters. Outside of the office, much like Ebersole, Wells has sold tickets, worked in the wine shop, herded crowds, and escorted media personalities around to various attractions.

Photo: Barb Lacek

Emily Omiatek (intern from IUP), and seniors Lauren Wells and Kristen Ebersole (picured left to right) take a break from working at the Renaissance Faire, where they interned this summer and fall.

"Oh, and did I say surveys? We did a lot of that," Wells laughed.

Their experience at the Renaissance Faire has varied greatly from the public's experience. Working "behind the scenes" gives the two students a different perspective.

It is interesting to see how the organizations run. Wells explained her experience driving on Philadelphia highways in order to determine locations for billboards at reasonable prices. There are many aspects of a company that one does not consider.

"It's also really strange to meet a whole bunch of people and talk to them one week, then meet them again the next week when they're all dressed up and speaking with English or Russian accents," Wells added. "Just unreal."

Although Ebersole and Wells worked many hours with tedious tasks, they gained experience and benefits out of their internship.

"I think the best thing I learned there is just how to deal with people. I've had customer service jobs before, but none where there are so many different people with questions and complaints, occasionally even compliments, that they want to pass on to management. It was just excellent for learning how to deal with that onslaught of customer interaction," Wells commented. "I get to see it first-hand," Ebersole stated.

Being a public relations major, she gained a lot of experience writing press releases to local towns, participating in photo shoots and meeting members of the press. She has met the radio hosts of FM 97 (96.9) and 101 The Rose (101.3).

She also had an experience making her own radio pitches, earning $2,000 for the company.

"I can do something to be successful," Ebersole said.

Aside from career benefits, the two interns gained some interesting experiences.

They have seen women wearing only skirts and bras, one woman wearing a silver sparkly outfit, and three people dressed up as gargoyles. (The gargoyles ran around posing on fountains.)

As for those who wish to get involved, Wells recommends the Faire to anyone who is willing to never stop moving. They have done a lot of work over the summer, and the weekends were extremely busy.

"If you have the time, it's a lot of fun," Ebersole commented.

For more information, check out the Jobs for Jays, Elizabethtown's web portal for internships and jobs.

in the community

CROP Walk raises funds to combat poverty, hunger

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Features Editor

If you drove down Market Street on Sunday afternoon, you may have seen the octagonal signs with the word CROP written across them.

Luckily, the cold and blustery weather took a break for the 2nd annual CROP Hunger Walk, held on Sunday, Oct. 26. The CROP Walk consisted of a three-mile walk around Elizabethtown.

"This was a walk to raise awareness for poverty around the world," sophomore Caitlynn Hill, vice president of Amnesty International at Etown, said.

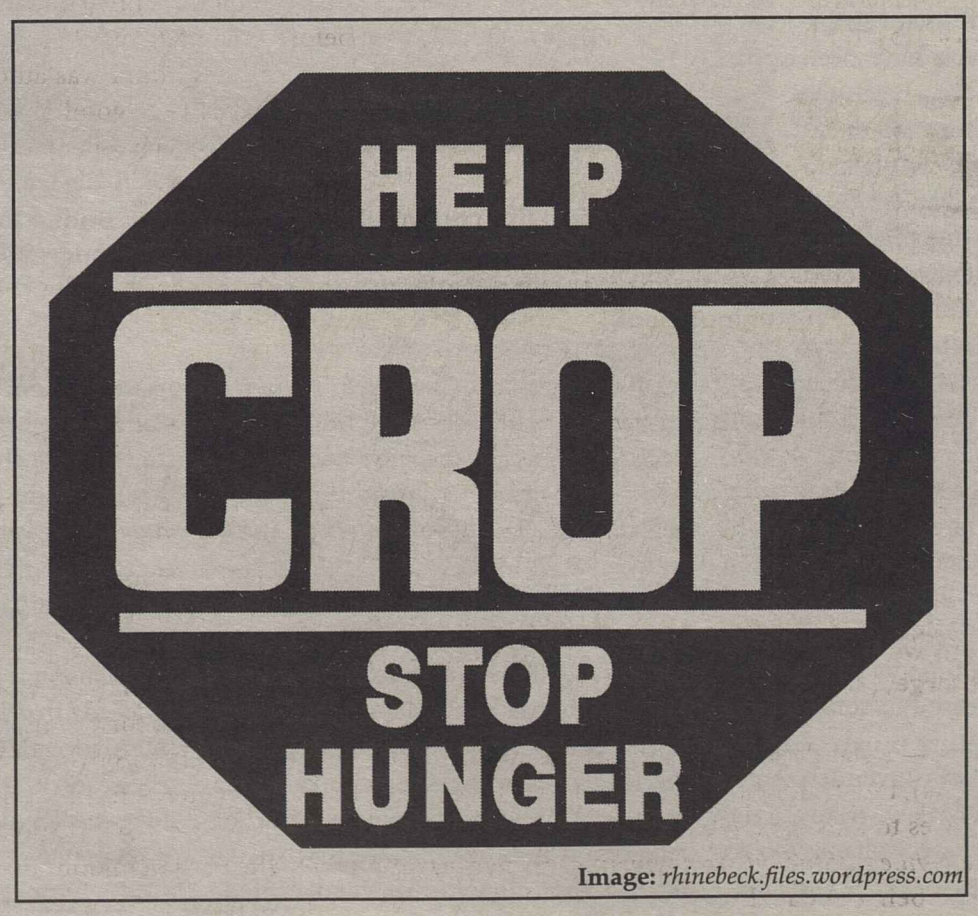
Amnesty International founded last year, but this is the first time they participated in the CROP Walk.

The club took donations at the Midway Fair during homecoming weekend for the CROP Walk. The members of the club also asked for sponsors for the walk.

There are many CROP Walks held around the country to raise money. The CROP organization began in 1947 under the guidance of the Church World Service.

CROP was originally an acronym standing for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. The program was originally started to help mid-West farm families to share their grain with other families who were not as fortunate in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today the acronym has changed to mean Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

The first ever CROP Walk was held on Oct. 17, 1969, in Bismark, N.D. The community there raised $25,000 to help combat hunger all over the world.



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Now there are 2,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the United States.

The funds raised by the CROP Hunger Walks go to provide "tools of hope that empower people to meet their own needs," according to the Church World Service. These tools of hope include seeds and tools to start gardens, wells and irrigation systems to maintain crops, and technical training and mirco-enterprise loans. Only 16.4 percent of contributions go to overhead, which is surprisingly low.

The Elizabethtown community was also involved in the walk. A part of the money raised went to disadvantaged people in the immediate area. In conjunction with the CROP Walk held in Elizabethtown, there was another held in Lancaster the previous weekend.

Of the donations received, 75 percent goes to fighting hunger in 80 countries around the globe.

The other 25 percent stayed here and went to local food banks. The need is rising more than ever due to climbing food prices; families who were barely scraping by before have now turned to food banks for help.

There has been a 73 percent increase in the number of families and children who are now looking for assistance at food banks.

Our situation is challenging at times in the U.S., but in countries overseas, people are starving to death and not just going to bed hungry. There is a huge need for food all over the world.

The CROP Walk had a decent turnout in the Elizabethtown community. Let's hope the 2009 walk is even more successful. It is a simple thing to do on a Sunday fall afternoon.

To learn more about CROP Hunger Walks or donate, visit *http://www.churchworldservice.org.*

The Jayd-ed edge

Rachel A. Marsteller
Features Editor

Michigan Voters directed to phone-sex line due to typo ...

Michigan Democrats trying to arouse interest in absentee voting have accidentally directed people to a phone-sex line.

State party spokeswoman Liz Kerr says a flier that included two absentee ballot applications had a misprint in the number for a campaign hotline.

The flier came from the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and featured photos of presidential candidate Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

The error was first reported by WJBK-TV in Detroit. Kerr says the party apologizes for the misprint.

Funeral home holds Elvis party

The owners of Endsley Funeral Home in Bartonville wanted to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the business by putting a little "fun" into "funeral." For their open house Saturday, they put a replica of Elvis Presley's 650-pound casket on display and hired Elvis impersonator Dave Stovall to dance around it and sing a few of the King's most famous songs.

Stovall said he was so impressed by the casket, that he wanted to lie down in it for a while.

Embalmer Stephanie Van Oppen explained the apparent irreverence by saying the staff wanted people to have fun at the funeral home for once, and get to know that its employees aren't creepy and weird.

Nearly 300 people from Peoria and Tazewell counties attended the bash.

Let's drive a stolen car to my court date for auto theft!

Police have charged a man with stealing the Lexus sport utility vehicle he drove to court the day a jury was to decide whether to convict him in a separate auto theft case.

The man, a 37-year-old San Francisco hairstylist, was arraigned Monday, on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and receiving stolen property, after police saw him approach the stolen Lexus in front of the courthouse with its keys in hand.

Police were attracted to the SUV after bystanders noticed several Yorkshire terriers inside it.

The man was also charged with animal cruelty and leaving animals in an unattended vehicle.

Meanwhile, he was convicted in the previous case. He was charged with possession of a $125,000 Porsche Carrera that had been stolen from a San Anselmo home.

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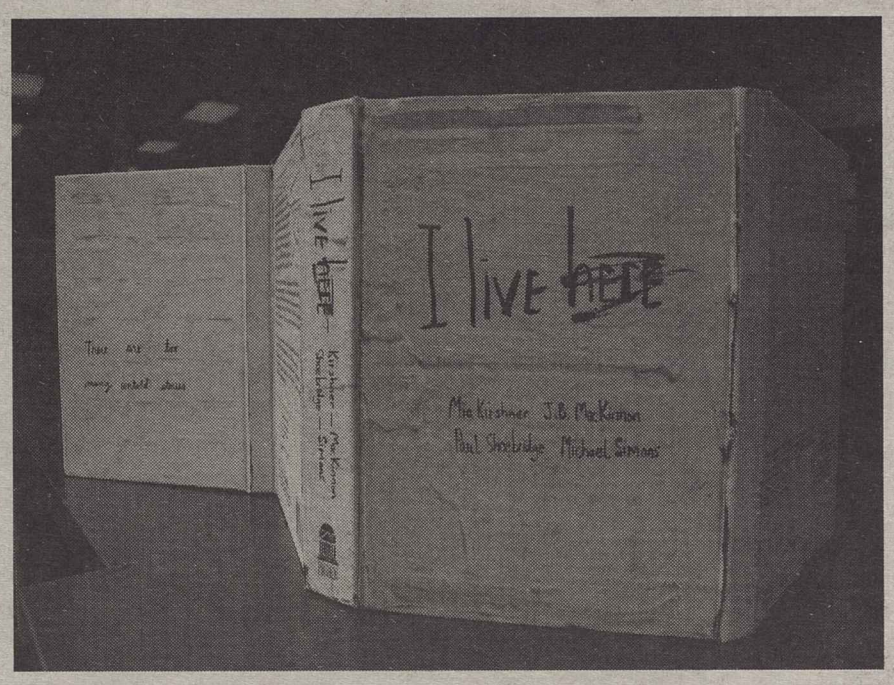
in the nation

Refugee life explored in "I Live Here"

Rachel A. Marsteller
Features Editor

Much too often, the pain in the world goes overlooked; much too often, the hunger of people is unnoticed; much too often, human suffering is pushed to the wayside. As you open "I Live Here," the quote "there are too many stories" resonates throughout the four books that are enclosed in the cover of this moving composition.



The cover of "I Live Here," a four-fold book that was printed by Pantheon Books. It was released on Oct. 14.

"I Live Here", by Mia Kirshner, J. B. MacKinnon Paul Shoebridge, and Michael Simmons is a moving documentary of the lives on refugees and people who have been displaced from their homes by wars or fear for their lives. The authors of the book had to travel to all corners of the globe - the war in Chechnya, ethnic cleansing in Burma, globalization in Mexico and AIDS in Malawi — telling the heart-wrenching stories of these people.

Mia Kishner, actress turned social advocate, came up with the idea for the book. "I had a day job, but I felt uninspired at work; not really plugging into my environment. After Sept. 11th, I was frightened ... frightened by my own level of ignorance. From there I started research and put the idea for this book together," she said.

This book is not a typical documentary. It combines stories with photography and art by renowned artists Joe Sacco, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Phoebe Gloeckner and Chris Abani, among others. Trying to describe this book accurately is nearly impossible because of its individuality and uniqueness. It is truly something you have to pick up and read yourself. The stories told are those that no person should ever have to experience yet inspirational in a way. "I asked people to tell their most personal experiences," Kishner said. "In spite of these terrible conditions that people have been forced to live in, not by choice, the grace in which they function under is something that one can't help to be completely inspired by."

The book is only one small part of a larger movement sponsored by the I Live Here Foundation. The foundation is "dedicated to telling the stories of the silenced and unheard people through a series of books and other media projects about our world." Another facet of their mission is to bring creative writing programs to the areas in which their members travel. This is in the hope that they will facilitate creative communication between strangers. This book is the first multimedia project, and it is going to be released in concurrence with a creative writing program being started at the Kachere Juvenile Center prison in Lilongwe, Malawi. Many of the prisoners in Kachere are orphans who do not have any families to take responsibility of them, making the cells overcrowded and the conditions heinous.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. The foundation are already working on a second book project, which is in the funding stages, that will focus on locations such as Iran and Colombia, and with that will come a writing program in brothels all along the Thailand/Burma border. If you would like to learn more about these projects, visit *http://www.i-live-here.com*. You can view the whole book here with detailed background information. It is hard to read this book and not be moved and impassioned to stand up and help.

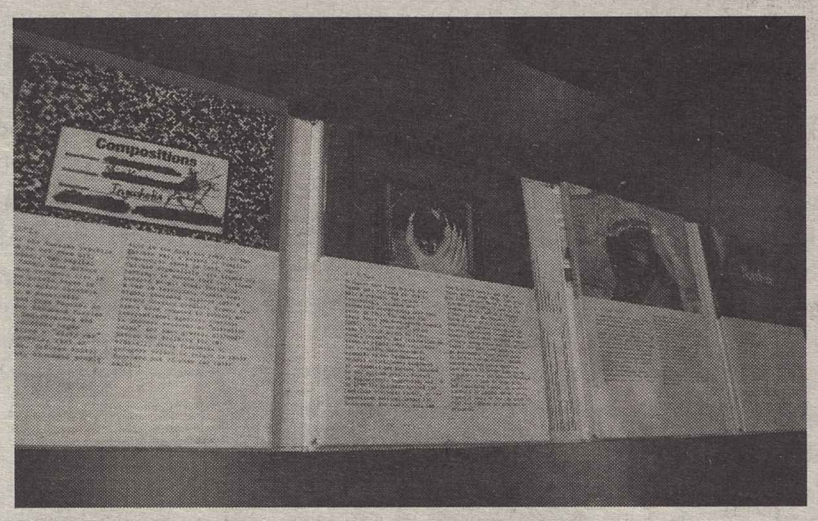
The first book is Ingusheia, which is located on the border of the Russian republic. There are approximately 15,000 children who live as refugees there. In 1994, Chechnya tried to declare itself independent from Russia, which led to a "dirty war" against Chechnya. There was a great loss of life. Although Moscow has declared the war over, many people fear to return to their homes. Imagine not being able to return to a life at home because of fearing for your life.

Burma is located on the Thailand border. Many Burmans flee into Thailand from a dictatorship that has plagued Burma since 1969. There has been much upheaval due to the governing system in place. Sadly, the Thai government is in no hurry to help facilitate a fix for this problem, since the refugees on the border provide much of the manual labor, domestic work and sex trade that is seen in Thailand. Michael Simons, one of the authors of the book, spoke about his trip over to Thailand.

"Mia and I both took three week trips to the region separately. I collected as much material as I could for the stories," Simons said. "The stories are theirs. Some of the visuals were created by them, and other visuals were in collaboration with artist back at home."

In Ciudad Juárez, located right across the border from El Paso, Texas, the center of factory productions, drug trafficking and the disappearances of women. Many of the women who come to work at the factories end up disappearing, only to be found a while later murdered with signs of rape and torture. Many cry out for a stop to the violence, pleading that so many murders could not be possible without the police and authorities turning a blind eye.

The fourth and final book is set in Malawi, Africa. AIDS has a strong grasp in Africa. Malawi, one of the poorest nations in Africa, has become the center for refugees to come to when displaced by this terrible disease. "AIDS turns villages into ghost towns, orphans children, and empties schools and hospitals of children," according to the book. In the capital city, Lilongwe, one in five is infected with HIV. Due to the high death rate in Malawi, there are 41 coffin shops in a single district. The demand for coffins is so high that deforestation of soft pine in Malawi is a growing concern.



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The book is actually comprised of four smaller books for each of the countries visited.The pages were each handmade and put together in a time-consuming process to make this unique book.

Shoebridge described the overall appearance of the book as something that he was most proud of.

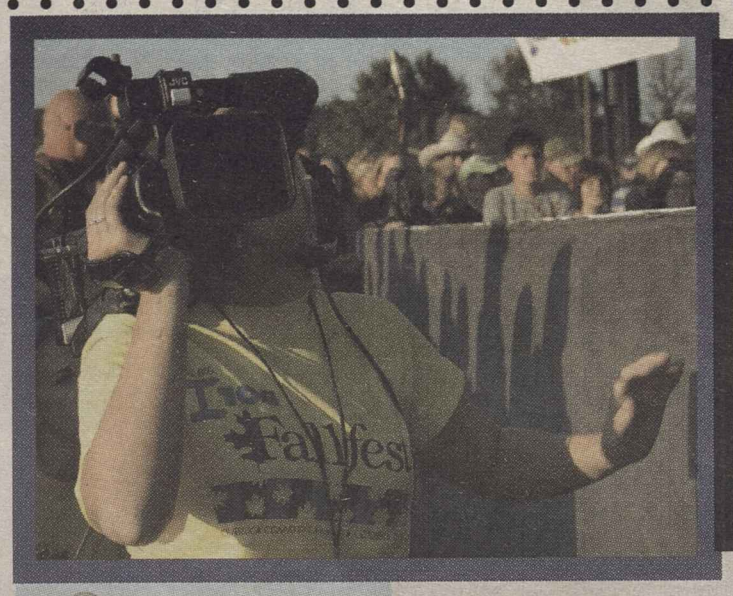
"The book was very labor intensive. All the pages had to be put together by hand," Shoebridge said.

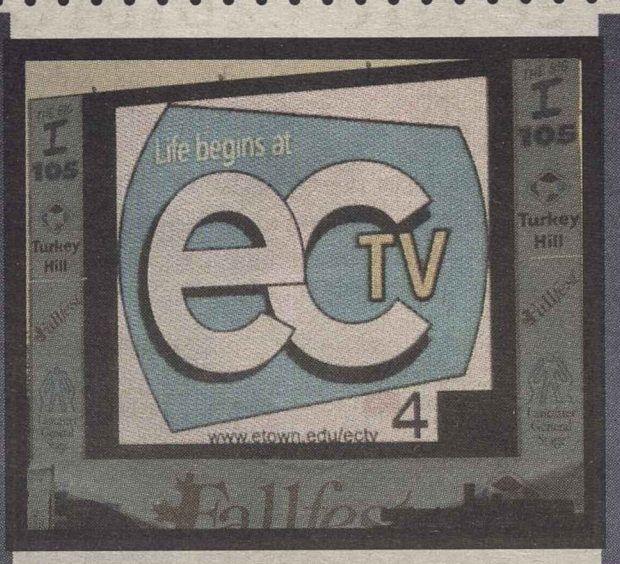
This book is visually stunning and emotionally moving. "The thing that this book points towards is we are connected by these stories," Kishner said.

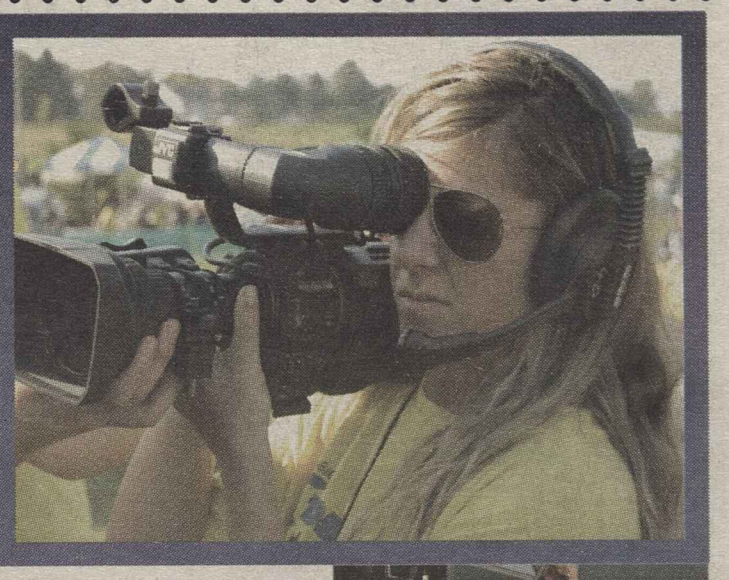
It is so important to understand the world in which we live in; that we are all interconnected one way or another. "College students, high school students junior-high students are the most important people that I want the book to reach because you guys are the very people that will have the energy and drive to go out and talk about this- to start a grassroots movement," Kishner said.

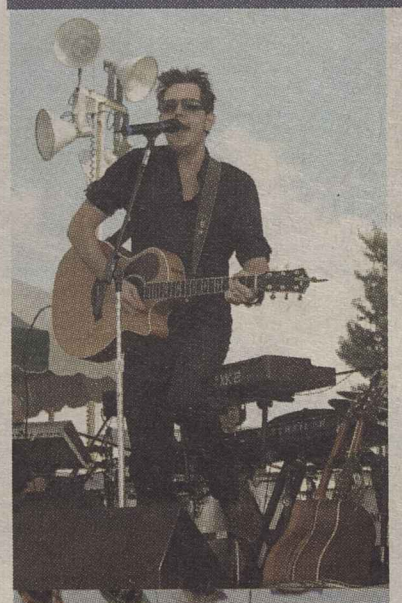
The book is now on shelves and all the proceeds from the book go to Amnesty International. Go pick up a copy today, or go look at it online, and make a small difference in the world around you that is in desperate need of some change.

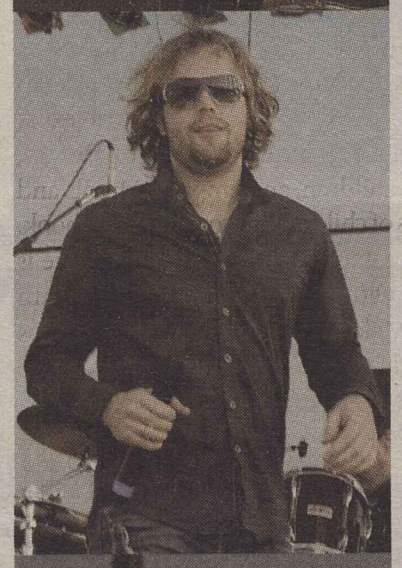
"These stories are about us."

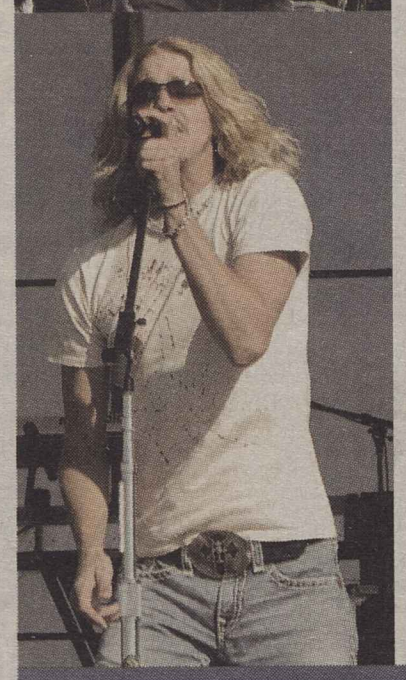












events

ECTV-40 members cover FallFest

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Country music fans took a walk in the park on Sunday, Oct. 5. WIOV radio station, recognized by the public as Big I 105, presented country music fans with FallFest.

The free concert was held in Overlook Park, located within the Overlook Community Campus, and was sponsored by Turkey Hill.

The 17.8 acre park became the congregation point for country music fans and artists alike. FallFest featured artists including Jeremy McComb, Adam Gregory, Heidi Newfield, Bucky Covington and Jo Dee Messina.

Due to the growing popularity of FallFest, the location was moved from Long Park to Overlook Park this year.

ECTV-40 board members were lucky enough to be granted the opportunity to assist in the production of such a huge event. ECTV put on a successful production despite the pressure of over 40,000 people watching.

ECTV's job was to run the jumbotron at the concert. The crew had four cameras. Three of the cameras were free roaming, one on stage that followed the performers and the other two in the crowd and around the stage.

The fourth camera was a steady shot on a tripod. The crew's job was to obtain shots to send back to the director to be put on the jumbotron.

In addition, ECTV also provided music videos to fill time gaps between performers and played back the pre-recorded promotions that were done by Big I 105 DJs Murph and Casey.

Junior ECTV Production Director Steve Juliano said, "The promotions were goofy but fun, and they looked awesome on the jumbotron."

Murph and Casey had called ECTV on stage to congratulate them on a job well done.

The board also received special thanks by concert headliner Jo Dee Messina.

The crew included all of the ECTV board members: junior Stephanie Kichline, sophomore Stephanie Couch, junior Stephen Juliano, senior Joseph Cooper, sophomore Sports Editor Abigail Kramer, sophomore Jennifer Fimmano, senior Daniel Lauletta, senior Kenneth Maryott, junior Kaitlin McCaffrey and senior Heather Edmonds.

The 10 crew members rotated between all of the cameras as well as rotating directors between Production Director Stephen Juliano, Programming Director Kenny Maryott and Remotes Director Joseph Cooper.

"It was an awesome experience for all of us," Juliano said. "We were all put in live situations with the pressure of over 40,000 people watching everything we do. This experience has ensured me that mass communications is the career path that I want to take."

ECTV also has some exciting new programming for this year. "Cooking Around Etown" is a cooking show that teaches students how to make tasty yet easy meals. The show debuts this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"Cooking around Etown follows Rich Cope, one of the Catering Chefs from dining services, and a student assistant.

In the first episode, "Cooking around Etown," the crew went to an organic farm and made an organic meal. The show also visited the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

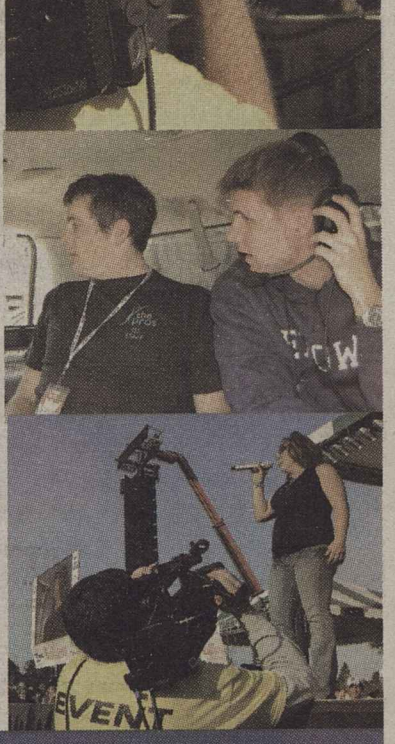
This year, ECTV is also featuring "Behind the Barn" with sophomore Photography Editor Kalie Desimone.

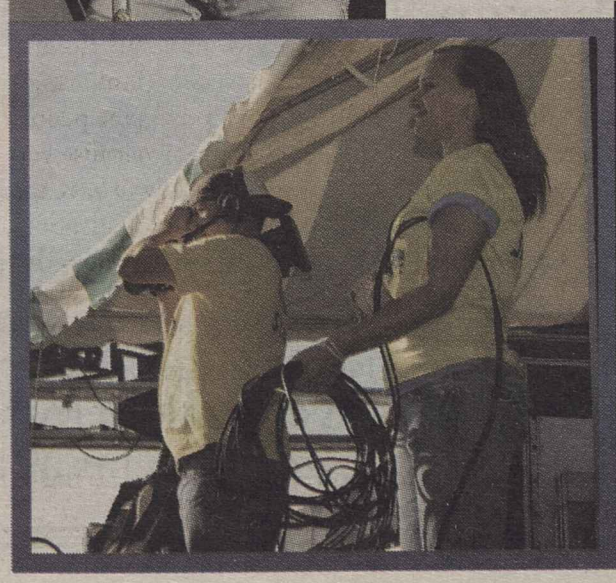
"Behind the Barn" will be a weekly music video show that will feature all of today's most popular country music videos. It will also include artist news and trivia.

This upbeat and exciting new show is scheduled to begin filming on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The format for the show may be changing in the future in order to accommodate different music genres.

For more information or to stay updated with ECTV, search ECTV-40 on Facebook and become a fan of the page.





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McCain's Plans for Reform

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With only a few days left before the 2008 Presidential Election on Nov. 4, many of the people who have been undecided for so long are having to make a choice: John McCain or Barack Obama? A major deciding factor for voters this year is health care.

In many places throughout the world, equal health care is provided for all citizens, regardless of whether or not they have the financial ability to pay for their treatments. However, this is not the case in the United States. Our governement determines our nation's health care regulations, so whichever candidate the voters choose this November will have a huge impact on the future of the nation's health care.

The major component of McCain's plan is to "provide a variety of insurance choices nationwide and across state lines for people to choose from. The policies would be portable, following the individual, not the job," according to *http://www.webmd.com*'s candidate profile on the senator. Compared to Obama's plan, McCain "prefers a much more market-oriented approach," explains political science professor Dr. Wesley McDonald,

According to John McCain's campaign website, *http://www.johnmccain.com*, "[He] believes that we can achieve savings in Medicare without reducing benefits or eligibility." The Web site further details McCain's plan, which begins with a tax credit of "$5,000 for families and $2,500 for individuals."

Under the McCain plan, families would be able to use the tax credit to pick their own health care insurance plan from a number of choices. This option raises a question: Would people choose the least expensive plan just to keep more of the tax credit for personal use, or would they spend the extra money to purchase a plan with more coverage?

The McCain Web site also provides a chart demonstrating how families of all different incomes would still be left with a credit of at least $800 (families who make $349,700 and more) and up to $3,800 for families who make only $15,000 or less a year.

"This raises the question, should you give people freedom to choose?" McDonald said. When the government allows individuals to make their own choice as to which insurance plan they want, they also allow for people to make poor decisions. However, "if you choose for people, you treat them like babies," McDonald continued, "Do we really want to live in a 'nanny state'?"

This part of the plan would not exclude those with pre-existing illnesses. The McCain campaign Web site explains that "as President, John McCain will work with governors to develop a best practice model that states can follow – a Guaranteed Access Plan or GAP – that would reflect the best experience of the states to ensure these patients have access to health coverage. There would be reasonable limits on premiums, and assistance would be available for Americans below a certain income level."

Another major part of McCain's plan is to "eliminate Medicare fraud and abuse," which would result in a savings of almost $60 billion a year, according to the site. In order to make this plan effective, the senator would "pass a medical malpractice reform," according to an article posted on the LA Times Web site this week.

The final aspect of McCain's health care plan is to reduce the price of medications for patients by allowing increased use of generic medicines. This would allow people to keep more of the tax credit proposed by the senator, but could possibly have a negative financial effect on pharmaceutical companies.

To find more information about John McCain's and Barack Obama's stance on major issues, look in your dorm lounges for posters detailing their campaigns.

Obama's Socialized View

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The pressure is increasing as the final days before the presidential elections pass. Both presidential candidates are in a crunch to make their different platforms heard and influence as many voters as possible to support their beliefs and policies. One issue that is always a big influence in voters' decisions toward a candidate is the topic of health care. Barack Obama's and Joe Biden's plan for health care reform is based on compromises between the two extremes of government-run health care with higher taxes and letting the insurance companies operate without government interference.

Obama and Biden believe both of these extremes are wrong. Therefore, they are proposing a plan that strengthens employer coverage. This, in return, will potentially make insurance companies accountable and guarantee patients' rights to choose a doctor and receive health care without hindrance from the government. The Obama-Biden plan promotes the idea of affordable, available health care, which intends to build upon the existing health care system.

The updated system will offer patients the ability to use their current providers and doctors. Ultimately, the intention of this plan is to make sure insurance companies cannot block and interfere with certain health care practices. Under this particular plan, Obama and Biden believe that patients who like their current health insurance will be able to continue using the same medical care, except with their plan, patients' costs for health care will decrease significantly each year. Those who do not currently have health insurance will be given the option of different affordable health insurance.

Dr. Fletcher McClellan, a political science professor here at Elizabethtown College, said "Obama's plan will make health care a right, not a privilege. He will expand access to health care, supporting employer-sponsored insurance, expanding the SCHIP program for children, and creating a new federal insurance pool for those not covered by existing plans. His plan will make substantial progress toward covering the nearly 50 million Americans without health insurance, while at the same time insuring high quality health care and controlling costs."

Senior international business major, Caroline Pettersson said, "There is not a single reason why a person living in one of the wealthiest and most developed countries on earth should not be able to afford healthcare. Emphasis should be put on children and the elderly, as well as making low-cost care and medications available to people with chronic illnesses. I am not legally allowed to vote in the U.S. However, I am optimistic that the decision Americans make on Nov. 4 will improve the healthcare for those who have struggled under the current plan."

"I've been trying to squeeze in as many doctors' appointments as possible before I graduate because health insurance is so unpredictable and expensive. I don't know when the next time I'll have insurance will be," senior Katlyn Howes said.

The subject of health care might not seem as important to us as students as it is to our parents and families. However, soon many of us will be affected drastically by potential changes made in this area of government. Seniors who are beginning the search for jobs post-graduation will want to take into consideration the health care plan and benefits that come with taking on different positions within a company. Health care is extremely expensive, and a big part of the different health care platforms involves how businesses will handle health care and insurance.

student advice

Simple, free strategies to cope with midterm stress

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Do you have a midterm coming up, plus a 15-page paper due and dozens of meetings to attend? How are you expected to study for your tests when all of your other classes have day-to-day homework?

Exercising? Who can think about that while struggling just to find time to eat? Come to mention eating, why not just take one of those cookies your mom sent up last week with you on your way to class to save time? Does any of this sound familiar to anyone?

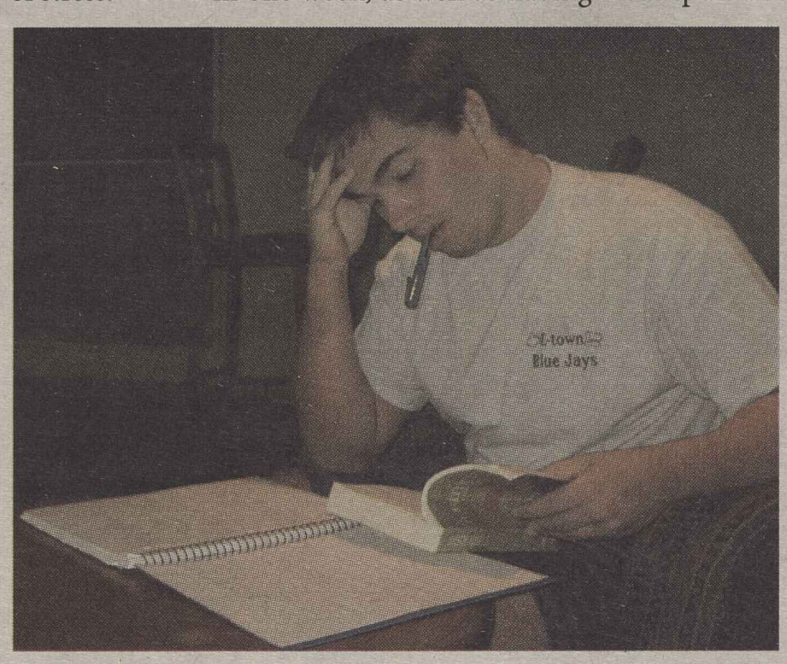
College students across the country are experiencing the same panicked, trapped feeling of stress at this point in their semesters. "Many students feel the stresses of college compound around the fifth, sixth week of the semester," Laura Keller, junior Russell Fellow at the University of Delaware, said.

As a Russell Fellow, Keller is an observer of first-year students at the University of Delaware for the third year in a row.

"First-year students begin the year with a different type of stress," Keller said. "It's more anxiety of the unknown than stress. Toward the middle of the first semester, all students, not just first years, get caught up in the overload of school work as well as their clubs and organizations picking up the pace."

Each student's level of stress varies as the semester continues. Students not only experience different levels of stress but different symptoms of stress.

According to the October 2008 publication of the Journal of Psychosomatic Research, "a higher level of psychosomatic complaints [among university students] accompanies stress." The article associates the increase of stress with complaints of physical pain. Examples of stress-related pain include lower back pain, headaches, tension in shoulders and pain in neck.



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In some cases, respiratory illness such as a sore throat, runny nose or fever can occur.

Elizabethtown students are not excluded from the common feeling that overcomes university students across the nation. Angela Candelora, junior biology-allied health major and soccer player, related to the feeling of stress when she described her most stressful week.

"I have multiple tests, projects and papers all in a row with three away [soccer] games in one week, as well as having meetings for Colleges Against Cancer and working at the Body Shop," Candelora said.

As an involved student, Candelora finds that college continues to become more difficult as the semesters continue. Residence Life Area Coordinator Joey Allen believes Etown students are, "stressed about their co-curricular activities as well as their academics, causing them to experience stress in and out of the classroom."

With the motto of Etown being "Educate for Service," many students chose Etown in order to enrich their lives with a higher education as well as with activities outside of school. Students across the Etown campus commit and overcommit themselves daily. It is important for students to remember the primary purpose of college is to achieve a higher education. Prioritizing is an excellent method of dealing with stress. "Focus on what is coming up first and take care of that and then continue on to the next activity," Candelora said.

List-making is another skill to utilize when your brain feels cluttered. Candelora also shared her belief that exercising when stressed helps to clear the mind and allows the body to refocus. Etown offers many different avenues to help students who are feeling stressed. Allen prepared a list of activities in which students can participate right here on campus:

The Chaplain's Office offers a meditation space and sponsors many programs like religious services. The Blue Bean is a place where students can study in a relaxing atmosphere. The Bird Cage offers students a place to relax in a recreational environment.

The Body Shop provides the option of exercising to relieve stress. Many services on the second floor of the BSC, such as tutoring for students who need assistance with coursework are sponsored by Learning Services.

Speaking with the Residence Life Staff, who can also refer students to other resources on campus, could be very helpful. Other services are located in Counseling Services on the second floor of the BSC.

"Counseling Services is also very important," Allen said. "Even if it is just to be able to bounce ideas around with another person, or to get feedback on how to prioritize, everyone can benefit from Counseling Services."

Stress is a very overwhelming reality that all college students deal with in one degree or another. Battling stress begins from within. Students must be determined to face their challenges head-on in order to defeat them.

movie review

"High School Musical 3" entertains, satisfies many fans

Joelle E. Atkinson
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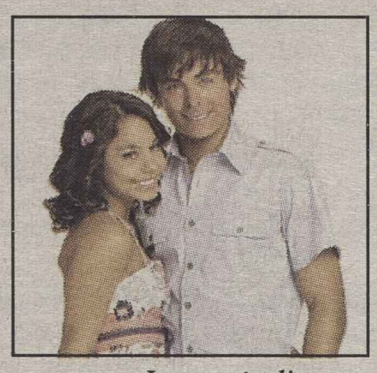
They're back!

Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Chad and the rest of the High School Musical gang are all appearing for their final adventure as they walk the halls of East High one last time.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But now, they won't just be singing and dancing in peoples' living rooms. The famous characters are currently gracing the big screen in "High School Musical 3," where the dance numbers are bigger than ever and the story line contains more themes than just puppy love — well, sort of.

The original cast, consisting of Zac Efron as Troy, Vanessa Hudgens as Gabriella, Ashley Tisdale as Sharpay, and Corbin Bleu as Chad, are all back to take their final bow on the red-and-white stage.

The story line of this film revolves around the gang's senior year of high school and their mutual fear that they will all eventually separate from one another after graduation. This worry is especially strong between Troy and Gabriella. Along with the rest of the Wildcats, they stage a spring musical to address their experiences, hopes and fears about their future.

The movie opens with a number entitled "Now or Never," in which the East High Wildcats, led by senior captains Troy Bolton and Chad Danforth, are once again battling the West High Knights for the championship trophy in the final basketball game of the season. The theme of "now or never," as well the theme of "goodbyes," are both present throughout the movie. This film is arguably the strongest of the three High School Musical movies.

Directed and choreographed by famed choreographer Kenny Ortega, the dancing and choreography is very intricate, and the musical numbers are bigger than ever. One of the most ornate performances was Sharpay's piece, "I Want it All," which had the choreography style of Bob Fosse.

The waltz was incorporated in Gabriella and Troy's segment, "Can I Have This Dance?"

"The musical numbers in this movie are amazing," Tisdale said in an interview with USAToday.

And who knew Efron could break dance? He shows off his skills in the number "The Boys are Back," as Troy and Chad look back on their childhood.

All of these songs and dance numbers help to highlight the basic story line, inspired by the drama teacher Ms. Darbus, who says, "The show is about you — we'll call it senior year!"

Prom and graduation are both inevitable for any high school student, and there are musical numbers in the movie attributed to both of these events.

Friendship and leaving relationships and people behind are also addressed.

However, some parts of the film are slightly confusing.

It was difficult at times to tell if a musical number was a song designed for the movie itself or for the production that was being put on by the students in the movie.

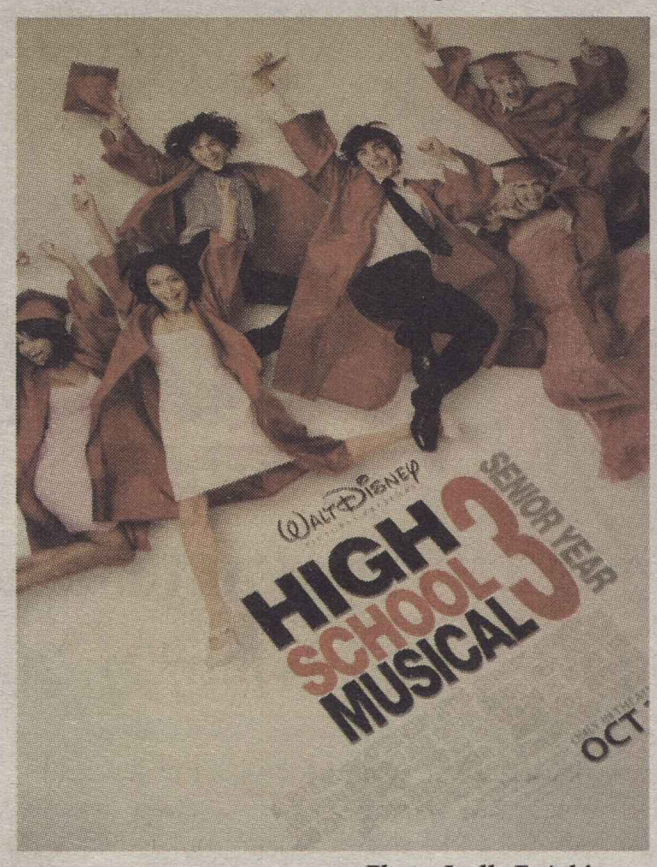

Photo: Joelle E. Atkinson

Also, just when the lead characters were really showing off their talent, three new sophomores were suddenly introduced, all of whom seemed to be trying too hard for laughs.

A number of Etown students enjoyed the third installment of High School Musical.

"It was phenomenal," senior Sarah Lawlor said. "I cried three times. No lie."

"It really was the best of all the movies," sophomore Maria Dziecichowicz, who saw the movie twice, said. "The story reminded me of my last year in high school."

"High School Musical 3" has its faults, but if you are just looking to have fun on a rainy afternoon, this movie is definitely a great time-filler, and will most likely keep you smiling and singing for the rest of the day.

college issues

"Communifaking" ensures avoidance

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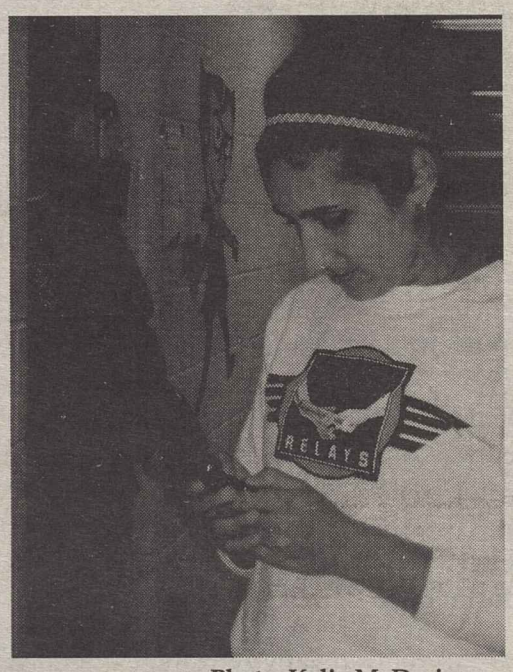
The release of new technologies always forms an adoptive culture, and within the past 20 years, society's forms of communication have developed around the use of laptops, instant messaging, iPods, e-mail and, of course, cell phones.

While all of these "goodies" have created a more entertaining, time-efficient and hassle-free environment, they could be hindering society's interpersonal relationships and etiquette.



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If making unnecessary phone calls or texting while in the company of others isn't rude enough, many more people are now becoming guilty of exploiting cell phones for the sake of protecting their own comfort zones.

"Communifaking," as *ABCNews.com* has coined it, occurs when people try to avoid an awkward or unpleasant social situation by pulling out their phones and pretending to call or text someone.

Twenty-seven-year-old Dominique Gonzales told ABCNews.com, "Absolutely, I communifake. It's a little rude if you just ignore somebody. But if I see somebody at work who I want to avoid speaking with, I'll just take out my phone and pretend to be making a call."

While many people are responsible for communifaking, modern culture has made it difficult to tell who the perpetrators are. This may be the main reason why communifaking is so widely-spread.

"I must admit I am guilty of communifaking," sophomore Lauren DeMezza said. "Usually if I am waiting for someone and want to appear busy, I will whip out my phone, and on a few occasions I will pretend to text if I want to avoid someone. I guess it might make society look immature, but that doesn't stop the bulk of us from doing it!"

ABCNews.com reveals that new research from British mobile operator 3 finds that 74 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds acknowledge their communifaking.

First-year Dan Silver speaks for most communifakers with his perspective that the practice of communifaking does not do too much harm.

"I might be walking through the hall of the dorm or out and about on campus and see someone I may not feel a strong urge to strike up a conversation with," Silver said. "All I have to do is take my phone out and 'make a call,' and problem solved. No unwanted conversation, no problem."

However, it is possible that communifaking could be a response to self-consciousness or loneliness in such a socially-oriented culture.

"I think people tend to use their cell phones in the Marketplace if they are eating alone," first-year Lauren Farnish said. "It makes them look more comfortable with the fact that they are there by themselves."

"I have used my cell phone when I am in an unfamiliar place by myself," she said. "I don't pretend to be talking to someone, but rather, I will use that time to make a call I had to make anyway. I think it makes you look less vulnerable to strangers."

Whether communifaking is used for convenience or security purposes, its influence is on the rise, and college students need to be especially aware of how strongly it holds power over the young adult social life.

student advice

Job fairs offer numerous possibilities

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Staff Writer

With the economy in its current slump, it is becoming more important for people to find and keep jobs.

Luckily for college students, there is a major opportunity to help with this: job fairs.

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Unfortunately, the importance of these fairs remains relatively unknown to college students.

Job fairs, whether held on college campuses or in expo centers, are becoming a more common method of entry-level recruitment. So why should a college student attend these events?

Job fairs are crucial in landing an internship or job, and they provide an excellent source for networking.

Sophomore professional writing major Patty Cangelosi, who attended her first job fair this past spring in Camp Hill, found it particularly helpful for "getting information and brochures about places I might be interested in for the future."

As a first-year actuarial science major at the time of the fair, Cangelosi "did not really know what to expect," but she saw the opportunity on Campus News and chose to attend. Though most of the internships were intended for upperclassmen and many of the places were looking for business or accounting majors rather than those in the mathematics field, Cangelosi said, "I do not regret attending the fair because I will know what to expect now. I will be more confident for next time."

Knowing what to expect from a job fair is extremely beneficial. Unless you prepare and do your homework, you will end up wasting your time.

According to an article from *collegegrad.com*, a Web site dedicated to helping college graduates find entry-level jobs, "Job fairs are not for 'window shoppers' — that is, they are not 'get acquainted sessions' for prospective employers."

Employers size up candidates quickly: based on appearances, communication skills and first impressions even if you only speak for 30 seconds, the article explained.

So how does one accomplish this successfully?

"Bring plenty of resumes (printed on resume paper), dress professionally and don't be afraid to approach the recruiters," Cangelosi said.

A resume is required at a job fair. Bring enough copies for each employer with whom you intend to speak, and print several extras. Letters of recommendation are also taken into consideration.

Equally important is the matter of dress. Image is crucial. It is even more important than at a normal interview because decisions are made much more quickly.

The classic business suit is a college student's best bet. The more conservative the outfit the better, as it allows the focus to stay on you rather than on your clothes.

"Being so young, I didn't gain much in the way of actually getting an internship, which was my intention, however, I did get my resume out there and I gained some confidence in talking to potential employers," Cangelosi said.

It is never too early to attend a job fair. Even if recruiters are looking for a more experienced student, the job fair atmosphere still provides all students with a chance to talk to people from almost every industry, practice introducing themselves with their resumes, gather leads on internships, and collect contact information.

The List

Hot new items worthy of an obsession

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Copy Editor

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In many ways, "Fable 2" represents all that is Western in video games. Peter Molyneux's newest role-playing game presents the oldest of plot structures, the hero's journey. Fate rescues you from pimps and pigeon dung on a cold winter's night. Then, a black-hearted noble murders your sister! You're left, limp and broken in the frozen mud, dreaming of revenge.

The game encompasses decades of your life as you grow, buy real estate, marry, explore, and save the world.

The focus of the game is choice, or the illusion of it: you can be good or evil, gluttonous or skinny, celibate or polyamorous, suffer fools or murder them, and even become pregnant (but only if you're female, of course).

Molyneux demonstrates his craft through the game's rich Renaissance setting, resonant characters and at least four kinds of layered irony.

The world is clichéd, but fully aware of it — British humor in the style of "Blackadder" constantly analyzes and exhumes the story's flaws. (In fact, "Blackadder's" own Stephen Fry voices an evil, hilarious fop.)

When presenting the game, Molyneux asserted that he wanted each player to tell his or her own unique story, and to feel genuine emotions—namely, love.

Unconditional love comes in the form of a loyal dog. Much like a Furby (or a real animal), it responds to stimulus but operates entirely independently of you. He will stoically accept any amount of abuse, following you until the bitter end. Your wife and children love you, but won't hesitate to leave you if your morals dive.

Other citizens are more fickle: they can insult, worship, or compliment you. Molyneux designed some to be downright annoying.

You can burn down homes, setting yourself up as a vile tyrant, and peasants will cringe and weep.

Alternatively, you can save the world the old-fashioned way, though it's much more difficult to be good than evil.

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Even altruistic actions can have brutal, miserable consequences, and at two separate points I found myself making morally ambiguous decisions on the basis of "the greater good."

What's perhaps most enthralling about the game is its relevance to modern American life. Every player must prioritize, juggling relationships, long-term goals and short-term satisfaction. It's easy to overspend, overeat, hurt someone you love, or get too wrapped up in the little things.

In the end, "Fable 2" reminds us that actions have consequences, life is difficult, and everybody needs love and satire to make it through the rough parts.

SOUND OFF

What are your plans for Halloween this year?

by Kalie M. Desimone

Brooke Brossman
Class of 2012

"I am going to a Halloween Celebration."

Andrea James
Class of 2012

"I will be visiting friends at Penn State."

Phil Durante
Class of 2012

"I will be dressing up as a pirate!!!"

Amanda Pretti
Class of 2011

"I will be hanging out with friends on campus."

in the nation

Powell endorsement marks partisan end

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

In case you hadn't noticed, good Etownians, it's getting more and more difficult to tread the bipartisan line. Until last week, I'd managed to ignore the more egregious slips of Ms. Palin's firecracker self and nod away Mr. McCain's dreadful rhetoric and self-centered bullishness. Fundamentally, this is because I respect both of them as people. And I respect McCain's record — frankly, I wish that he had won the presidency in 2000.

However, the Republican Party is becoming increasingly hard to support. The back of the elephant, tomato-splattered and defiled, has lost something of its dignity, and many long-standing Party members have opted to vacate the howdah and go donkey-chasing instead.

On Oct. 20, Colin Powell endorsed Barack Obama. Calling Obama a "transformational figure," he cited McCain's negative advertisements and precarious economic plans. The long-rumored endorsement praised Obama's "steadiness, intellectual curiosity and depth of knowledge."

Obama, of course, very kindly thanked the former Secretary of State.

There is no living, high-profile Republican that I respect more than Colin Powell. I consider him the most respectable part of the Bush legacy, a temperate and cunning leader, and an extraordinarily wise man. He largely disappeared from politics after 2005, but remains even in Democratic eyes "a great soldier, a great statesman and a great American." Had McCain selected him as running-mate instead of Palin, and had he accepted, I suspect that the partisan spirits of most Republicans would be burning rather brighter. But he didn't, and he didn't, and they aren't.

In many ways, this election represents a cross-pollination of ideals not seen since the earliest American years. Our founding fathers, before descending into the immutable divisions of Federalist and Democratic-Republican, collaborated around the wisdom of individuals instead the ruckus of good-old-boy syndicates. I can't really compare Barack Obama to George Washington, but both men presented themselves with enough respectability to bridge political rifts.

So even though it's less likely than ever for one person to support two parties, two parties are beginning to support one person.

I say that's a good start, and Colin Powell agrees.

in the region

Local rallies encourage students to vote

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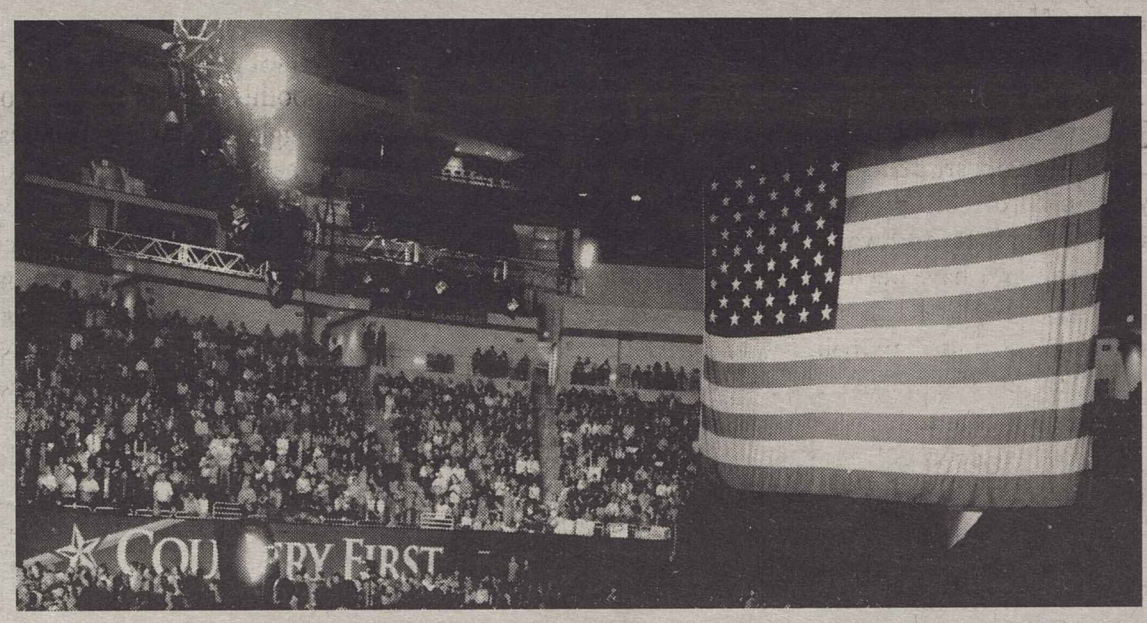

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With the election less than a week away, we've been getting hit fairly hard with political rallies. All over central Pennsylvania, the red and blue masses are gathering and supporting their various causes. I've been taking some flak as of late based on these and I just wanted to take a moment to make something very clear.

Recently, we've covered several rallies held by Senator John McCain and Barack Obama. I've taken hits because while lengthy articles have been written about McCain's rallies, we've just published pictures of Senator Obama with little captions saying he gave a little chat to some people in Philadelphia.

It finally came to a head for me on Tuesday when a friend asked me why I would lower myself to attending a McCain rally that morning.

Another acquaintance interrupted me before I could respond, saying, "Well, it's because he's the only Republican on the Etownian staff."

Wait, wait. Woah. Hold on there kids. Wrong answer. My voter registration card proudly says "independent." I'll never say who I'm voting for in writing, as it's my responsibility as an ethical student-journalist to be as unbiased as possible when I present facts from these political rallies. That way people know what *actually* goes down at these shindigs.

The only reason that we've given Obama a sort-of passing glance here is that—well—he doesn't show up that often. When Obama hits up Pa., he's either in the Philadelphia area or so far west that it would take hours to drive.

The Etownian has a policy that we only cover national news if it directly affects Etown students. That is — we only can cover the political rallies that are held nearby.

It just so happens that McCain has visited this area *a lot*. He came to Franklin and Marshall in September and he came back to Hershey just this week.

The democrats have just offered Howard Dean in Hershey and now Bill Clinton in Harrisburg. The one thing we need to make sure is that we are showing y'all the news as it happened — not through the lenses of a highly conservative or liberal writer.

It just so happens that McCain has a lot more to fight for in central PA.

Pennsylvania has gone to the democratic side of things in every single election since 1992.

McCain has been losing ground here recently as Obama's campaign has raised record numbers of democratic voter registrations. If McCain doesn't keep rallying here, he will most assuredly lose Pennsylvania.

Obama has a little more leeway here, and so he's focusing on other states where opinion of him is weaker.

But, there's more to these rallies than just how well we cover them. There are so many political gatherings here because for the first time in a long time the race in Pennsylvania is *very* close. That means that it is absolutely *imperative* that everyone reading this article who is eligible get out and vote next Tuesday. Literally, only a few votes will be the deciding factor in this state (and the whole election, really.) Thus, it is absolutely necessary that you find the time to get out there and vote, so that your opinion doesn't go unvoiced.

They say this election will be the most important one we've had in a century. Do you want to look back at your life 30 years from now and think "Man, I sure wish I voted in that there 2008 election." Sure, that's an awful analogy, but vote anyway.

in the nation

SNL appearance won't matter in campaign

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Are vice-presidential Sarah Palin's appearances on NBC's Saturday Night Live detrimental to her and McCain's campaign? It's hard to say.

On one hand, people may look at these appearances and think that she is not serious about the election.

On the other hand, it's doubtful people will take things they viewed on SNL into the voting booth with them.

On Oct. 18 at 11:30 p.m., about 17 million viewers tuned in to watch Palin announce those famous words: "Live from New York, it's Saturday night!"

It was the show's largest audience since an episode that aired in March of '94, which featured Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

The show began with Tina Fey portraying Palin at a press conference. Fey's impersonation of Palin has been a common one that she has been doing on the show for the past few weeks.

The show then cut to the head of SNL, Loren Michaels, and the real Palin watching Fey's performance on a flat screen somewhere else in the studio.

They were interrupted by Alec Baldwin who "mistook" Palin for Fey and began to bash Palin.

When he realized his mistake, he told the governor that she is "way hotter in person." She responded to him, saying that Stephen was her favorite Baldwin brother.

Palin then entered the press conference and introduced the show.

Also in the show, there was a skit with Amy Poehler and Palin, where Poehler rapped about Palin. All in all, Palin did not spend a large amount of time on screen that night.

I would like to think that no one would truly take to heart anything they saw on SNL when making their voting decisions, but some may.

I would like to think that everyone who is voting will take into consideration the real issues and debates that they have seen, but the media has proven over and over again that some people will believe anything that they see or hear.

Polls have shown that since Fey has begun portraying Palin regularly, Palin's numbers have dropped.

However, they have also shown that since Palin's appearance on SNL, her likability has increased, although no one can say if that will be enough for people to switch their vote.

It is also interesting to look at Chevy Chase's 1976 SNL portrayal of Gerald Ford. Chase portrayed Ford as a bumbling idiot, and Ford lost the election later that year. Many attribute his loss partially to the Chase skit.

The differences between those two sketches are that Fey strikes an almost scary resemblance of Palin, whereas Chase hardly resembled Ford, and Ford never made an appearance on the show as Palin did.

I'm not sure whether or not Palin's appearance will end up making a difference one way or another when Nov. 4 rolls around. I personally hope that it will not, but it is impossible to predict what will and won't affect people's decision-making process.

I hope that people will take their beliefs and the candidates' entire campaigns into consideration when making their decisions and they will take Palin's appearance on SNL for what it was worth: a mere comedy sketch routine done to entertain, not affect votes.

Palin is quoted as saying about the appearance and the effects on her: "You have to have some levity through this. Otherwise, it would really, I think, grind on you and wear you out."

on campus

Student considers homecoming successful

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Homecoming began with a bang, merging bright colors, playful music, students singing and dancing along and candy flying in all directions. The theme for this year's float parade was board games, and was a successful theme at that.

As a junior, I have been very involved in the homecoming festivities since my first year at Etown. With the experience of three homecomings under my belt, I would have to rank this year's as the best so far. The theme of "board games" lent itself well to the engagement of the audience, town members and alumni alike.

The colorful floats with excited members aboard seemed to excite the younger spectators in particular. The creativity from different groups' depictions of their board games intrigued judges as well as the students of the College, parents and alumni. Mrs. McClain, mother of junior Flori McClain, said, "This year is by far the best float parade we have seen at the school in previous years. Everyone looked like they were having so much fun!"

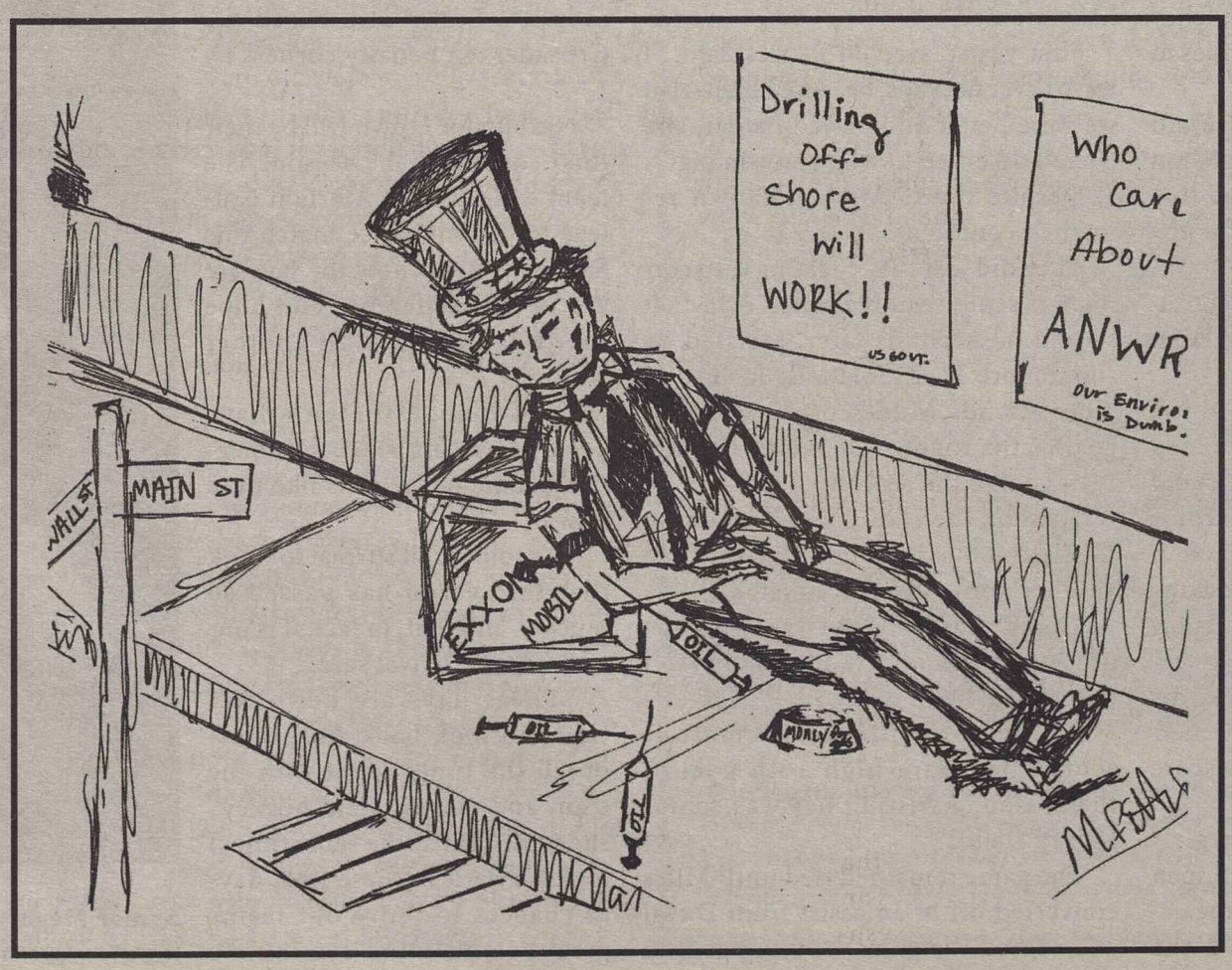
The success of homecoming began way before the float parade on Saturday morning. Students began preparing months in advance and even camped out at the Alumni House in September to secure their float theme. The planning and execution of the camp-out this year was phenomenal. There was food and fun to be had by all present. The camp-out, sponsored by the Alumni Relations department at Elizabethtown College, is a place for members across different student groups to bond.

However, the success of all aspects of homecoming this year leads to the question of why it was so successful. Is the theme of the float parade the sole reason? Was it the flawless planning and coordination? Should it all be chalked up to experience? It all depends on who you ask.

Senior Carl Marrara, Student Senate President and immediate past Vice President said, "This year's homecoming went very smoothly. As a previous coordinator of homecoming, I know the struggles the Senate Vice President goes through to coordinate parts of the weekend and I think Audra [Farren] did a wonderful job spearheading those obstacles this year." Marrara knows the struggles and believes that this homecoming was one of the best.

Some students put emphasis on the soccer game. Senior Kelly Heich said that the new introduction utilizing three helicopters, opposed to just one, was fascinating. Heich also commented on the fact that the game was well-attended. "I can't wait until they can convince President Long to come down in a helicopter!" Heich said.

Overall, I believe that the success of homecoming is a direct result of the excitement generated by the amount of people present. This homecoming seemed to be nicely publicized and very well-attended. In addition to the amount of people, every event was planned to a "T" and executed in a superb manner. Congratulations to everyone involved. It was a huge success!



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etown cross country

First place in Battle for Buggy; teams head to MACs

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The Elizabethtown men's and women's cross country teams had high hopes coming into last weekend, knowing that a win at the Battle for the Buggy would be a big push in the right direction on their way to the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships on Nov. 1. They earned their win, crushing all 16 other teams invited to the tournament co-hosted by both Elizabethtown and Millersville.

The win not only gives them the momentum needed to press forward into the championships, but also shows many of the other schools that may have doubted the programs that Elizabethtown cross country is stronger than ever.

The Battle for the Buggy is a cross country event that men's head coach Christopher Straub created about 10 years ago as a tune-up for the MAC Championships and a challenge to Millersville and F&M. Since then, due to some embarrassing losses, Millersville withdrew from the yearly event, and it had become simply the Elizabethtown College Cross Country Invitational. However, Elizabethtown and Millersville decided to get together again this year, co-hosting the event to ease the burden of having to organize two large cross country meets in two straight weeks (Etown will also be hosting the MAC Championships this Saturday).

During the Battle for the Buggy, the men looked to be in top form as they slaughtered the opposition, beating second-place Bloomsburg University (Div. II) by an impressive 39 points.

Elizabethtown senior Jeremy Matula was the stand out runner at this year's event, placing fourth among all contestants with a time of 20:34:62.

"It was no surprise as [Matula's] been coming on real strong since our WillPower Workout back in late September," said men's coach Chris Straub. "Our seniors have risen to the challenge of running with this talented group of first-years and I'm really proud of them." Along with Matula, three other men's runners came in the top ten: first-year Evan DeArmitt took seventh place, with sophomore Chris Heisey following a split-second behind in eighth and first-year Russell Speiden rounded out the top ten. Seniors Scott Derkacz, Dylan Rulander, and first-year Colby Miller also had impressive runs, finishing in the top 14.

The overall race winner was Elizabethtown alum Greg Wetzel '06, although his score did not factor into the Elizabethtown men's score (Elizabethtown alumni had their own team).

"Winning the Battle for the Buggy title was a nice accomplishment and helps build momentum heading into the post-season," Coach Straub said.

Although the win was key for the men as they head into the championships next week, it may have even been more important for the women, as the win solidified their shot at bringing home back-to-back MAC titles.

"Some might say that we are not in the position needed to defend our MAC title or qualify for nationals as a team," said sophomore Teresa Beshore.

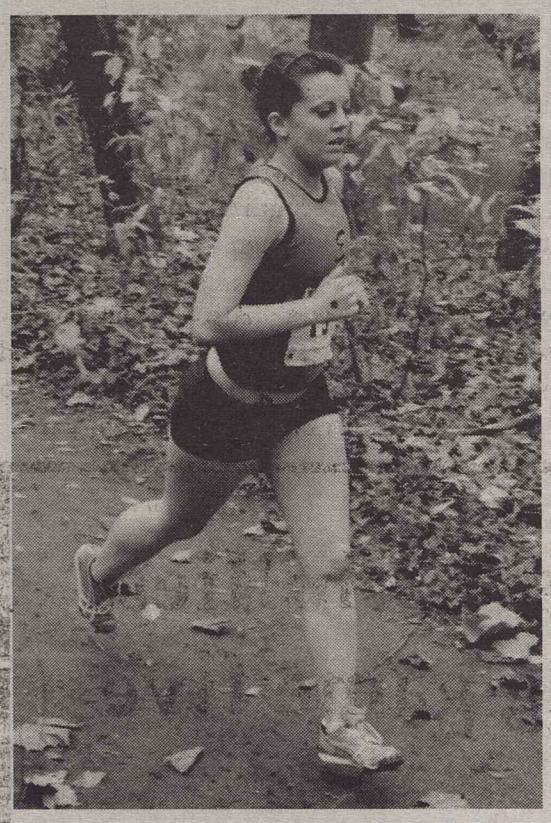
"But in the sport of cross country, a lot of good things can happen in two weeks of training. I think that both physically and mentally we are exactly where we need to be."

A lot of good things did happen for the women in the Battle for the Buggy, as they took first place, beating runner-up Bloomsburg University, who are currently ranked 13th in the nation in Division II by 38 points. Junior Megan VanDenHengel and sophomore Kristen O'Brien were the top performers for Etown, both taking home top 10 finishes.

The ultimate test for the women will come in the MAC championships on Saturday when they will try to defend their title for the first time since 2005.

Overall, the race went over very smoothly, with the weather holding out until the last few minutes, causing them to cancel only the awards ceremony.

The next stop for both the men's and women's cross country teams will be the MAC Championships, also hosted by Elizabethtown, at the Lancaster County Central Park. If you want to come out and support your home team, be at the park at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 to cheer on your Etown runners as they race bring home two titles for the first time since 2004.



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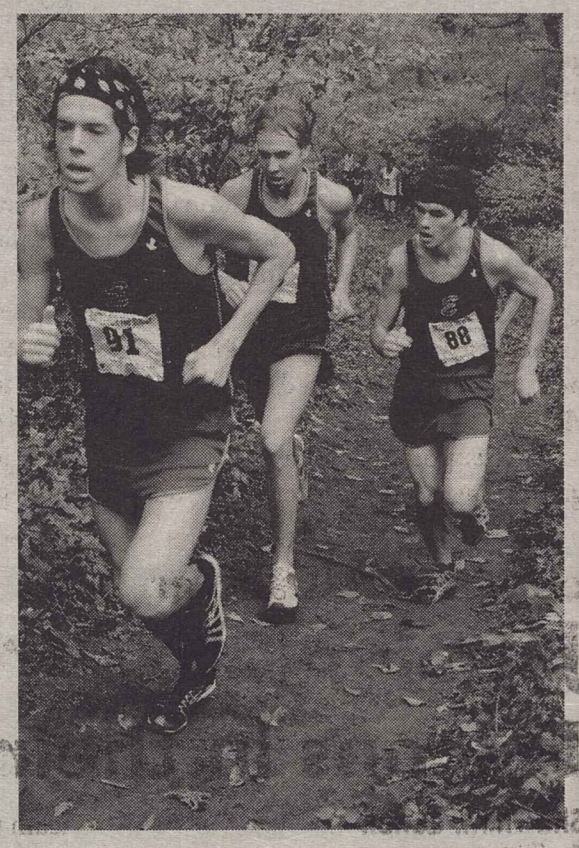
Junior Abbey Anderson runs the course at Lancaster County Central Park.



In the Battle for the Buggy this past weekend, sophomore Chris Heisey (91), first-year Colby Miller (middle), and senior Scott Derkacz (right) compete.

etown field hockey

Ladies look ahead towards playoffs, championships

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

With only one game left in the regular season, the field hockey team still has plenty of opportunities to look forward to.

Tuesday, the latest National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Coaches Poll showed that Etown would be ranked 13th for the third time in a row.

After falling to Messiah last Wednesday, the team prepared to take on Kean and bounce back.

"For the upperclassmen, we think about the previous times we faced Messiah, and the great feeling we could all share when we beat them," senior Alison Duval said. "We also have to remember that it's just another game where we must come together and play our game of hockey."

By practicing six times a week, the Lady Jays were able to overcome their previous loss and beat Kean by a score of 4-1.

In an intense matchup, the girls scored three goals in an 89 second span late in the second half of the game.

Senior Tiffany Vogel started the scoring in the 11th minute of the game off of an assist by senior Megan Angstadt. Kean then responded with a goal of their own and the teams entered halftime tied.

First-year player Jill Patrick said, "I wasn't ever nervous, because I knew that we were better and played harder, and overall deserved to win, and win big!"

Despite the tied score, Etown remained confident.

They did just that. Starting the scoring was senior Andrea Miles. Angstadt scored 43 seconds later, assisted by sophomore Liz DeMatteis. In just 46 more seconds, Miles scored her second goal of the night, and it was also her 11th goal of the season.

Tuesday, the Lady Jays were back on the field at Susquehanna University in another non-conference match.

Though Susquehanna was able to get on the scoreboard first, Etown didn't let that get to them.

In the 75th minute, Dematteis scored her team-high 16th goal of the season. Assisting her was senior Kelsey Deihl.

The game remained tied until Miles converted off of an assist from Duval and scored the game winning goal in the 63rd minute.The Lady Jays edged Susquehanna with a final score if 2-1.

Etown led Susquehanna by 22 shots as opposed to the Crusaders 6. Etown also edged the Crusaders in penalty corners by 13-2.

Next up for Etown will be their final contest of the season. The team will travel to Albright College for a conference match this Saturday. Right now the Jays are 2-2 in the conference and hope the finish it out with another win.

Even though the girls have been practicing since summertime, some of the girls like time flew by.

"It's somewhat surreal to think that the season has passed so quickly, and that, in fact, it is our last season," Duval said.

"These days are definitely times to look back and reflect on all the times spent with the team and playing field hockey," she said. "But at the same time, I look forward to these final days as chances to prove our team's great potential and continue to play as long as we can ... hopefully into the NCAA championships."

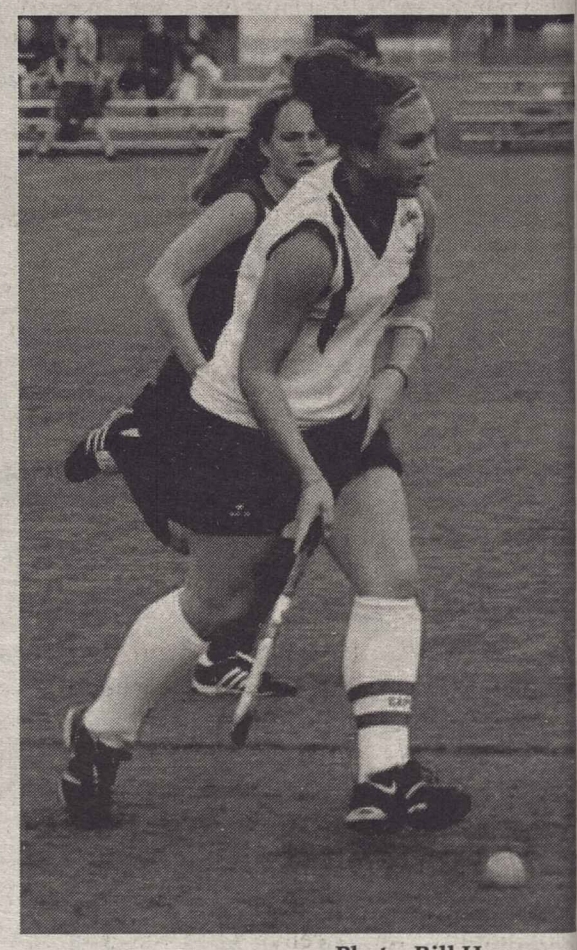


Photo: Bill Hannegan
Senior Megan Angstadt dribbles the ball in a game against Moravian.

etown women's soccer

Ladies look to close season with four game win streak

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Despite facing less than ideal weather conditions, the women's soccer team beat Albright College 3-0 on Saturday. After a delay due to lightning, the game got off to a good start for the Blue Jays. The first goal was scored by senior Jenna Russo in the 24th minute, and two second-half goals were scored by senior Brooke Dotterer.

"To say the least, the conditions were awful. It was pouring rain and the field had puddles all over it, but we moved the ball around the best we could and won 3-0, which was awesome. Now we're just looking ahead to our next game, which is home on Wednesday versus Lebanon Valley," said senior Carly Hopkins.

Saturday's win followed Wednesday's 2-0 shutout against Montclair State University. Goals were made in the second half by sophomore Mallory Murphy and Dotterer.

According to Hoskins, "It was the best game we've played all season in all aspects."

At this point, the team has won 11 games, lost four and tied two. "So far, I think we're doing really well. The games we lost were games where we didn't come out ready to play."

Photo: Scott Sheppard
Senior Brooke Dotterer (11) shoots a goal against a goalkeeper from Montclair State. The Jays won the game 2-0.

According to Russo, they outplayed the other teams, but didn't manage to get the ball in the net. Coach Bob Scotten agreed, saying, "We've been very competitive all year. We've only lost four games and they've all been one goal games. Pretty much every game we've played we've outshot the other team. It's a matter of finding the goal."

Scotten joins the team this fall in his first year as coach. Both he and the players are adjusting to the change.

"It's definitely been a different style, but considering this is our first season with him, I think we're dealing pretty well," Hoskins said.

Scotten notes the difficulties of being a new coach, stating, "Part of the obstacles, I would say, would be the competition. Not being here for the past few years. Not seeing the other teams play, you know, not knowing how they play."

An alumnus of Elizabethtown College, Scotten said, "It's an honor and a privilege to come back here. I have great memories here, and I'm hoping that all these young ladies will have great memories when they leave, too."

The next women's soccer game is a home game today against Lebanon Valley College at 4:30 p.m.

The girls will also play a home game against Messiah College on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. The team needs to win the next two games in order to make it to the anticipated Commonwealth Conference playoffs.

Saturday's game against Messiah will be the senior game, where the senior players are recognized for their contributions to the team.

All five seniors this year have garnered some sort of distinction throughout their years on the team. Russo said of the honor, "All of us are going to leave a piece of us with Etown."

etown men's soccer

Jays look to surprise rival Falcons in their house

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

While the Blue Jays struggled in the beginning of their season, things are looking up for the team. After a strong win last Saturday in a conference match against Arcadia, the Jays were confident squaring off against Juniata on Oct. 23.

They would have to win this game, as well as the next three, to have a chance at competing in the MAC tournament. Elizabethtown will also have to win their remaining games in order to retain their NCAA record of most consecutive seasons finished above 500.

Etown started off the game against Juniata well, and sophomore Cameron Gettle scored his 3rd goal of the season in the 55th second.

The game remained scoreless until the 78th minute when an Eagles player scored to lock the game at 1-1. The Jays were looking at another tie until first- year Geoff Cochrone scored the winning goal for the Jays with only two minutes in regulation play remaining off of an assist from sophomore Andrew Filiwitcz.

The Jays finished the game with 13 shots, as the Eagles (5-10-1) finished with seven.

Senior keeper Jeff Mullen only had to make three saves in the game, compared to the Eagle's four.

"Getting a goal in the first minute was a great way to start off the game," said sophomore Tony Pacella. "After that, we knew we needed to look for one more, and also defend well. We played as a team tonight, attacked together and defended together; that's why we won."

Now on a two-game winning streak, the Jays faced off against Albright. Sophomore Brian Gallagher opened the scoring for the Jays in the 27th minute with an unassisted goal which cappedthe scoring for the first half.

Senior Matt Diller scored the Jay's second goal off of a free kick from 20 yards out in the 71st minute.

The Jays were dominant as they outshot the Lions 14-6. This most recent conference win brings the Jays commonwealth record to (2-3-0) and their overall season record to (6-8-2).

"Well, I think we're getting much better, and playing like a unit," head coach Skip Roderick said. "It looks like we are defending and attacking as a team. That's exciting as a coach. As we said after our game against Albright, if we had played like that we wouldn't be in the position we are now. So I thought, we've really played Etown soccer the past few games."

When referring to what has changed to continue this win streak, Roderick said, "Well one thing is that we are a little bit healthier, which has allowed us to organize our players in the positions that we feel they can contribute for us, whereas in the past, we've had so many injuries, we were just chopping and changing to fill holes. Now, we only have basically two that are out for the year."

The men will close their season with the big rival game against Messiah College this Saturday. The match will be held at 7 p.m. at Messiah.

sport spotlight

FOX-43 visits Phillies fans during game five

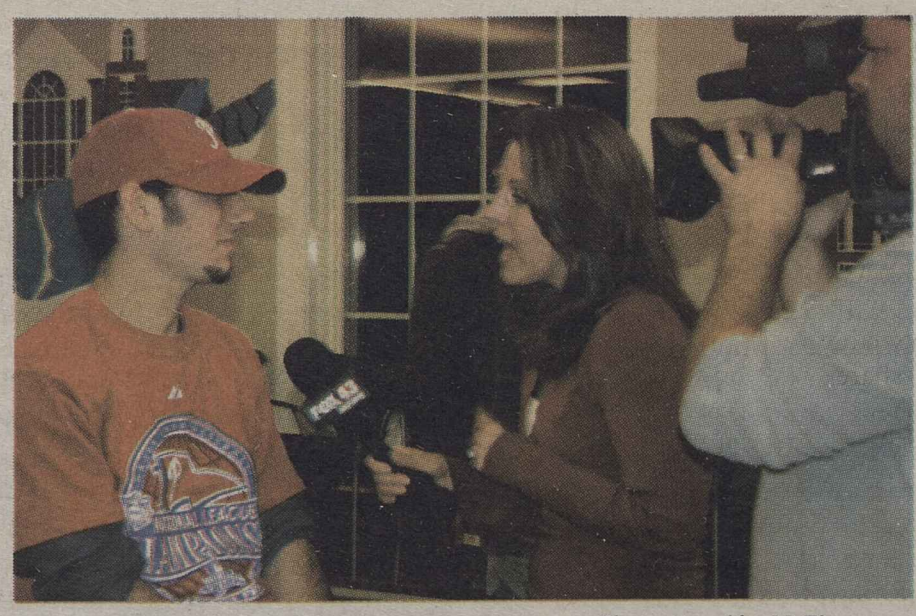
Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

In hopes of the Philadelphia Phillies capturing the World Series title in game five of the Major League Baseball playoffs Monday night, Harrisburg's FOX-43 came to Etown for fan reactions. They were stationed in the game room in the BSC where a students organized to watch the game. FOX interviewed several students and got footage of fans watching the game.

"Etown's a pretty small college, and to have a tv crew show up and watch us was very unexpected," said senior Craig Anderson.

Free food was also provided for students. Fifteen pizzas were ordered, along with various sodas. Though the Phillies ended up in a rain delay after six and a half innings, students remained excited as they waited patiently to see if the game would return. During the delay, FOX taped live from the game room.

"I was excited to watch the game with everyone because we could have seen history, and who better to watch it with then a bunch of people. It was definitely more exciting than watching it in my room," said Anderson.



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Sharing his love for the Phillies, senior Mike Azzalina is interviewed by a FOX-43 reporter. FOX was in the Birdcage of the BSC before the game getting opinions, and they also stayed to get more student reaction during the rain delay before they called the game.

etown volleyball

Halloween Classic final matchup for ladies

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College volleyball team had a great triumph last Saturday, winning 3-2 against Moravian College and 3-1 against Susquehanna University. These victories pushed their record to 15-14 and 5-0 in the Commonwealth Conference.

The team started the year with the goal of winning the Commonwealth Conference Championship, something they won last year and are still on goal to win this again, according to head coach Randall Kreider. He hopes that the team wins the rest of the Conference and playoffs and brings out their best potential throughout what is left of the season.

Prior to last Saturday's game, Elizabethtown won against Albright 3-0 on Oct. 21. Although this win helped their mentality, Kreider expressed that the team had mixed emotions about the game. Feeling like they didn't play as well as they could, they put more effort into their next games.

This proved effective, and the team brought home wins against Moravian and Susquehanna.

Albright was the beginning of a winning streak, but before that game the team wasn't playing to their full capabilities. Kreider stated that even though the team has lost a few games this season, they always "bounce back."

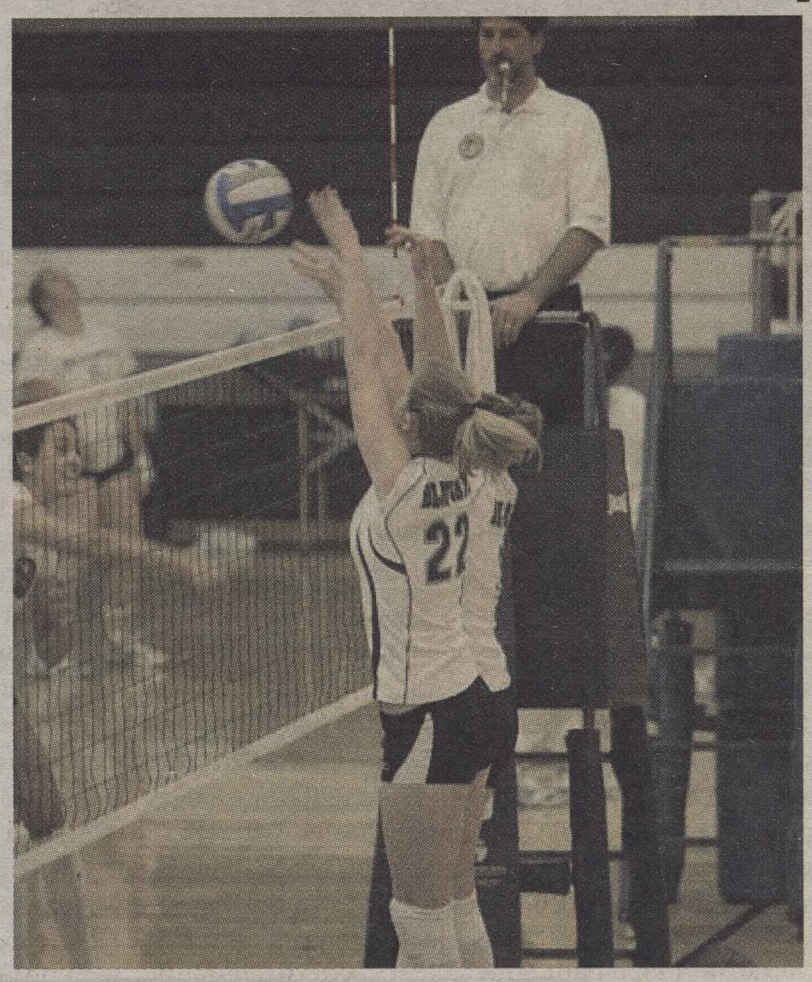

Photo: Barbara Perry

First-year Kelsey Hayes (22) goes for a block in a match against Albright on Oct. 21. The Jays went on to win that series. Their final test of the season will be this weekend as they host the Halloween Classic.

"Our record doesn't show the progress this team has made so far this season," junior Sheri Hihn said.

"However, there is always room for more improvement.

The team is doing well and we are continuing to work hard so we can attain our goals. We are now in the home stretch and we all agree on what we want to accomplish. We want to win the conference and make it back to the NCAA regional tournament."

Winning the rest of the games that are left in the season and moving on to win the conference is a common goal of the team.

Wednesday, the Lady Jay's took on Lebanon Valley. Etown lost to the Dutchmen 3-1 and fall to second place in the MAC conference. The team will have another chance meet in the conference tournament starting Nov 3.

"Our team has multiple goals for the season, but we are taking them one at a time," sophomore Amanda Ritchey said. "After that we'll keep striving."

The goals that the team set at the beginning of the season still seem in reach.

Currently on a winning streak and having a 5-0 record in the conference, the volleyball team seems to be heading for victory.

One goal, which is brought into every game, is the opportunity to improve.

This goal is in the back of everyone's mind, but is noticed by both the coach and the players.

Kreider said that the team has made great progress throughout the season, and that "where we are now is a marked difference. At all aspects of the game, we have improved."

The team is very excited about the rest of this season, as well as the progress they have made.

"I think the team has come a long way," first-year Kelsey Hayes said. "We have the potential to be amazing, and I think there were times throughout the season that we brought that out. I am so excited to continue to improve as a team and become the best possible we can be!"

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Athlete of the Week

Tiffany Kulp

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is thrilled to name senior cross country superstar Tiffany Kulp as Athlete of the Week.

On Saturday Oct. 25, Kulp finished first overall at the Battle for the Buggy held in Lancaster Country Central Park.

She won the four-kilometer race with a time of 15 minutes and 10.65 seconds, and finished almost 10 seconds in from of the next closest person, who just so happened to be from rival Messiah College.

There were 107 women representing 17 different schools and various alumni.

Photo: Drac Williams

Tiffany Kulp pulls away from her Messiah rival Jenny Koosher.

Next on Kulp's list is the MAC championship race held at Lancaster County Central Park, the same location at which she won this past week.

When asked how she feels about the upcoming race, Kulp said, "it was the first time I've ever finished ahead of Jenny Kooser from Messiah in a cross country race; for it to happen a week before conferences, it gives me a lot of confidence for [upcoming] MACs."

Congratulations on being named Athlete of the Week, and good luck to Tiffany and the rest of the men's and women's Cross Country teams!

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item...
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me ...
I've never had cable TV at home and we still have dial-up internet

Favorite Sports team ...
ECXC/ Phillies

When I leave college I want to...
Continue my running, but not so competitively, and probably go to med school.

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Field Hockey (16-3, 2-2):
Etown 4, Kean 1
Etown 2, Susquehanna 1

Soccer (W) (11-2-2, 2-2-1):
Etown 3, Albright 0

Soccer (M) (6-8-2, 2-3-0):
Etown 2, Albright 0
Etown 1, Susquehanna 0

Volleyball (15-14, 5-0):
Etown 3, Moravian 2
Etown 3, Susquehanna 1
Lebanon Valley 3, Etown 1

Schedule of Sports

Cross country (M&W):
Nov 1: MAC Championships

Field hockey:
Nov 1: @ Albright, 1 p.m.

Soccer (W):
Oct 30: vs Lebanon Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Nov 1: vs Messiah, 2 p.m.

Soccer (M):
Nov 1: @ Messiah, 7 p.m.

Volleyball:
Oct 31: vs Eastern, 4 p.m.
vs Washington & Jefferson, 8 p.m.

Nov 1: vs SUNY Cortland, 12 p.m.
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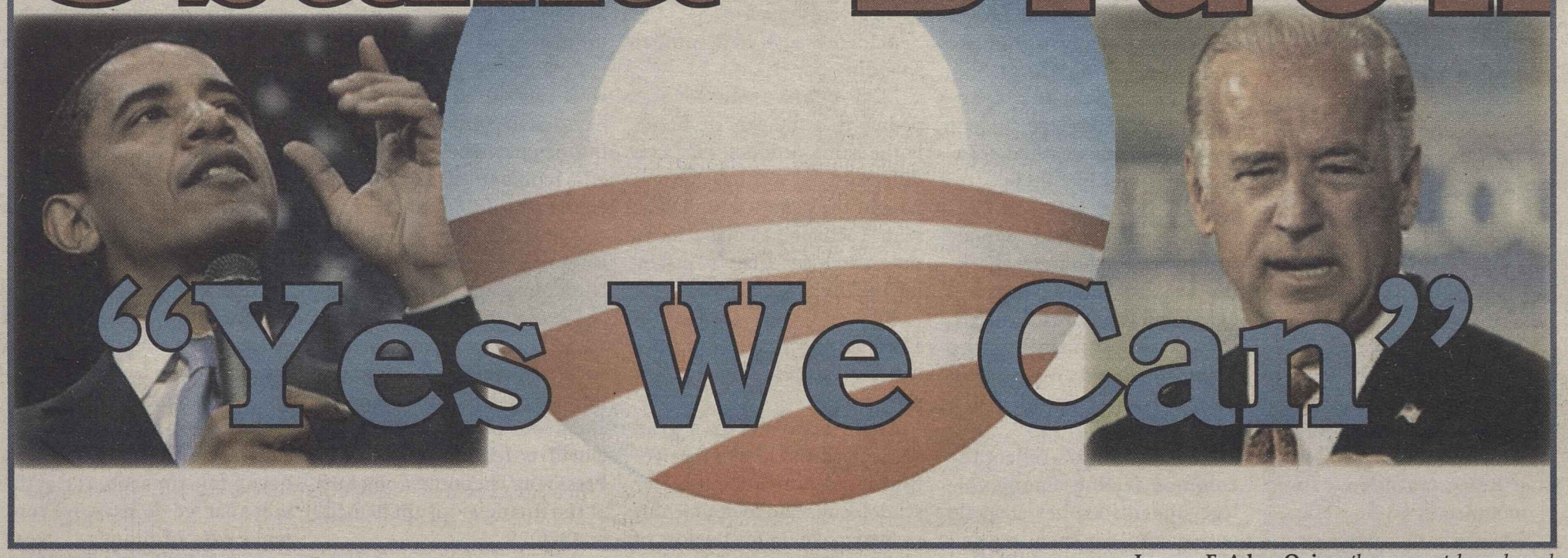

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Sean A. Burrows
Staff Writer

The two months between the announcement of vice-presidential candidates and the 2008 presidential election were as tense as expected.

By the early evening of Election Day, it became apparent that Sen. Obama held the advantage in the vote. News media such as CNN declared the perennial swing state of Pennsylvania for Sen. Obama by 8 p.m., and FOX News called the battleground state of Ohio for the Democratic nominee at approximately 9:15 p.m. Obama consistently led the projections for the Electoral College vote by a margin of about 2:1 throughout the evening, even while the popular vote tallies showed the candidates neck-to-neck.

With the close of the polls in California and the other Pacific time zone states at 11 p.m., the major media outlets declared Obama the projected victor and president-elect for the Jan. 20, 2009, inauguration. As of Wednesday evening, Obama laid claim to 349 of the electoral votes in comparison to McCain's 163, according to CNN.com. Obama also won the popular vote by a Wednesday night unofficial ratio of 53 to 46 percent.

In follow-up reports, pundits had been quick to focus on the outcome of the votes in the swing states and those where the candidates were running close in the polls. Obama capitalized on the votes of most swing states, laying claim to Virginia, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico and North Carolina, in addition to the aforementioned Ohio and Pennsylvania. All of these states, with the exception of Pennsylvania, went to President Bush in the 2004 election. Obama's conversion of these states was critical to his win.

The situation grew dimmer for the McCain campaign. They considered their options until 11:15 p.m., when the Arizona senator delivered his concession speech against a chorus of boos from supporters. He generously thanked his supporters before voicing his admiration for president-elect Obama because of his breakthrough of racial barriers and impressive campaign. McCain praised the American people for their progress while conceding his defeat to Obama. One of the high notes came when he said, "I am so deeply grateful to all of you for the great honor of your support and for all you have done for me. I wish the outcome had been different, my friends," to which one supporter responded, "We do, too!" However, it was all too obvious to supporters of the McCain/Palin ticket that the exit polls had been correct: Obama had won the majority of the electoral and popular votes.

Sen. Obama's victory speech followed from campaign headquarters in Chicago, in which he voiced his admiration for McCain and thanked voters for their support. He mentioned that he never imagined at the beginning of his campaign, over a year and a half ago, that the day would ever come, but was thrilled that it finally had.

Obama's victory marks a historic milestone in U.S. history, making him the first African-American to reside in the White House. FOX News exit polls on the influence of race versus age upon voter decisions indicated that race may have played only a nominal role, as 44 percent of respondents indicated that they were concerned about McCain's age, whereas only 17 percent stated that Obama's African-American race affected their vote.

The esteem of the election could be felt in the atmosphere around campus Wednesday, with students and staff offering varying opinions on the outcome.

"I think [the result] was okay; I didn't really have an opinion," first-year Colin Obetz said.

Campus Security staff member Linda Warner voiced her pleasure with Obama's win, remarking, "I like Obama, and it's not because of the color of his skin or anything else, but because I think he has the better ideas for the country."

Dining Services employees Sue McSherry, Matt Rafferty and Linda Lokey were also quick to offer their opinions on the outcome. All were content with the Obama victory, but as McSherry and Lokey remarked, it will be important for him to follow through on his promises.

"He is not a miracle worker, and as he mentioned in his speech, the country's problems will not be solved within one year," Lokey offered. She added that she thought his policies were better than those of McCain.

"It was a fair process," McSherry said, "but I just hope he can deliver on his promises."

In addition to the results of the presidential election, the races for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives proved to make this Tuesday a proverbial red-letter day for the Republican Party. The Democratic Party claimed 56 out of 100 seats in the Senate, seizing the seat of longtime incumbent North Carolina Republican senator Elizabeth Dole. Four seats remain undecided. They also took control of 254 of the 435 seats in the House, where eight seats remained undecided as of press time. However, it was questionable as of press time whether the Democrats would win control of the much-coveted 60 Senate seats necessary for a filibuster-proof majority.

While it remains to be seen how Obama's campaign promises evolve into presidential policy, one thing is certain: the infighting and harsh campaign rhetoric has come to an end for at least the next two-and-a-half years.

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news in brief

The poor economy has extended its reach toward automobile sales. A recent release showed that Ford's sales have dropped 30 percent, while Toyota's have decreased 23 percent.

Ford has taken an "economic gauntlet," according to a statement by the company. F-series pickup trucks have decreased 16 percent, while many of Toyota's vehicles had significant decreases as well.

Toyota offered a zero percent financing rate for all of its vehicles in the month of October in order to curve the profit margins, but had little success. In the future, GMAC Financial Services, the finance branch of GM, is requiring better credit scores to purchase vehicles.

A text-messaging ban is being considered for motorists in Austin, Texas. The ban has been requested by a number of citizens who fear the consequences of distracted driving.

Austin's public safety task force asked for the proposal, which will require the use of hands-free devices while driving. Statistics evaluating the occurrence of accidents in Austin that were a result of text-messaging are elusive. Those involved in accidents are slow to admit that they were texting, or witnesses are not available to provide the information.

Seven states have banned texting while driving, and it is also prohibited in Washington, D.C.

In light of the new election, Maxim magazine has published a list of "America's Drunkest Presidents."

The eight men held office as far back as 1837 and as recently as 2008.

Among those named were Grover Cleveland, FDR, Richard Nixon and George W. Bush.

The publication regards each of the selected president's "party fouls," some of which include George W. Bush's infamous 1970s DUI charge and Grover Cleveland's "carriage accident" that claimed the life of his law partner.

Compiled by Craig H. Meaney from breitbart.com, chron.com and maxim.com

on campus

Debt, economy curb lax spending habits

Catherine M. Duckworth
Staff Writer

Jenna Schirmer, an occupational therapy graduate student at Elizabethtown College, expressed her concerns and fears about facing the harsh economic situation in which the U.S. now finds itself.

Dealing with everyday spending is a regular challenge for Schirmer, who has one more semester at Etown before she is ready to graduate and enter the work force.

Looming debt is a scary storm that no college student seems ready to weather, especially in times like these.

"I don't feel as much freedom," Schirmer said. "I'm always worried about my checking account and savings account and what the balance is. I try to work as many hours as I can, which puts more strain on me. It's just overall much more difficult."

Schirmer's fears reflect the common feeling among college students as they struggle with day-to-day spending and trying to remain full-time students during the rough economic times of the nation.

But will college students rethink and reshape their spending habits to fit the current financial crisis?

According to Schirmer, she has already reshaped her spending habits.

"I need a new pair of shoes," she said. "I would have normally gone out and bought them before the season started, but because money is so tight I either have to wait for sales or my birthday or Christmas to be given them."

Schirmer also had another spending tip.

"I've heard from several people that the generic brand is the same product, just in a different box, so I have always bought the generic brand," she said. "I actually calculated it one time, and I saved over $7 just by buying the generic brand."

But the real strain on Schirmer is the impending loan debt she accumulated this year alone.

Since Schirmer is a grad student, she no longer receives funding from the state. Her school loans had to double this year to make up for the loss of state funding.

"It's not very encouraging," she said.

Like many other students, especially seniors who are approaching graduation, her post-graduation plans have changed to accommodate the current economic status.

After graduation, Schirmer wanted to get a job with a great salary, in an ideal location. Now she has to look at other options, like companies with loan payback plans. These sorts of companies pay back student loans after you work for them for a certain period of time.

"Instead of just looking at what raw salary I would get, I have to take into consideration the loan payment plans or benefits [companies] might have," Schirmer said.

The status of our economy isn't just hitting college students hard, but everyone in general.

"Every institution in our society, every family in our society, is feeling the effects of this disruption in our economy and in our markets. The whole world is feeling it, in fact," President Theodore Long said at the financial forum he held on Oct. 29.

"You know that book, 'Things Fall Apart?' Well, it seemed like that," Long said in describing the national economic status. "There's another book by Salman Rushdie called 'The Ground Beneath Her Feet.' And it's all about how the ground shifts beneath your feet when you're between cultures. And that's how it is feeling to all of us. The ground is just changing underneath our feet."

Long went on to say, "This circumstance is unprecedented in our lifetime — and it is a circumstance that's affecting everybody."

The Great Depression of the 1930s was a time of immense economic pain and suffering. Although we have not reached that level of destitution, current times are reminiscent of those financial hardships. The crisis has most people concerned about the future.

"The economy has really put everybody in a really hard place," Schirmer said. "Even my parents are feeling the deficits, but I think as students, we really are in a tight squeeze because we're in school, we can't have a full-time job, and at the jobs that we do have, we can't make lots of money ... we're trying to support ourselves. Everything is just a lot tighter. People can't spend what they used to."

on campus

Art education track offers new opportunity

Kalie M. Desimone
Photography Editor

The department of fine and performing arts is now offering its students a new art track. Previously, there were only studio art and art history tracks. However, there is now an art education track. This path will allow students to take classes that will help them prepare for art education certification. The Pennsylvania art certification test allows those who pass to teach art to students from kindergarten to grade 12. Professor Kevin Gross, who will be teaching most of the courses in this track, said he plans on "allowing students to take part in classroom settings," as he is currently an art teacher at Elizabethtown High School. Gross also hopes to incorporate new technology, such as Smart Boards, into the classroom.

Photo: Elyse R. Carabello

"It is very important for students to have a good knowledge of the technological advances in teaching so that they will be more than prepared when they get out in the real teaching world," he said.

Here at Etown, the art education track will allow students to take courses in many areas including drawing, ceramics, sculpture, painting and history of art. The track also includes two courses that focus on teaching art at both elementary and secondary levels.

Art education students will also take six education requirements, which include Foundations of Education, Child and Adolescent Psychology, English as a Second Language, Introduction to Inclusion and Exceptionalities, a professional internship, and a professional portfolio. Art education students must also complete one specialty area, which could include drawing, sculpture, painting, ceramics, or graphics and media arts. Students in this track are also required to take two English and math courses in addition to the portfolio they create. This portfolio will be instrumental to students when applying for jobs post-graduation.

"I chose this track because I wanted to major in something that incorporated studio art, the history of art and education," sophomore Katie Leibrand said. "There wasn't a major like that here at Etown, so I was planning on taking the studio art track and earning my teaching certification after graduating. This new track allows me to walk away with both of those things within a shorter time."

Leibrand plans on graduating from Etown fully prepared and confident to teach art classes in whatever specialty area she chooses.

Art department chair Dr. Patricia Likos Ricci is excited to see this new track come to the department. Ricci is "pleased to see the department growing quickly, since the art program is still rather young."

"I think that this track is going to be a great way for our students to broaden what they will be able to do with their degrees once they graduate," Ricci said.

Courses for the new art education track will be available for students to start taking next semester, spring 2009.

If you are interested in this new track and would like more information, please contact Dr. Patricia Likos Ricci at RICCIPL@etown.edu.

on campus

Chorn-Pond recounts survival, helps troubled youth

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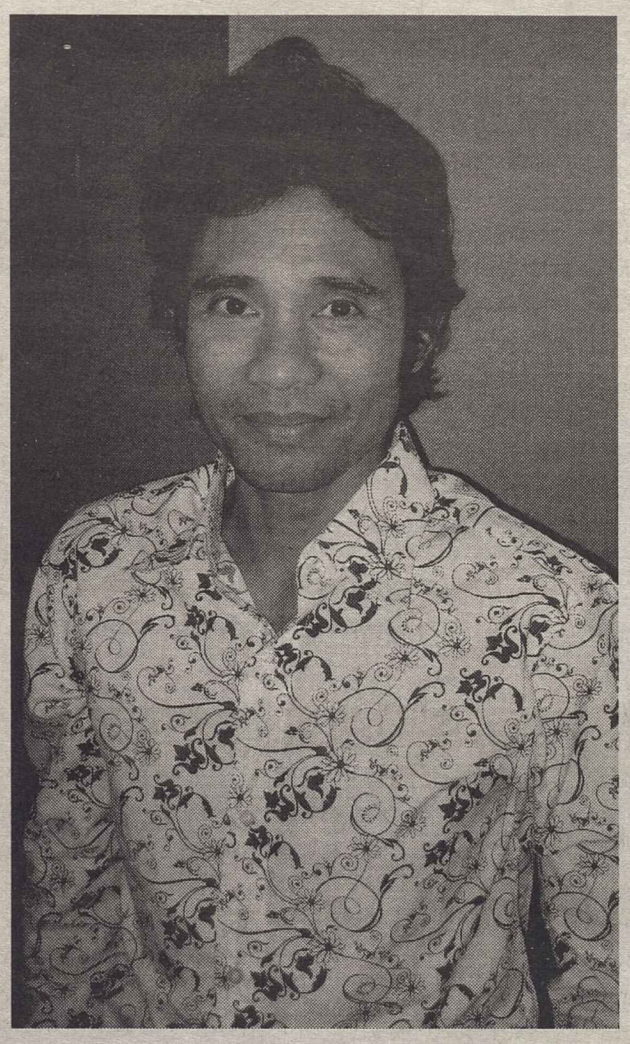
Internationally-renowned peace activist and Cambodia native Arn Chorn-Pond returned to Elizabethtown Wednesday to address an audience of over 500 in Leffler Chapel. Chorn-Pond, of the critically-acclaimed documentary "The Flute Player," is best known for his humanitarian work in Cambodia.

Before the Communist Khmer Rouge overthrew the Cambodian government in 1975, Chorn-Pond lived with his large family in the city of Battambang. Although the family was poor, the children were able to live a marginally normal life, blissfully unaware of the horrors of war.

"I knew there was a war going on, but I didn't care. I was just a little kid," Chorn-Pond recalled. "I remember seeing a movie about the World War II, and I thought it was cool."

That would all change, however, once the Khmer Rouge took power. Soldiers forced the family from their home, and eventually put Chorn-Pond in a work camp with hundreds of other children, aged six to 14. They were forced to work 20 hours per day and suffered through beatings, disease and starvation. Chorn-Pond pointed out that, from a group of 500 prisoners, only 50 survived.



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Coming from a long line of musicians and performers, Chorn-Pond survived the 1975 Khmer Rouge genocide by playing the Communists' propaganda music. Of the five musicians chosen by the guards, three were killed after a week.

In addition to playing for officers, soldiers forced him to aid with the executions of his countrymen.

"Doctors, teachers, anyone connected to the west … they killed them," Chorn-Pond said. "I thought I was going to be killed because of my light skin."

As the genocide continued, Chorn-Pond was charged with disrobing the corpses before moving them to mass graves. For those still clinging to life, soldiers forced him to use a small axe to kill them with a blow to the back of the head. Had he shown any emotion, he would have suffered the same fate.

"I knew it was the wrong thing to do," Chorn-Pond said, "but it was life or death."

When Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1975, the Khmer Rouge forced Chorn-Pond and thousands of other children into service on the front lines. Fighting the Vietnamese (who were hardened by a decade of combat with American forces) meant almost certain death. Though Chorn-Pond survived, many of his comrades were not as fortunate.

"The worst feeling is holding your friend as he dies," he said with a faltering voice. "There's not much you can do."

Weakened by malaria and years of malnutrition, he fled into the jungle to escape death on the battlefield.

"I went crazy," Chorn-Pond said, referring to the weeks he spent walking through the jungle. "All I could hear was my family's screams … I just kept walking."

Eventually, he reached a refugee camp in Thailand, where he met his American father, Peter Pond. He returned with Pond to New Hampshire, along with two other Cambodian boys. Chorn-Pond struggled to adapt to American culture, and explained that he acted out against his American parents out of frustration and emotional anguish.

However, Chorn-Pond was able to find his calling in helping others. He returned to Cambodia to help troubled youths by teaching them to play traditional Cambodian music, which was all but forgotten after years of war and genocide. He urges students to learn about the injustices of the past so that they are not repeated. He has dedicated his life to helping Cambodian children escape the lifestyle he suffered.

"The money I got today I use tomorrow to help 100 kids for a month … girls who would have to prostitute themselves," Chorn-Pond said.

He concluded his presentation by playing his flute for the audience to resounding applause.

on campus

Cafeteria tray use diminishing; will we follow the trend?

Matthew A. Wagener
Staff Writer

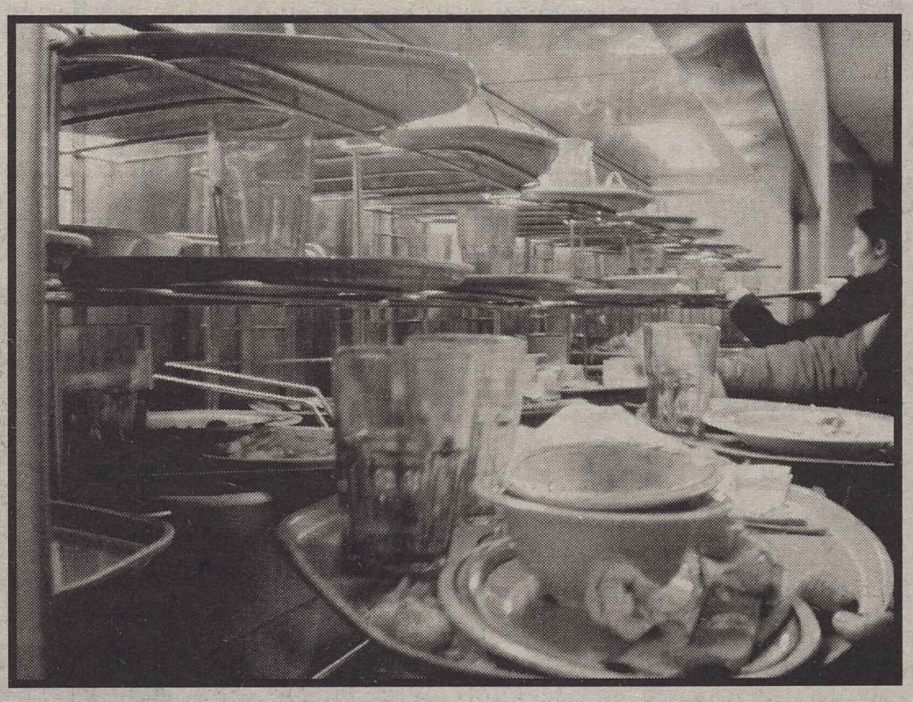
A piece of plastic has not garnered so much attention or debate on college campuses since the student ID card was first issued. This often taken-for-granted luxury is now being reviewed and weighed in university cafeterias nationwide. More and more, dining services within schools are eliminating this convenience that allows your filled plates, bowls and glasses to safely reach your dining destination. Thousands of students around the country are witnessing the sudden trend of disappearing cafeteria trays.

The elimination of trays in college cafeterias has been issued in hundreds of schools throughout the country in hopes to reduce waste and save water, energy, cleaning agents and even money.

Without a tray to load, students would have to give more thought the food they select to fill one plate, reducing the resultant amount of waste. Additionally, no trays (and fewer dishes) would need to be rinsed and washed, which would, in turn, conserve overall water usage. This reduction combination would result in less money spent on dish-washing chemicals, waste removal and energy expenses. Going "trayless" supports sustainability and promotes the "going green" ideology.

While trays are still evident in both the Marketplace and the Jay's Nest, that doesn't mean that Dining Services is not aware of the trayless movement.

"On the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) online discussion list, we've been monitoring what people have been saying about tray elimination," Eric Turzai, Director of Dining Services, said. "We've discussed as a management team whether to consider it, bring it forth, what are the ramifications, what are the positives, the negatives, and so on."



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Although the benefits of going trayless seem to heavily outweigh the cons, Turzai wants students to understand the consequences of the proposed decision. Not only would going trayless cost Dining Services roughly $10,000 to invest in a larger plate pattern, but the flow and appearance of the seating area would change.

"A couple of concerns for us is the way our setup is in the Marketplace. With the way the class schedule goes and as quickly as those tables turn, for the most part we are pretty much at maximum capacity," Turzai said. "If that had to slow down at all because you had to go back for seconds or extras, that's a logistical concern for us, because now our seating capacity has shrunk."

Along with the increase of spills and breakage due to balancing several plates at one time, there are other safety issues that trayless dining could cause.

"It's a health law that you should get a new plate for every time you go up and get seconds," Turzai said. "So the next question is, what will students do with their plates? Will they take the time to go to the tray return area and drop them off? Or will they leave them on the table? We already have issues with students who leave newspapers for the next person."

Etown's self-operated Dining Services, which just entered into a seven-year contract with Mechanicsburg-based food supplier John Gross and Company is also looking at other ways to help reduce costs while encouraging environmental benefits.

After analyzing results from a study that weighed the total daily waste from the cafeteria's dish room, Turzai and staff looked into the possibility of starting a composting program.

"We weighed everything that was coming back on the trays and found out that in the dish room alone, we had a one-day weight of food items, which we could compost, of 742 pounds. Which divided by 2266 guests, it ended up being around five ounces of waste per person on average," Turzai said.

Dining Services visited a composting location in Columbia and found that if an agreement was formed, they could save anywhere from $8,000 to $10,000 a year. Turzai also expressed interest in beginning a composting program based on campus.

As far as the trayless issue here at Etown, Turzai believes that the decision should be driven on the student end.

"We are sitting on the tray issue right now. We have seen the pros and cons," he said. "If it was something the students were behind and really wanted to see happen, we would definitely move forward with going trayless. If the students understand the ramifications of what may occur, we would be interested in at least trying it."

in the community

Elizabethtown community orchestra upcoming concert

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On Sunday, Nov. 16, the Elizabethtown Community Orchestra will be performing their fall concert. The recital will take place in Leffler Chapel at 3 p.m.

It will feature instruments from the woodwind, string and percussion families.

During the concert, seven songs will be conducted: Barber of Seville Overture by Rossini, Finale to Symphony Number Five by Tchaikovsky, Andante Cantabile by Tchaikovsky, Hoe-down by Copland, Coronation March by Meyerbeer, Rhosymedre by Vaughan Williams and Polovetsian Dances by Borodin.

The Elizabethtown Community Orchestra has been practicing for this concert since early September. "We have 53 musicians in the orchestra this semester," Professor Robert Spence said.

"Nearly one-third of the orchestra membership comes from Elizabethtown and Mount Joy, with some of the members traveling from as far away as Harrisburg, Lancaster and New Holland to be with us."

Practices for the orchestra take place during the week on campus in Zug Hall.

"The entire group, both community and Etown college members, rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30. The students have an additional rehearsal on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30," Dr. Spence stated. "Membership is a combination of volunteers, community members, and Etown College students. Etown students are invited to join the orchestra through an audition. Part assignments for an orchestra will vary. For us, there may be as many as eight people on one part, such as the violins, or as few as one person on winds and percussion."

"Orchestral music is beautiful and moving. With so many instruments coming together to produce one unique sound, every concert is different and special in its own way. For me, selecting repertoire for the Orchestra is a three-step process," Dr. Spence replied.

"The first step is to put together a 'wish list' of music I consider musically educational, valid, interesting and entertaining. The second step is to decide if the music is a good match for the instrumentation and skill level of the musicians we have in the orchestra. The third step is to determine if the music is available, either in the library we have here at Etown or through a music publishing company. Also, if we need to order the music, is there enough money to pay for it?"

Senior music education major Alice Yu is the student conductor for this concert.

"Dr. Spence was my professor for Conducting II, so I asked him if I could conduct a piece for this concert," Yu said.

"This is actually my first semester with the orchestra, so this will be my first performance with them. I would definitely encourage people to join. You can use the orchestra as a Creative Expression core - four semesters would be required - and there is always a need for string players."

The only requirement to be a member of the orchestra is having a passion for music and the desire to learn.

"I would absolutely encourage other people to join. Anyone who enjoys playing orchestral music and is willing to commit to membership is welcome to join," Dr. Spence said.

"Registration for spring semester begins soon, and I will be pleased to speak with anyone interested in joining the orchestra. It has been a valuable, rewarding, challenging, joyful experience to lead the Elizabethtown College-Community Orchestra."

For more information, contact Spence by campus phone, x1178, or by e-mail, spencejr@etown.edu.

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on campus

K-9 club holds Santa paws pet photograph day in Etown

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Features Editor

This is the season for your furry friends' holiday picture. The K-9 Club is sponsoring the Santa Paws Pet Photo Day at McCracken's Pet Food & Supply Store located on North Market Street. This is the third consecutive year of running this pet photo shoot. So come on down to McCracken's Pet Food & Supply Store on Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sitting fee of $5 includes a 4x6 photo and a delicious treat for your pet. Enlargements and multiple prints will also be available for an additional fee, but no one will mind paying for pictures of their pooches because all proceeds go to a non-profit animal rescue organization called Castaway Critters Animal Rescue based in Harrisburg.

Seniors Jasmine Gollup and Jessalyn Donnelly, co-presidents of the K-9 Club, talked about this fundraiser in previous years. Last year they donated $500 to P.A.W.S. This year, due to the problems that Castaway Critters have been dealing with, they will be receiving the funds from the photos.

"Castaway Critters has suffered some hardships in the past months and we would like to help them out as much as possible. We're hoping to have a large turnout so that we can provide as much aid as possible to Castaway Critters," Gollup said.

Castaway Critters, also known as James A. Hueholt Memorial Foundation for Animals, was started in 2002 to help find homes for animals. All the animals are cared for in foster homes. Castaway Critters not only helps to find homes for abandoned or neglected animals, but also helps to spay and neuter cats to prevent overpopulation.

An example of the way that Castaway Critters cared for the animals was when "Napoleon and his brothers and sisters cats lived in the home of an 86-year-old woman who did not have enough money for heat. Mrs. Lovell had been taking care of the city cats all her life, and she found homes for the kittens as best she could. She had already put aside her own needs to feed the cats. One day, she found a flyer for Castaway Critters which advertised a spaying and neutering services to low-income people. Mrs. Lovell called. Staff from Castaway Critters knew they had to do more to help her than just spay and neuter her cats. Napoleon and his siblings were very ill with upper respiratory infection that frequently causes death in young kittens. But, thanks to your donations, dedicated veterinarians and staff cared for the four remaining kittens at the veterinary hospital," according to the Castaway Critters' website.

Courtesy Photo

Professor Greenberg, who has been part-time Santa for all three years, poses with a border collie at the Santa Paws Pet Photo Day.

It is work like this that makes Castaway Critters so deserving of help from the K-9 Club. If you would like more information about Castaway Critters, check them out at *http://www.castawaycritters.org/*. Unfortunately, the K-9 club only holds one photo fundraiser a year.

Hopefully as this event grows and more people learn of it, maybe more days will be added. Currently, here are a limited number of pets that show up at the events. This is the earliest that the event has ever been held. It previously had been in the first week in December.

"At past events, we've gotten close to 100 customers with pets ranging from dogs and cats to rabbits, ferrets, and gerbils," Gallup said.

McCracken's Pet Food & Supply used to hold an event like this of their own, but had to stop due to lack of help. They were extremely happy to restart this program with help from the K-9 Club.

"We chose McCracken's mainly because of the location and the friendliness of the staff. They were quite willing to help us restart the event and have helped us these past years by providing us with a location, advertising aid, cameras, and free treats for the animals," Gallup said.

This event is benefitting a good cause, creating fun for animals and pet owners' alike, and allowing patrons to walk away with a holiday photo of the loved pets.

"I would urge everyone with pets to come out. The prices are pretty low and every cent will help provide medical care and basic necessities for abandoned and neglected animals," Gallup said.

Come on over to McCracken's Pet Food & Supply Nov. 22 to get a picture of your pet and jolly old St. Nick. If you would like more information about the event, contact K-9 Club at K9CLUB@etown.edu.

on campus

"Urinetown" takes center stage at Tempest Theater

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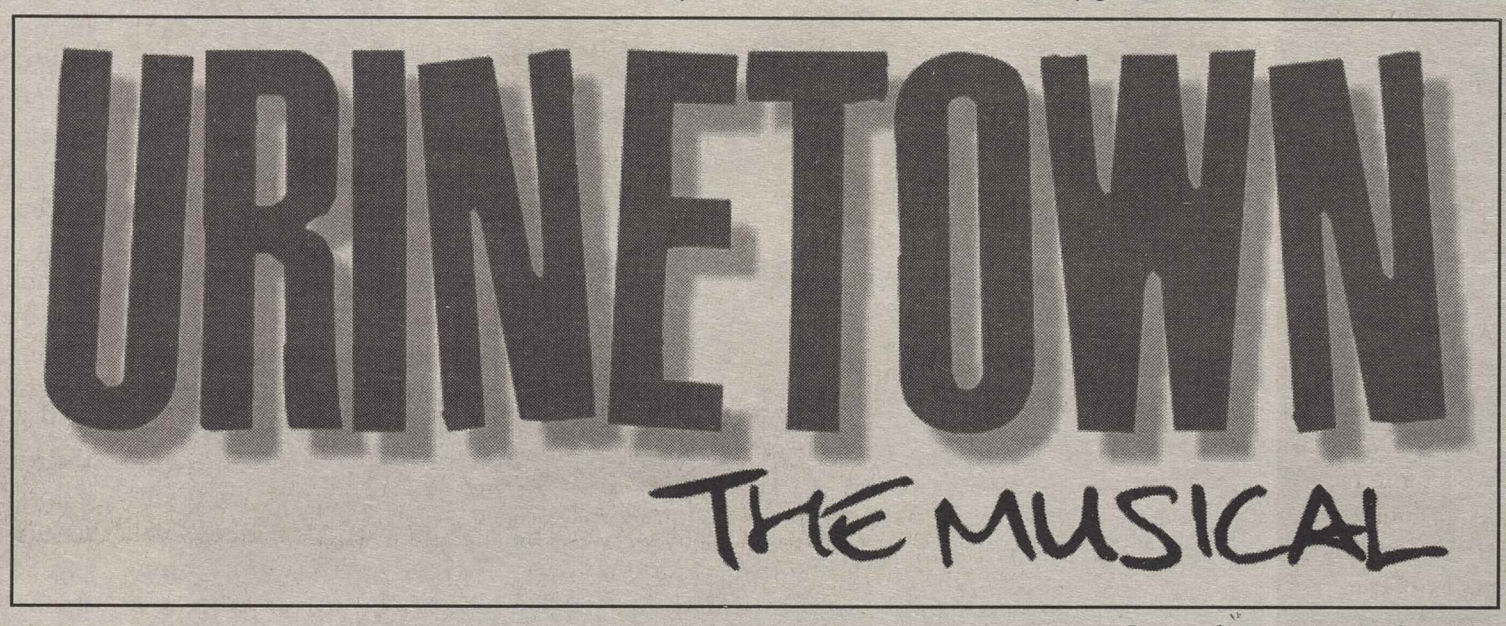
After two strong performances last year, the Elizabethtown College Theatre Department is at it again.

This year, the department will debut with "Urinetown: The Musical" in its attempt to improve upon last year's strong showings of "Gint" and "The Diary of Anne Frank".

"Urinetown" is not your typical Broadway play. It does not tell a story of love, war or a man-eating plant. Rather, "Urinetown" tells the story of a town where it costs money to use the bathroom.



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"Urinetown is a farcical melodrama which comedically satires other musicals while simultaneously satiring itself in the process," senior actor Ezra Schatz said.

"To put it simply, it's two hours of non-stop, ridiculous, knee-slapping fun."

Schatz plays Officer Lockstock, the play's narrator. "He's the artistic median between the audience and the actors, often describing what is happening on stage to the audience in very comedic ways," Schatz said.

"I am involved in the world of the play, but I am also involved in the world of the audience, often speaking with them directly," he said.

Fellow senior actor Sam Gillam has appeared on stage since his first year at Etown, often times alongside Schatz in performances such as "Hair" and "Arcadia." He performs as the play's villain, Caldwell B. Calwell.

According to Gillam, Caldwell "oppresses the masses with overbearing fees and brutal punishment."

"I really love that he has the best of intentions for the people, but that power and responsibility has completely corrupted him," Gillam said about his character.

When asked why they wished to perform in "Urinetown," both actors spoke of the uniqueness of the play, as well as its entertainment and the message it sends.

"This show has so many great moments and characters that it is almost impossible for an actor not to be drawn to this show," Gillam said.

"Urinetown" also delivers a great message, while hidden under a great deal of sarcasm and fun, that will help you realize the lengths that you are willing to go to for a cause."

Schatz put it more simply: "I wanted to do this show because it is unlike anything I have done before. My favorite part of the play which is that the fourth wall separating the actors from the viewers is generally transparent."

Schatz, Gillam, and the rest of the "Urinetown" cast will be performing the show Nov. 6-8, and 13-15. All showings are at the Tempest Theatre and start at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased through Elizabethtown College Theatre Box Office by calling (717) 361-1170, or by emailing BOXOFFICE@etown.edu.

on campus

Betty Long hosts etiquette classes with sure success

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Staff Writer

Are your social skills not the best? Do you often find yourself awkward when meeting new people and challenged when there are several dining utensils you cannot distinguish from the basic three?

Well, there is definite hope for you, and that saving grace comes in the form of Betty Long's "Social Success" class.

Photo: EC SIFE

From left: Betty Long, Bliss Endicott (graduate), Alicia Risley, Caroline Lalvani and Jane Nini pose at last years etiquette dinner held at the President's house.

Not only will you be able to remedy your social problems, but you can become more socially aware in general. Some of you may not be as acutely socially inept as others, but taking this class could serve to help sharpen and enhance your skills.

The class was started in the Spring/Summer of 2006. Long got together with director of Career Services Jane Nini and director of Public Affairs Caroline Lalvani to plan the class.

Nini and Long put together books for students to refer to if they have any questions. Lalvani has background in hotel management and is the person who puts together the majority of the events here at Etown.

Long's own background in marketing, catering and planning in hospitals contribute to the class. She says that she is interested in getting students prepared to interact with others.

Long says the class is conducted at the president's house, located on College Avenue, and held in the living room.

The room is very spacious and welcoming with its fireplace, light classical music and comfortable seating.

"I wanted to do something more intimate for our students," Long explained. "This is a relaxed setting." She stressed the fact that students are in small groups, which makes them more willing to participate during the class," Long said.

The elective class is made up of 12-15 students generally recruited by Etown's SIFE. It is comprised of two different sessions, each of which teach students what they need to know and then allows them to apply this newly acquired knowledge from the teachings.

The first session is split into three different sections. Section one concentrates on attire for business. This is important because your attire reflects you and what you represent.

If you are trying to gain future contacts, it's important to look your best, whether for an interview or dining situation.

"[This is] so students have an idea of what to expect outside in the world," Long said.

The next section deals with networking. This section goes into how to do follow-ups. Long says the section also highlights ways of "presenting yourself in the best light."

The final section deals with dining etiquette. This includes a lesson on place settings and cultural norms.

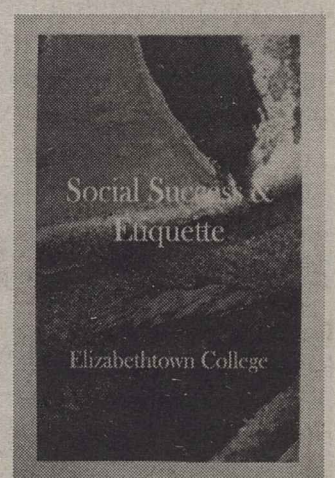
During these sections, students practice through role-playing and learning conversation starters.

"Students have been pleased and very complimentary," Long said when asked about student reactions.

The final session is a follow-up catered meal that requires one meal swipe.

"Generally, people have a good time, and they get a great meal!" Long said, with a laugh.

This session allows students to apply their teachings to the dinner.



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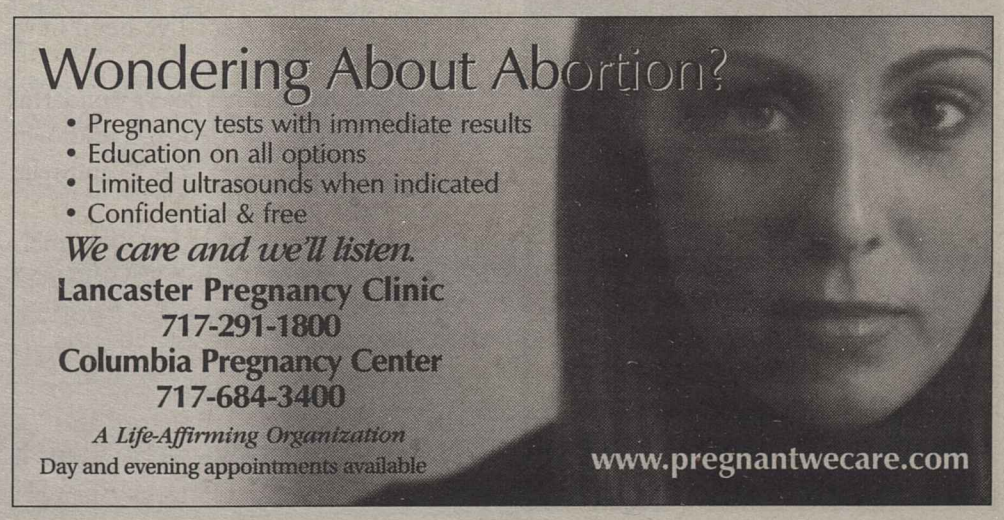
Afterwards, students are expected to send thank-you notes, which they learn a key lesson from section two of session one.

Long wants to reach out to students through the class. "It's a way for me to get in touch with more students," she explained.

The class will be offered for the upcoming semester, and any student interested is welcomed by Long.

Everyone should have a chance at becoming socially successful.



The Jayd-ed edge

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Meth Found in Boy's Trick-or-Treat Bag

When their children returned from Halloween trick-or-treating, a couple found suspected methamphetamine and $85 in cash among their 7-year-old son's Snickers bars and Skittles. Lars and Shelly Brosdahl called police, who confirmed that the substance was methamphetamine, worth up to $200 on the street.

A teenager dropped something into their son's bag as he went trick-or-treating with his 9-year-old sister on Halloween night, the Brosdahls say.

"He said some bigger kid ran by him and asked if he wanted some candy," Lars Brosdahl said. "He said 'Sure,' and the kid dropped it into his bag."

The clear crystals looked like rock candy, the parents said.

Man wants to sell cave on Ebay

Calling Batman: Cave owner Steve Rush has a deal for you. Rush, 49, is auctioning off the Mystic Caverns in the hills of Ozark Mountains on eBay. The 28-acre property in Arkansas includes a gift shop and three caves, two of which are safe enough for visitors.

The bidding starts at $899,900, cut from Rush's original asking price of $1.2 million.

"It's always been a struggle for me, because you have to entertain people. ... I'm really tired of trying to entertain people," he said.

Rush acknowledged the tight real estate market but said he hoped to sell the caves to a cave-diving enthusiast with a little spending money.

Vickie Martin, a real estate agent for the caves, agreed. "It's a tough sale. You've got to find the right person," she said.

Women Votes in Ambulance

Betty Owen is 92 and, after a stroke four years ago, needs a feeding tube and can't walk. However, she was determined not to miss Tuesday's election. She arrived at her polling place on a gurney in an ambulance, where an election judge and support worker climbed aboard with an electronic voting machine and let her cast her ballot.

Her daughter arranged for the ambulance ride at the last minute after Owen failed to get an absentee ballot.

She became a Democrat after voting for John Kennedy in 1960. She cast a straight Democratic ballot Tuesday.

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on campus

Study abroad trip goes to Xalapa, Mexico

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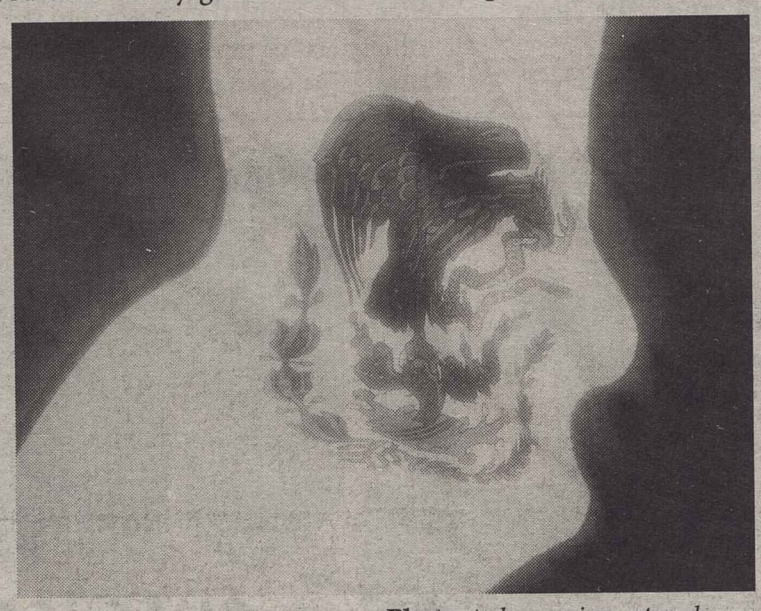
Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about taking a trip abroad where you could really get involved through service learning? For those interested, the opportunity has arisen because, offered here at Etown, is a chance to travel to Xalapa, Mexico! This May 2009 trip is more than just a chance to travel and study abroad; it's also a way to experience a new culture through personal interactions and service-learning projects in the Mexican community. Students will be joining Etown professors and for Xalapa Dr. Charla Lorenzen, Dr. Susi Mapp, Dr. Wayne Selcher and Mrs. Nancy Valkenburg, service learning coordinator, who are all from different departments, on this 14 day trip).



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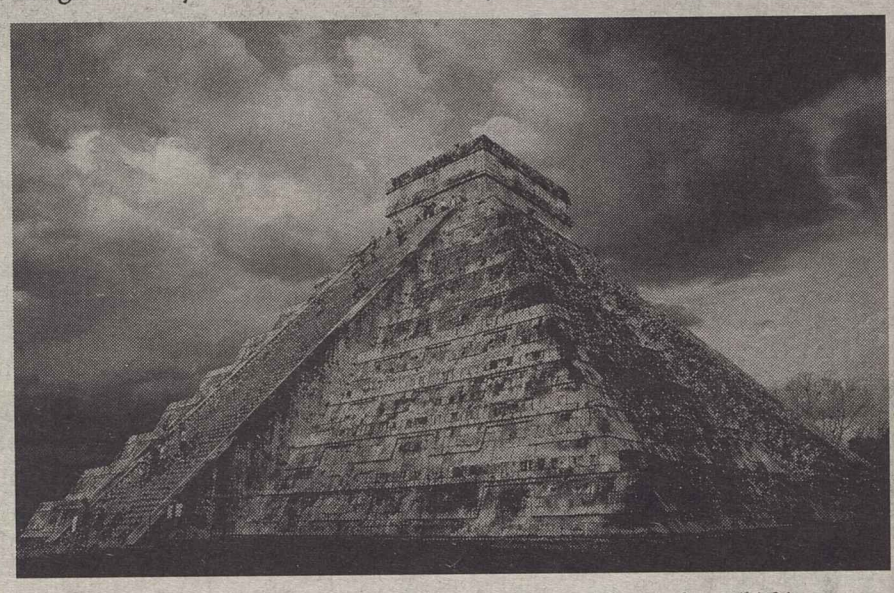
The overall trip costs $2,400 and includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, some of the meals, and activities and excursions. Students involved in the trip will be required to attend sessions at a local university that will be held in English on Mexican history and politics. An additional two academic credits will be available to students and these credits will count towards the May term.

Many cultural experiences will be available along the way, according to the current itinerary. Students attending have the opportunity to live with host families. This will allow students to interact on another level with the locals of the city and grow more culturally aware. They will also experience the sights of Mexico through various planned trips and excursions. Students will have the chance to participate in various activities such as hiking in the mountains above Xalapa, exploring ancient lava craters, and viewing anthropology museums. One of the activities listed on the itinerary is the waterfalls at Texolo. Those on the trip will have the chance to swim alongside the beautiful waterfall.

One of the main service learning projects students will be involved in is improving an extremely small school within the community. The school is in very poor condition and currently, nine students of different grade levels are attending their class in the bedroom of an older woman because of the inadequate amount of space within the school. Preschool children are within compact space as well but inside the school. By helping this school students would not only be building new opportunities for the students and teachers within the facility, but they would build on their character through this humbling experience.

Anyone interested in attending the trip is welcome to contact Dr. Lorenzen. The idea of helping other students to their education while learning a possible new culture could be highly exciting and intriguing. So get involved, and sign up for the experience!



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on campus

"Weightless" designed by, for students

Thomas D. Hagerty
Staff Writer

Senior theater majors Elyse Venturella and Natasha Threatts have been very busy in the past few months.

In a process that began back in May, they have combined their creativity to write a play for their senior project.

The result is their two-woman play, "Weightless". It's the story of two college-aged females and the many problems they face as women including body image, self-esteem and adjusting to adult life. A two-person production is rare for this campus.

"It's something new," Venturella said about the format. "No one has done a two-woman show since I've been here at Etown."

Working together has been a wonderful experience for the two friends. "I've known Natasha since freshman year," Venturella said about her partner.

Threatts also commented on the combination of their efforts, saying, "It is different writing with someone else, but it's better. You get to mix your own writing style with theirs."

The two actresses, directors and set designers have drawn inspiration for their performance from adjunct faculty member Theresa Mastrobuono. "She's done one-woman shows, where the focus is all on her," Venturella said.

Threatts was able to draw her inspiration from a much wider scope. She feels that the "low confidence and self-esteem of girls around her age" is overlooked, and she drew her inspiration from that.

Along with Mastrobuono, the tandem has received help along the way from Dr. Michael Swanson, associate professor of theatre and coordinator of theatre and dance. Swanson was their advisor on the project. Also, lighting will be done by one of Professor Tom Hackman's classes.

While the duo hopes to score well for their senior project, they are even more excited that the two representatives from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) praise their efforts. The play will be critiqued by the respondents and will also be entered to win the John Cauble Short Play Award.

The two hope to be asked to perform their piece at the festival, which is being held at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia this year.

The KCACTF shows several productions, offers directing workshops, and presents many awards. Whether or not the pair wins an award, they are very satisfied with their efforts.

Venturella views the success of the play in terms of her favorite theatre quote, from famous director and writer Augusto Boal.

His well-known phrase states, "Theatre is the art of looking at ourselves." Venturella feels that her play helps people do just that.

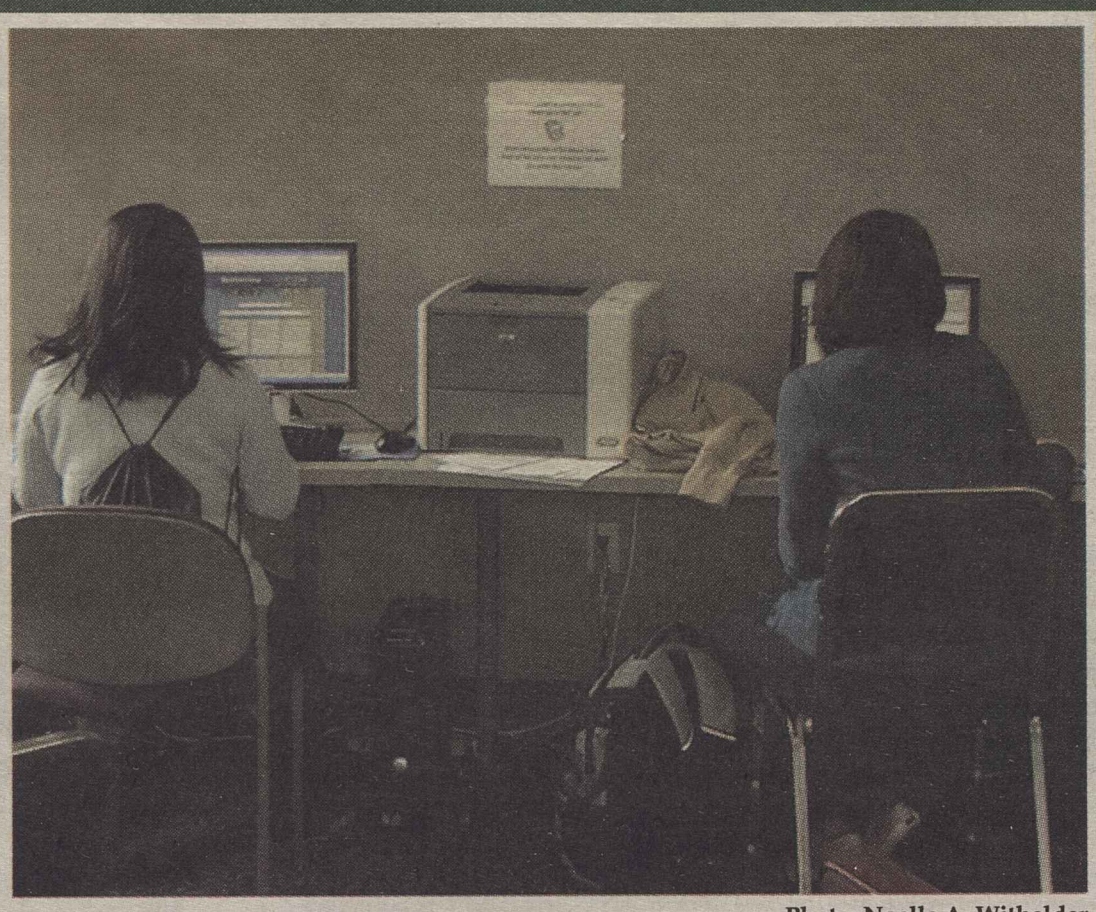
"This play really speaks to people. It's real." Threatts agreed wholeheartedly, saying, "I think our show is relatable. Everyone can find something to relate to, whether through themselves directly or someone that they know."

Weightless will be in the Tempest Theatre on Nov. 20 through 22, starting at 8 p.m. all three nights. Tickets are $3 and can be purchased through the box office or at the door.

Correction

In last week's article, "CROP Walk raises funds to combat poverty, hunger," the Office of Religious Life was not credited with sponsoring the walk on Oct. 26.

The Etownian apologizes for the mistake.



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student awareness

Campus saves paper, helps nature

Joelle E. Atkinson
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With recycling and going green becoming such important issues all over the world, people may be wondering what can be done here at home (and more importantly, here at Etown) to help achieve these "green goals."

Last spring, the campus community participated in RecycleMania, a 10-week competition between colleges and universities across the country to see how much recycling could reduce the amount of trash thrown away.

One major resource in college activity is paper products. During RecycleMania a great deal of glass and plastic was recycled, but paper was something that some people forgot about.

Textbooks, notebooks, and many other things that we may not think about, such as post-its, are all made of paper.

At most colleges and universities, students and faculty alike use a great deal of paper every day through submitting assignments and printing out research, e-mails and daily reminders.

These factors, among others, contribute to a great amount of paper waste on the Elizabethtown College campus.

Ron Heasley recently presented paper usage statistics to Student Senate, and sent out e-mails to individual students regarding how many sheets of paper they have each printed out so far this year in an attempt to increase student awareness and reduce the amount of paper waste in labs on campus.

In his presentation to Student Senate, Heasley wanted to explain that, "We are making an effort to cut down on the large amount of paper wasted on campus."

According to Heasley, the college used 1.3 million sheets of paper throughout the computer labs last semester alone.

These various labs on campus include the library and computers in the academic buildings and the BSC. This averaged out to be nearly 700 sheets of paper per student.

Heasely is trying to change this statistic. The primary issue isn't just the fact that Etown used 156 trees, but the college also spent nearly $20,000 on ink and toner.

The good news is there are ways to cut back on paper use.

In labs such as the library, Duplex printers are available. These printers print double-sided, thereby saving half the paper that would normally be printed on a single-sided printer.

Duplex printers, however, are not available in enough places on campus, and Heasley has made it his mission to ensure that more Duplex printers will be available to both faculty and staff. He also recommends reading materials on the computer screen as often as possible rather than printing them.

There are also several initiatives Heasley wants to put into place to cut down on paper consumption here at Etown.

In addition to an education and awareness campaign, he would like more faculty members to accept students' papers electronically. Heasley would also like to see funding for more Duplex printers to put in various spots throughout campus.

Another initiative Heasley wants to undertake is the implementation of quotas.

He wants to place quotas in the labs to cut down on the amount of paper that is simply placed in trash cans.

Heasley decided on this method after communicating with several other central Pennsylvania colleges.

He found that at one school, after placing a quota on the amount of paper allotted per student, only 1 percent of students went over this quota. This cut the paper usage on the campus by 70 percent.

Heasely has initiated this campaign, but it is up to students to make a significant effort to conserve paper. In turn, they will be doing their part to save trees as well as the environment.

1968: Richard M. Nixon

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This is our political issue. We have tried to present as many different views as possible. No presidential candidate has been editorially endorsed. The emphasis of this issue is deliberately national; since the election only comes once every four years we feel the emphasis is justified.

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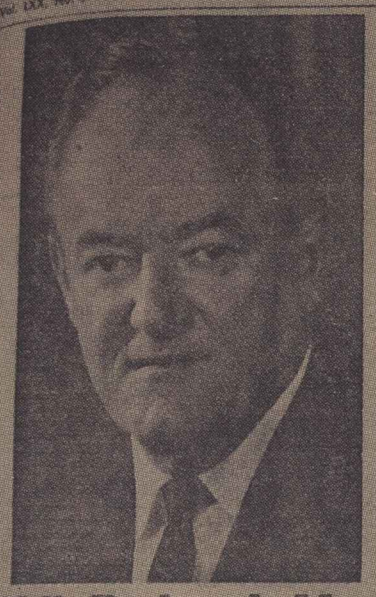

Hubert H. Humphrey: 'Able, Warm, and Open'

by Gene Buckey

In August of this year, it was the foregone conclusion that Mr. Nixon had this election "all sewed up." It seemed that all Vice President Humphrey could do was run in the race and hope to come in at least second. How fortunate that the election was not held then.

As the Vice President of the United States, Mr. Humphrey is in an awkward position. It is his duty to support the President and his positions, and it has been President Johnson's handling of the Vietnam conflict which has placed a stigma upon Mr. Humphrey.

AVOID ERRORS

However, in the past few weeks, Humphrey has given clear signs that he intends to avoid past errors, if elected. Of all the candidates, Humphrey is the most inclined to grab the peace initiative and hold it.

The foremost international issue is the nuclear arms race. It is in the interest of the world that this race be slowed. Humphrey has worked constantly with this problem. The bill which established an independent Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1961 was authored by Humphrey.

NUCLEAR STAND

He has also worked hard to stop nuclear testing which was poisoning the atmosphere. Concerning the Limited Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, President Kennedy said to Humphrey: "This is your treaty."

But he did not stop there. Currently he is pushing for the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty ratification, which would prohibit the nuclear nations from distributing nuclear weapons to non-nuclear nations. In the international area Humphrey was the original proponent of the Peace Corps and the Food-for-Peace Program.

Mr. Nixon never took an initia-

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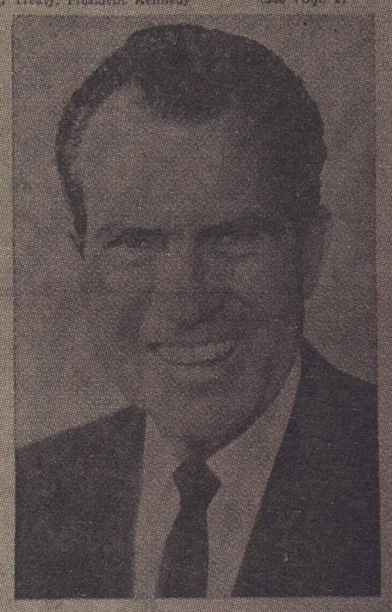

Will Richard M. Nixon Restore GOP Prestige?

by Quay Sterer

Richard Nixon, a once tagged loser, now strikes back with a bid for the Presidency of the United States.

He radiates a new image which is attracting many followers. The "new image" results from his being in control of his party and changing issues.

HOLDS TOGETHER

Nixon was able to hold the Republican party together during its past convention. By bonding together top party men he was able to gain the full support of the Republican party.

Meanwhile Hubert Humphrey was unable to control the Democratic party with the aid of hard-nosed Mayor Richard Daley. Is it possible that a man like Humphrey could hold the reins of the United States?

And what of the third party candidate George Wallace? Would he be capable of leading a country? He could manage a country, but in the wrong direction. Observing Wallace's radical methods, he resembles Mussolini and Hitler. If he were voted into office what would happen to the war or what would happen on the national scene? Would the public know where it stood with a man like him?

MUCH EXPERIENCE

Richard Nixon has spent twenty-two years in public office. As a U. S. Senator and Vice President he helped to write the Taft-Hartley labor law and serv-

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George Wallace Appeal: A Bold American Force

by Robert Ames

Take a moment and look at the two major political parties of the United States. Observe reputably their keen sense and perception of the ladies facing America today and their solutions of those problems.

We have watched them let our cities be put to the torch by a group of militants, while giving them money for neighborhood projects, let a war drag on with a "no win" attitude, a breakdown of law and order, and an open hate between the races which did not exist previous to this era. The list is endless.

After looking at what you have observed are you ready to give one of these two political parties the right to govern this country for another four years of this? Are inflation, and disregard for the law, O.K. with you?

there is a new force emerging, a force which is sick and tired of the Republican and Democratic ideologies.

Indeed, countless millions of Americans have sought leaders with new ideals and principles. These are Americans proud of their Country's great heritage.

One man has risen above all others to help in this cause: the name is George C. Wallace.

FIGHTS PARTIES

This man has stood alone in the field against two powerful political parties. He has shown to the American people a new hope and a united purpose for a strong America, an America that is the pride of the world and one to which we can look with honor and dignity.

POLITICAL RALLY—Pictured above are nine Elizabethtown College students as they performed recently at the Area Republican Rally. Directing the students is Mrs. Charles T. Snowdon. See Story.

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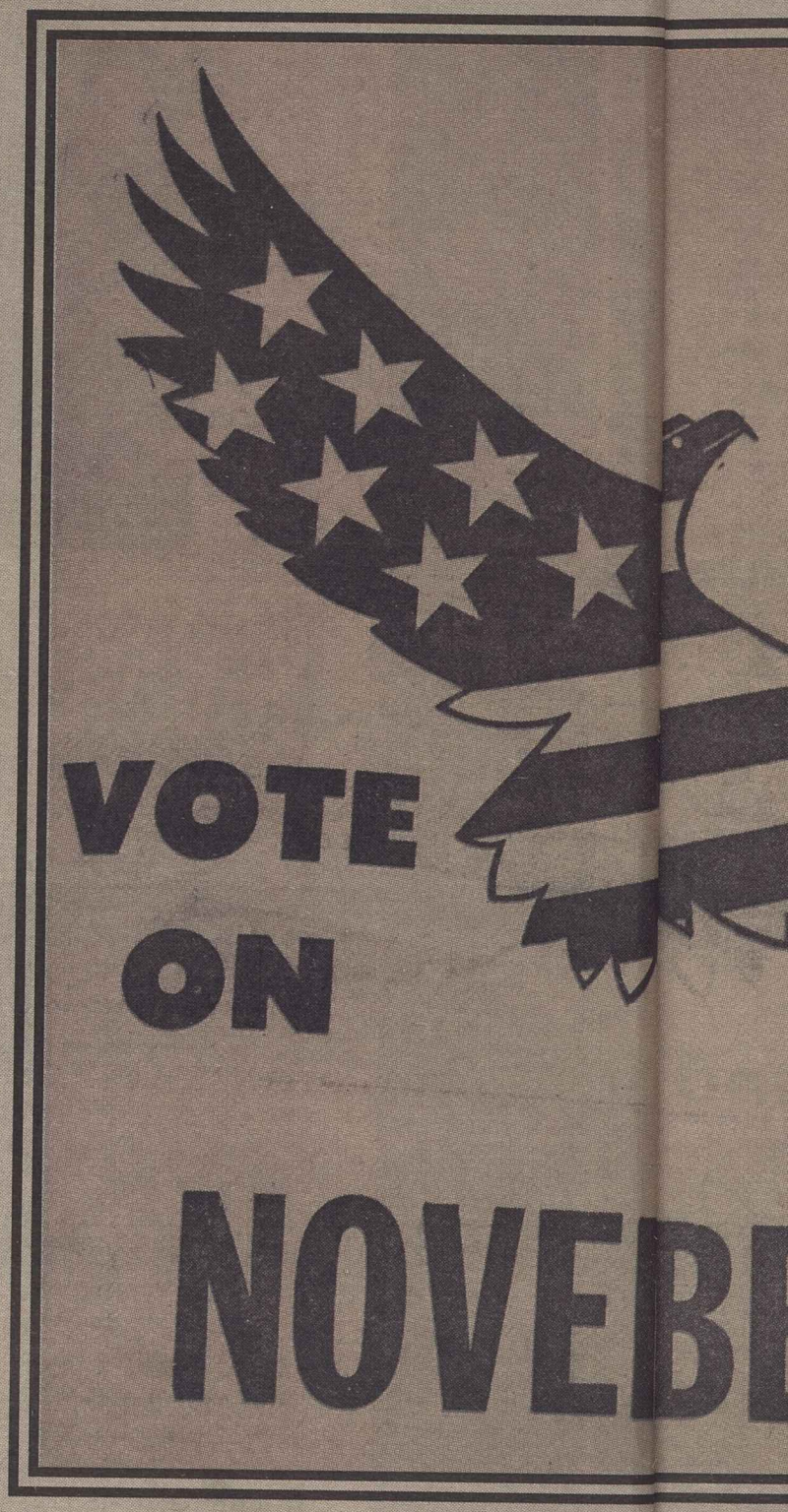

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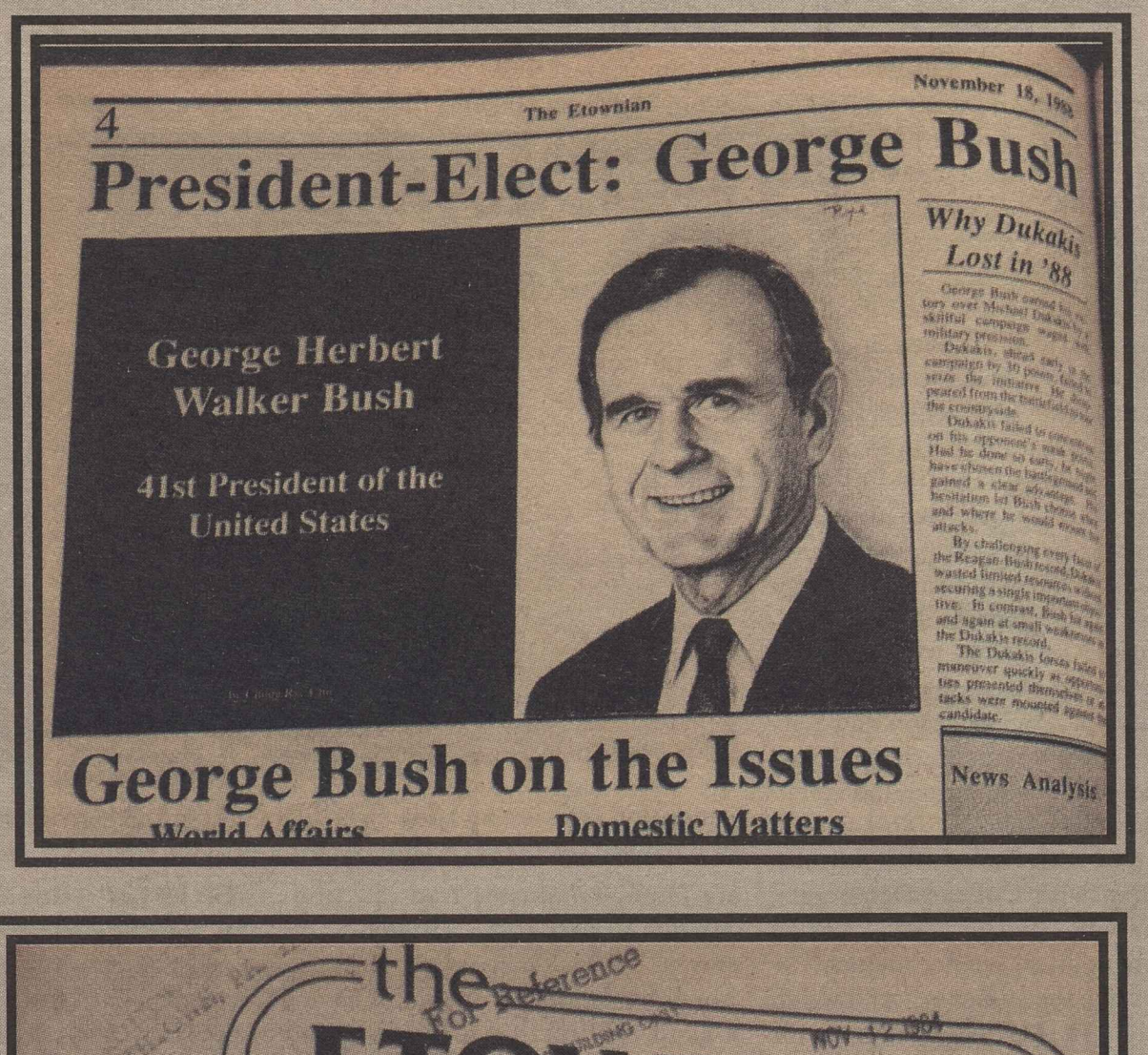

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student opportunities

Radio show "Smart Talk" looks for eager participants

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Recently, students at Elizabethtown got their opportunity to bask in the limelight as interactive audience members on WITF's "Smart Talk."

WITF FM 89.5 Radio is central Pennsylvania's public radio station, located in Harrisburg. The program "Smart Talk" includes a television and radio portion and has been on the air for eight years. It focuses on pertinent issues and invites knowledgeable members of the community as both participants and audience members.

Etown students were recently invited to become members of the studio audience for the radio portion of the program and pose their questions about the upcoming election and the youth vote.

Senior Carl Marrara as well as juniors Meghan McNaughton and Katy Kauffman, represented Etown as part of a student panel on the one-hour call-in-radio show last Friday. McNaughton is involved with College Republicans, Kauffman with College Democrats, Marrara with Student Senate, and all three are political science majors.

The topic the students got to weigh in on is one that has been a major discussion-point at Etown recently. This year's election has been greatly publicized at the college, and many of the college's groups have been doing their part to advertise the importance and impact youth can make on the nation through voting.

Nell McCormack Abom is the host for the "Smart Talk" television program, and both she and the program are Emmy-nominated from the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Abom holds the distinction of having a hand in directing media relations for Republican Gov. Tom Ridge and Democratic Gov. Bob Casey.

Scott Gilbert is the host for "Smart Talk" (the radio portion), and has been at WITF for the past five years. Gilbert came to WITF after working in Washington, D.C. for Associated Press Radio.

Adjunct professor of communications at Etown and audio systems manager at WITF, Casey Houtz, is responsible for overseeing all aspects of audio for radio and television at WITF.

Photo: WITF

Senior Carl Marrara and juniors Katy Kauffman and Meghan McNaughton pose for a picture with WITF's Jade Herbst and Scott Gilbert.

"Elizabethtown College students are very active and interested in what's happening, specifically in this election," Houtz said.

This quality is what made them excellent candidates for the audience, Houtz explained.

What sets "Smart Talk" apart as a journalistic forum is the way questions are posed. Audience members do not just sit back and watch the action unfold; they actually have the opportunity to be part of the program. Anyone is welcomed to come to the taping and be a part of the audience, but they should come prepared. Ultimately, it is a show, and audience members need to be aware of their surroundings.

Quiet is often required on the set. There are cameras constantly moving, and the crew is always busy working. However, silence is not always encouraged.

"You need to stand up and go to the microphone and ask your questions," Houtz said. "There's never a stupid question."

Houtz explained the importance of the interactive audience, especially because of the point of view it provides.

This unique interview/discussion format allows for audience members to ask questions in a way that would make sense to various types of people. By having a host as well as a studio audience, there is ample opportunity for the show to approach topics from many different angles.

"It is a completely unique experience seeing a television show from an audience perspective," Houtz said.

"Smart Talk" is always looking for active listeners to get involved with the show and extends an invitation to Etown students to come to tapings throughout the year.

"Smart Talk" will be taping on Nov. 6, 13, and 20 and on Dec. 4, 11, and 18. To get involved and be part of the audience, contact Kim Hutnik at KIM_HUTNIK@WITF.ORG or call (717) 910-2942.

entertainment review

"Zack and Miri," "Mad Men" share common ground

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While the actual appeal of "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" could be thoroughly conveyed in the sentence "only see 'Zack and Miri Make a Porno' if you already like Kevin Smith films," the actual world view of the piece is a curious counterpart to a far more critically-acclaimed endeavor: "Mad Men."

Obviously, most of the elements differ only by coincidence. The soundtracks to both, for example, are authentic to their settings, but in wildly different ways: "Zack and Miri" uses seedy synth-jazz ironically, while "Mad Men" occasionally breaks its intentional, significant lengths of silence with both rich instrumental themes and music that periodically emanates from sources within the scene.

Ditto for production values, camera filters, props and camera angles: the creators of both approach their respective tasks by first duplicating their muses' appropriate media.

And while the soulless march of "Mad Men" and the contrived discourse of "Zack and Miri" can become at times grating, the total authenticity of the actors compensates for directors' shortcomings.

Image: *movievice.com*

Seth Rogen, the eponymous Zack, brings neck-bearded congruence to his role as a familiar 20-something deadbeat. Like Rogen, John Hamm becomes indistinguishable from his part in "Mad Men" as the advertising executive Donald Draper.

When comparing these, though, consider first their outlooks.

"Zack and Miri" tells the tale of two vulgar, irresponsible adults from distinctively humble origins. They are witty, caustic, shameless and genuine. They love each other. Smith sticks to his standard plot, of course; they deny their feelings firmly until the awkward, inevitable end.

Deepest desires aside, they refuse to fold to the pressures of polite society, choosing to subject themselves to the rigors of amateur pornography rather than face eviction.

The ostensible characters see the world in terms of base pleasures; their happiness is directly proportional to room temperature and blood alcohol level. They are scornful of outsiders, but extroverted. Their subconscious affection is the only weak spot they won't reveal, but they cross social and ethical lines in efforts to maintain their apparent physical and psychological comfort.

In "Mad Men," the advertising executives lead barren and soulless lives. Though wealthy (unlike Zack and Miri), the bulk of their capital goes into summer homes and expensive vacations.

All of this revolves around conspicuous consumption, the god of materialism, and hiding habitual debauchery from their wives. The wives, consequently, become damaged.

To cope with the scorn of their husbands, these women consult psychiatrists, escape into fantasy, and validate themselves with gossip.

The media perpetuates the cycle with relentless advertising, promising happiness and security with each new thing owned. Generally, the mad men believe in what they sell. They smoke the cigarettes and drive the cars that they promote, seeking to live the impossible lifestyle that they advocate.

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Fundamentally, Zack and Miri find fulfillment in their relationships and in their most basic needs. The mad men have none of it. Donald Draper himself lives in constant awareness of his soullessness, and continually tries to escape from it all. Yet the deception of the industry feeds him. He describes his message as "a deeper bond with the product – nostalgia."

That same nostalgia exists in modern life. Nostalgia for each other drives Zack and Miri together, and our modern nostalgia makes "Mad Men" worth watching.

"It's delicate, but potent," Draper says in the finale of the first season. "It's a twinge in your heart far more powerful than memory alone. … It's a time machine. It goes backwards, forwards. It takes us to a place where we ache to go again."

"Mad Men" and "Zack and Miri" tell two stories — one full of manufactured optimism, the other terrifyingly profound in its bleakness. In the end, both stories examine the filthiest slices of society, and both (though in different ways) urge careful foundation in good, honest relationships.

student advice

Simple job application strategies

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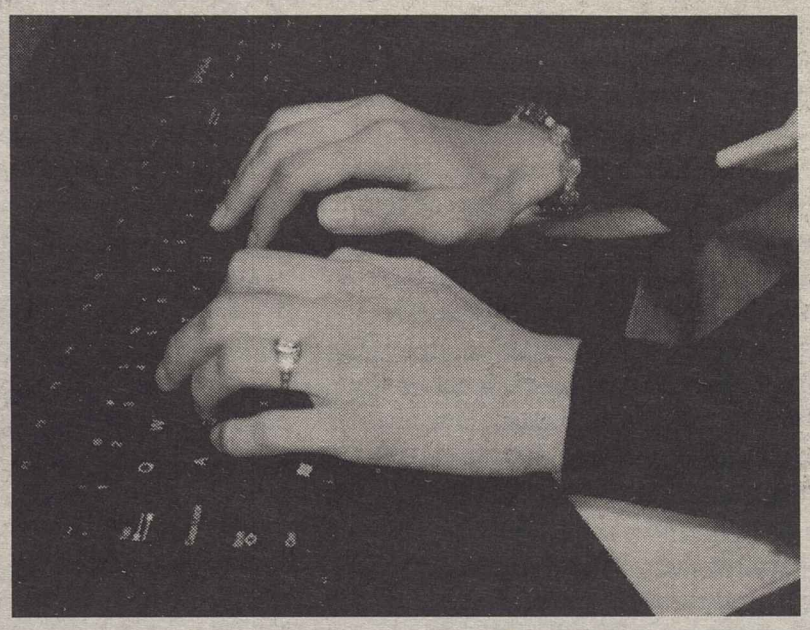
It is an unavoidable fact of college life that at some point the sum of your hard work will compress into a single document — the ever-feared résumé. There is also the importance of the interview. Do not panic. While the job application process can potentially make or break an opportunity, the steps toward becoming a professional are not as tedious and rigid as one may think.



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According to assistant professor of management Cristina Ciocirlan, "résumés and interviews are equally important. One should not be focused on at the expense of the other."

Included in the résumé should be your name in size 14-18 font, so that it is easily (but not obnoxiously) noticed, along with your school, home address and phone numbers.

Also include a significant, yet unselfish, account of your work experience, beginning with the most recent.

"Don't just list positions and year(s) of employment," Ciocirlan warned. "Also provide a brief description of job responsibilities associated with that position." The word "I" should be omitted from sentences.

Reference information should be immediately available in the résumé. Be sure to ask your contacts' permission before revealing their information.

When you are writing, don't worry about limiting your résumé to a page long. Also, add a cover letter addressed to a specific reader at the employment office. Use this opportunity to show off your strongest qualities in the résumé, and really sell yourself. Show your employer why you want to work at their institution.

Most importantly, proofread the cover letter and résumé numerous times for typos and grammatical mistakes.

Print the document and look over a hard copy of all the work you plan to submit. Avoidable errors show unprofessional work and irresponsibility. Do not simply trust spell-check with this task. Ask someone you trust who has experience with résumés or proofreading to go over the document with you.

Ciocirlan also warns against "embellishing your résumé or even worse, falsifying information included in your resume, since it is very easy for employers to verify whether that information is accurate."

Résumés should be kept up-to-date, especially if you are using it repeatedly over the years. Avoid clichés that fail to distinguish you from other applicants. Do not use trite points like "team player," "good communication skills." Specify how you have fulfilled such accomplishments.

Consistency with details in this respect is vital, as it adds to your credibility. As far as layout and creativity for the cover letter and résumé are concerned, use an original layout that shows personality, but do not fashion colored paper, "cutesy" fonts, or unprofessional e-mail addresses.

The main purpose of the résumé is to gain a chance to interview at the company. Once your résumé is complete, take a deep breath and prepare yourself for another challenge.

Remember that just because you are called in for an interview does not mean you already have the job.

"With respect to interviews, there are a few rules," Ciocirlan said. "First, invest time in researching the organization to where you are applying. Employers like candidates who have extensive knowledge of their organization. This communicates interest and seriousness in the job."

To show that you are professional, call to confirm the time and location of the interview.

After the interview, be sure you ask someone from the office how the reply process works. Send a thank-you letter to the interviewer, and then allow a week before calling to inquire about results.

Body language, and having an understanding of how to appropriately answer interviewer's questions, is important.

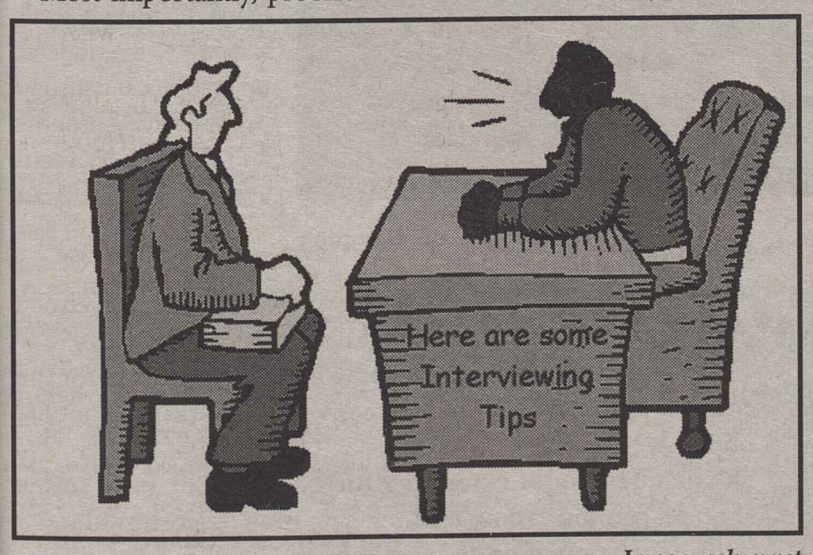
"Dress professionally from head to toe," Ciocirlan also said. "Do not forget polishing your shoes before the interview. The thinking goes, it is quite easy to get your suit looking proper (just give it to the dry cleaners) but with shoes, you have to invest personal effort."

Regardless of how you think the interview is going, never use inappropriate language, trash-talk your former boss, ask the interviewer not to contact your former employer, exaggerate, or leave without thanking the interviewer.

Ciocirlan explained that at an interview you should usually expect a lot of behavioral questions, such as "describe a situation where you have shown leadership," or "describe a situation when you have solved conflict between two people successfully."

"Be prepared when these questions come up," Ciocirlan said. "Also, sometimes surprising questions/scenarios will be presented. These surprising questions are created deliberately in order to determine how the candidate will handle unexpected situations while on the job."

The job application process is not designed to cause stress, but to ensure employers that they are wagering on grounded and promising employees. Résumés and interviews serve as an opportunity for you to advertise how all of your hard work in college can pay off.



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Hot Event

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King of Prussia Mall is out to prove there's no doubt about Philly's fashion sense by announcing the 2008 Fall/Winter "What's Your Look? My Style" contest.

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 13, contestants will have the opportunity to showcase their personal style by creating a total look from pieces found at King of Prussia Mall stores and uploading a photo of the ensemble to *http://www.KingofPrussiaStyle.com*.

Visitors to the site can vote for their favorite look, comment on it, and forward it to a friend. The site will also provide an opportunity for users to track current trends of the local fashion scene by browsing the looks of other contestants.

Participants will have until Sunday, Nov. 30 to upload and vote for their favorite looks.

The contest will conclude with a live fashion event at the King of Prussia Mall on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 4 where the top 20 finalists (ten females, ten males) will parade their styles down the runway for a chance to win $1,500, $1,000 or $500 in King of Prussia Gift Cards.

First, second and third-place winners will be selected by a panel of fashion industry judges that includes the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* fashion writer Elizabeth Wellington.

The winners will also be featured on *KingofPrussiaStyle.com*, *KingofPrussiaMall.com* and in *EStyle*, King of Prussia's fashion newsletter.

Official rules and regulations for the "What's Your Look? My Style" contest can be found at *http://www.KingofPrussiaStyle.com*.

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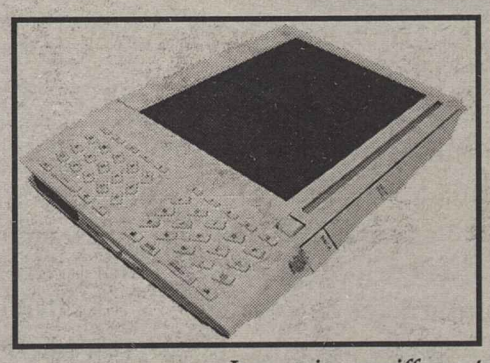
Cool item

The Amazon Kindle is a must-have item! The Kindle is an e-book reader — an embedded system for reading electronic books (e-books). It was launched in the United States by prominent online bookseller *Amazon.com*.

The Kindle uses an electronic paper display and downloads content over Amazon Whispernet. The Kindle can be used without a computer and Whispernet is accessible through Kindle without any fee.



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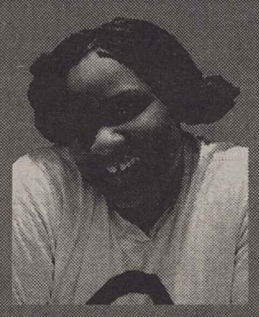
SOUND OFF

Are you happy with the results of the election?

by Kalie M. Desimone



Shaday Festus
Class of 2011

"Am I excited? Well ... of course! I've been looking forward to this and although it took a lot of centuries, I'm glad. Number 44 is a very important number. Having a black president is a major step here in America. Now we can be one nation under God. I am looking for a change, and I am also appreciating my ancestors who have paved the way for Obama. I can say I'm Barackian now!"

Jessica Waetke
Class of 2011

"I am not happy with the way the election turned out, but I am interested in seeing what will happen."

Madeline Gwen Parter
Class of 2012

"I'm so full of joy, I can't believe this is a reality. My grandparents cried, and this means the world to us. I know that miracles can come true and I can be anything I want to be. The opportunities are limitless."

in the community

Police force supporting community safety

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They lurk on street corners. Tucked away, hiding like shadows in the night, utilizing the spot across the street from the softball field on Mount Joy Street as their main hideout, they stop unsuspecting college students out on a Friday night stroll. They can turn a memorable night into a forgettable night. They are the Elizabethtown Borough Police.

As Elizabethtown College students struggle to find entertainment during weekends, many look to off campus options to fulfill their need for fun. Off-campus parties are relatively common on the weekends and are well attended. The question is, how should students get to parties that are not on college grounds?

While some students drive, others go by foot. Walkers can be seen up and down the sidewalks on Friday and Saturday nights. It is not uncommon for police cars to be present every couple of blocks. They shine their flashlights on students, asking questions to check for sobriety, waiting for a naïve freshman to pass with a red plastic cup still in hand.

It has become evident that the Elizabethtown Borough Police are cracking down on kids walking to and from parties. The police work hard to protect the residents of Elizabethtown, and they obviously see the college students as a hindrance to that.

With college kids roaming the sidewalks, the police should be concerned that students make it back to campus safely. Some, like frequent partygoer sophomore Michael Galanek, feel the police have motives in mind other than safety when they stop students walking. "I feel like they are going out of their way to get us," Galanek said. "It's an abuse of power."

Sophomore Peter Cellini wondered, "Would the police stop someone who was walking on a Tuesday night?" Probably not. So why are Fridays and Saturdays different? It is no secret that a majority of the parties occur on the weekend, so it is only natural for the police to be out in full force, stopping people on the sidewalks.

Sophomore Adam Danner has a different view when it comes to the Elizabethtown Police stopping night walkers. "The police are just doing their job," Danner said. "If you don't want to get caught, don't drink. It's that simple."

It's a good idea in theory, but probably not realistic for the Elizabethtown College student body as a whole.

For students deciding to drink, walking and staying on the sidewalk is probably the safest option. It definitely beats the alternative of drinking and driving. When students with a couple of drinks in them decide to get behind the wheel of a car, the real safety issues occur. Having a designated driver is also a good route to take if you have a sober friend.

While some think the police have malicious intent for stopping students on the sidewalk on the way to parties, it is the safety of the community that is the number one concern.

Students should be aware that the police are out on the weekends, and the best way to avoid confrontation is by making responsible decisions.

on campus

Blue Bean hours too limited for students

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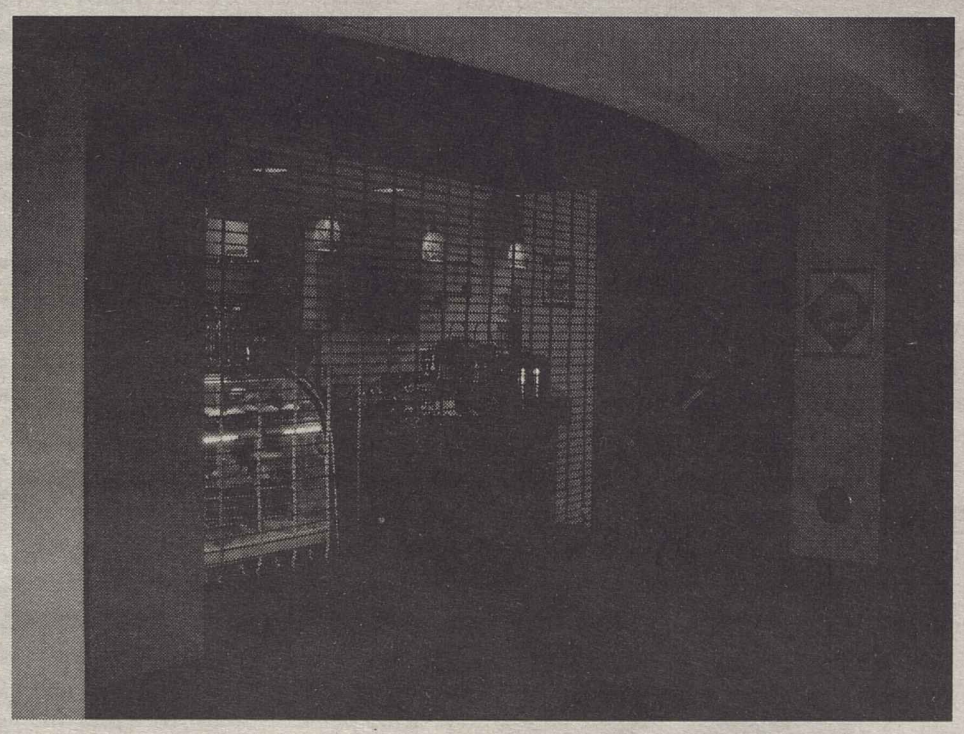
For Elizabethtown College students, there is no question that the Blue Bean should be open on Sundays. Many students on campus use Sunday afternoon and evening to do a majority of the work they have due in the upcoming week, and some of them require coffee to stay focused.

The Blue Bean is the only real coffee shop on campus where students can get a snack and a coffee, tea or shake. If this café is on campus, why are we not taking full advantage of it?

Not only is the Blue Bean closed on Sundays, but it is also closed on Saturdays. What about the families that come to see their kids on the weekends? If they want a cup of tea and the Jay's Nest isn't open yet, where do they go?

What about the students who stayed up half the night (yes, we've all done it) who need a little boost to get them through their Sunday workload?



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Since the Jay's Nest does not open until noon on the weekends, what are those people who just want something hot to drink supposed to do?

Certainly a cup of coffee or tea is not worth an entire meal swipe at the Marketplace, so why not the Blue Bean?

The Blue Bean is a great little place where students can work, catch up with friends, or just sit and read a good book – during the week, of course. But on the weekends, this luxury is not available.

In today's society, coffee keeps a lot of people running. For those early risers on campus who need something to get their day started, a latte and muffin from the Blue Bean is not an option. They either have to use a meal swipe or wait for the Jay's Nest to open. This could all be avoided if the College extended the hours of the Blue Bean through the weekend.

I know that right now I could go for a coffee, but, unfortunately, nothing but the Marketplace is open. It's the little things that help students get more work done, stay relaxed, and unwind on weekends. A cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate from the Blue Bean could help in all of that.

Saturdays, when prospective students come in early for tours, the Blue Bean would offer a place to relax before and after their admissions tour.

These new hours would be advantageous not only to the students on campus, but also to prospective students and families. Without a doubt, the Blue Bean should be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

The hours can be flexible; early one day, late the next, or even one day a weekend. Either way, it should be open for students.

Financially, it would show more benefit than harm for the college, and it would please many hard-working students on the weekends.

The question of extending the hours of the only coffee shop on campus is a no brainer. The Blue Bean should most definitely be open on the weekends.

in the world

US treading on international toes

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Oct. 26, the United States Military conducted an unsanctioned strike inside Syrian borders in an attempt to eliminate Abu Ghadiya. Eight were killed and one was hurt Sunday in the attack. Other details have been scarce, though latest U.S. intelligence points to the strike as a success, with Abu Ghadiya pronounced dead.

However, the Syrian Government had neither agreed nor had been notified of the attack. Syrian Government officials have called the attack a "serious aggression."

While the United States may have had good personal reasoning for its action, the maneuver makes the United States look like a bully on the world's playground. The death of a single man, who has probably already been replaced, does not justify the further sacrifice of our international reputation.

It is no secret that the United States' international reputation has fallen steadily over the past 10 years. It is time that the U.S. adopts a humbler foreign policy and stop trying to police the world. Some would argue that it is a part of our responsibility to do so, but clearly other countries are wary of our recent aggressive policies.

It is important to keep in perspective: we would not want the same kind of action against us as we have taken against Syria. Just because we have the power to engage these countries doesn't mean we should. More countries would be willing to work with us and help with our fight against terrorism if we showed them more respect. Also, let us not forget that there was very little terrorist activity in Iraq before we invaded. Why did we go in, again?

By taking such an aggressive stance, we are not leading the world by example; we are preaching peace, but actively instigating wars. We are critical of Russia's actions in Georgia, but what does that say of our actions in Iraq? It makes us look like hypocritical bullies. It is time that the United States only help when asked to help, not when it will benefit us the most financially or strategically.

If the United States does not begin to show restraint, we will only lose more favor in the eyes of the rest of the world. When we don't have friends anymore, we cannot possibly expect to be so strong.

Our actions in Syria were wrong. The military was overzealous in attacking a man and his family for the alleged actions he had taken. When the United States is so secretive and unpredictable, it is hard for countries to not feel threatened by us.

Hopefully whoever wins the upcoming election will make policies and changes that will ease foreign relationships and allow other countries to begin trusting us again.

Some relationships will probably never fully recover, but it would be wise to begin trying to mend them.

in the nation

Leave election tensions in past

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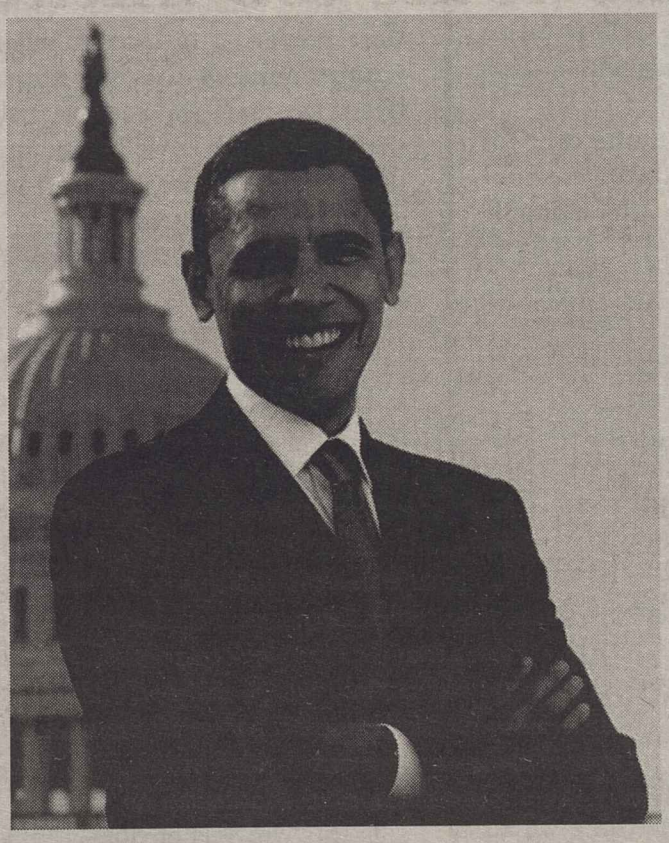

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As I sat in my room Tuesday night watching CNN, I couldn't help but acknowledge the cliché "watching history in the making." As state outcomes piled in and electoral points were counted, it became clear who the next man would be to step up and lead this nation: Barack Obama.

I'll be honest. I voted for McCain. But am I surprised by the outcome of this election? Not at all. Obama has promised great change, and the nation's people are expecting for him to deliver. Do I believe he will? I'm a bit skeptical.

It's a historical fact that presidential candidates have promised their citizens the world (so to speak) and oftentimes have not delivered. It's one thing to make promises for change and reform while running for office; it's a whole other matter to make them a reality once in the position.

Obama has promised economic reform through tax cuts for working families. He has stated that he and Biden will take the "hard line" with Iran, encouraging them to abandon their nuclear program. He has promised to make health care accessible and affordable to all. He has promised a lot of things. Do I hope he will deliver on these promises? Absolutely. Do I think he will? I don't know yet. But, to be fair, I would be just as wary if McCain were in his position.

Instead of Americans griping because they wanted to see McCain in office, or gloating because the Democrats are back in the White House, we should give attention to a different issue. America has elected an African American to the White House. What progress from even 50 years ago, when we had segregated bathrooms and drinking fountains!

My father sent me an e-mail on his opinion of the outcome of the election. He said, "The democracy we have in this country is the greatest form of [government] in the world. We have freedom like no other nation. With that freedom comes responsibility, moderation, participation." And on this point, he is right.

The election is over; the race has been won. Barack Obama is going to be the 44th President of the United States of America. Now is not the time to moan about what could have been or should have been. Now is not the time to point fingers at the losers. Now is the time to look towards the future, and see it as a future that Obama will be leading. America has chosen. We need to rally behind our new President and give him support as the leader of the free world. Because whether or not you like it, that's what he is, and that will not change.

in the world

Dictators dying out

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For dictators, it's often a hard-knock life. The years have not been kind to modern totalitarians. Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz, in light of a once-again-mysteriously-wretched digestive system, has transferred the sum of his powers to his younger brother Raúl. Perhaps emulating his Cuban counterpart, Kim Jong Il now languishes (probably) behind his sunglasses in Pyongyang. North Korea's propaganda engines have spurned their former responsibilities of demonizing us Western Devils. Today, they're earning their keep by slipping our news outlets depressing images of the Dear Leader smiling fiercely in military classrooms.

When he missed a parade marking his nation's 60th anniversary, Capitol Hill called up its friends in Seoul and speculated at length on the chairman's condition. Scuttlebutt is that the Dear Leader had a stroke in August. Party line stresses that the 60-year-old tyrant is right as rain. However, recent images released intended to quell our vile, populist chatter reveal that Kim may have lost use of his left hand. This seems to be reinforced by the suspicions of multiple reliable South Korean officials, who, according to the International Herald Tribune, believe that Kim has endured at least one round of brain surgery.

Any succession of power is alarming to someone. Kim Jong Il likely prefers the exuberance of youth and power to the coldness of the grave, of course, and his sons doubtless benefit from his position of power. Whether or not Asia's only Communist dynasty ends here, North Korea holds a partially-disabled nuclear reactor that is neither winning friends nor appropriately influencing people. It holds one soldier for every 20 citizens. It holds a legacy of oppression and poverty. It holds a suite of well-worn military officials without a clear chain of succession. And, according to the *Washington Times*, it holds serious resistance to the international push against North Korean nuclear weapons proliferation.

For now, Kim Jong Il and Fidel Castro alike must look to their retirement. While we shouldn't expect either to appear in Florida in the near future, their high station and limitless power should afford them a level of cleanliness and comfort to rival that of any American retirement community. I, for one, don't begrudge them their rest. But the mess that Kim has made of his country will not disappear when he does.

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etown volleyball

Women advance past Widener in Conference playoffs

Amanda P. Calabrese
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The Thompson Gymnasium was the place to be yesterday, as the Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team, 2007 Commonwealth Conference champions, were hungry for another title.

Second seed Blue Jays competed against third seed Widner University in the Commonwealth Conference semifinals. The girls were eager for victory and are pushing their way to the top to be back to back Commonwealth Conference Champions.

This past week, the women's volleyball team finished their 2008 regular season with the Halloween Classic. Hosting four different teams, Elizabethtown fell short fighting hard for victory.

Etown opened the classic falling 3-1 to 24th-ranked Eastern University and later in the evening losing 3-1 to Washington & Jefferson.

The following day, the Blue Jays fought hard again but fell short, being defeated 3-0 against SUNY Cortland and 3-1 to Gallaudet University.

When asked if he was satisfied with the way the girls performed at the Halloween Classic, head coach Randall Kreider said, "There were some things we saw that we liked, some things I thought our team did well over the four matches. Obviously we would have liked to win some of them." Closing the tournament, junior Paige Tanner earned All-Tournament recognition for the Blue Jays while Eastern University took home the title of the Halloween Classic.

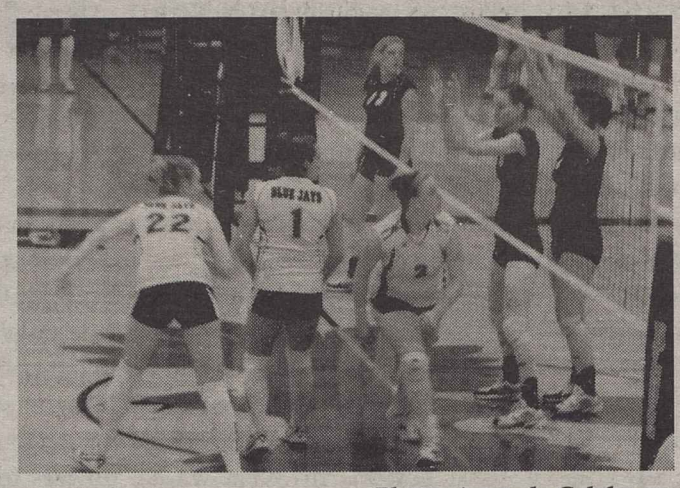

Photo: Amanda Calabrese
Junior Paige Tanner (22), sophomore Crystal Agnew (1), and junior Sheri Hihn (3) look to see how a play turned out in a match this past weekend.

"This weekend we played a lot of good volleyball, but this coming week, I think, is what we are looking forward to most," sophomore Allie Gold said.

"Our goal all season has been to win another conference title and we are that much closer to our season goal.

This week is crucial for the team and they are doing everything they can to prepare for the playoffs. "We're beginning to focus on our mental toughness a bit more.

Our team needs to be ready to handle the added pressure and stress inherent with a playoff run," Kreider said.

The Blue Jays ended their regular season with a record of 15 wins and 19 losses. They are 5-1 in the Commonwealth Conference and hope to be the champions. Coach Kreider stated, "I believe our team is satisfaction regarding this season will be determined by our performance in the coming weeks. We have the opportunity to win our conference championship. We need to go out and take it."

The Jays were able to defeat Widner last night by a score of 3-2 and advance to the next round of the MAC championships.

etown women's soccer

Ladies look to capture conference championship

Kelly J. Clayton
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Ending the season with two important conference games, the Lady Jays made it out with one up and one down.

Thursday, the women's soccer team won against Lebanon Valley College with a demolishing score of 5-1, but just two days later, Messiah beat Etown with a score of 5-1.

With an overall conference record of 3-2-1, the season isn't quite over for the soccer girls. With their first playoff game against Widener, they were hoping to get the win that they were looking for when the tied them after a double overtime in the regular season.

The seniors of the women's soccer team didn't want the season to end, and playing Widener as their first playoff game was the perfect way to start their postseason.

After having a rough game against Messiah last week, senior Brooke Dotterer's immediate reaction to the loss was, "I want to see them again."

The team anticipates seeing Messiah again in the Conference Championship. "It makes me feel excited to see how far we can actually go. If we can get by these next two games, I truly believe that this team could go far," Dotterer said. "We just need to take it game by game now to see where it will take us."

She hopes to repeat the team's 2006 victory over Messiah 1-0 to win the conference and make the sweet sixteen. "There aren't many people who get that opportunity, and I was so fortunate to have that chance," senior Carly Hoskins said. Regardless of the team's high hopes for a long and hard postseason, the regular season is over, and for the senior Lady Jays, their careers at Etown are at an end.

"What I'll miss the most is spending basically every day with a group of girls, some that I've known longer than others, and just doing the one thing we all enjoy and love," Hoskins said.

"Soccer is such a passion of mine, and I've been so fortunate to share that with every single one of them."

While the ending of a season is emotional, it also is a time of joy, because the players reflect on all of the hard work that the team attributed.

Dotterer said, "I wouldn't do anything different [in my career]. I think each and every one of us on the field gives it their all 100 percent all the time."

It is important for the upperclassmen to realize that while the seniors are graduating, they have to look forward to next season, and for them it isn't over yet. The seniors on this team are great role models on and off the field, and they know how important being on a team is. "The most important part of a team, especially for women, is the bond that each player has with each other," Hoskins said. "Players work so much harder when the person next to them is someone they truly respect and trust. I've always pushed for an extremely close bond between each of the players, and I encourage the girls to keep that going."

Luckily, the girls will continue their playoff streak after they earned a win against Widener yesterday. They Blue Jays came back from behind and scored twice in the last eight minutes, both goals by senior Jenna russo.

The jays next match will be against either Arcadia or Messiah on Saturday.

etown men's soccer

Men finish season; look to improve for next year

Shawn M. Cotton
Staff Writer

They Blue Jays were on a three game winning streak as they were preparing to face off against Susquehanna. A win was imperative if the team was to have a shot that conference, as well as retaining their NCAA record for most consecutive winning seasons.

The men came out strong, and looked as if they were playing well aware of what was at stake. Senior Matt Diller scored the first goal of the game in the 18th minute of the men's last non conference game. Diller's goal would prove to be the defining point in the game, as the Crusaders (10-6-1) were unable to answer back. Senior goal keeper Jeff Mullen posted his sixth shutout of the season, with five saves. Although the crusaders managed 14 shots on goal compared to the Blue Jays 11, the men were victorious in their efforts.

"This win was obviously important," sophomore Cameron Gettel said. "We still have a shot at the conference, and were going into the Messiah game with some confidence."

Now on a four-game winning streak, it was time for the long awaited match between Elizabethtown and Messiah who has a record of 14-2-2 and a conference record of 5-1. The Jays knew they were up against a solid opponent, as Messiah has been consistently ranked ninth in the nation this season. The atmosphere was electric, and the 3,000 plus crowd only amplified the intensity. Unfortunately, the Falcons struck first with a well struck shot in the 12th minute. They added to that in the 29th minute. That goal would cap the scoring for the first half. The Blue Jays came out with a different formation in the second half, hoping to create some opportunities and get back into the game. The strategy failed, as Messiah was quick, precise and overwhelmingly strong in the midfield. The Falcons netted their third and final goal in the 63rd minute. Mullen made two saves, which was incredible, considering the Falcons managed 18 shots. The Jays got off four strikes on goal throughout the game. Unfortunately, none found the back of the net.

"Well you're talking about a team that's nationally ranked against a team that isn't even 500 this season," head coach Skip Roderick said. "We had a pretty good game plan, but we didn't follow it in the begging. And after we made that mistake on their first goal, it was pretty obvious what happened."

He further reflected on the entire season. "Like anything else, we're a bit disappointed, because you start the begging of the year to get into the playoffs, a place where we have been every year since I've been here. And not getting in were very disappointed. But I was happy with the way we played the last half of the season, we looked pretty promising at times."

Although the Jays were unable to make the conference tournament this year, they showed maturity and heart towards the end of year. They encountered a rocky start, but the team pulled together, and strung together four sold wins towards the end of the season. The team has work to do in the offseason, but it is clear they have the talent and determination to come back and be very successful next season.

etown cross country

Men and women finish strong at MAC Championships

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams closed out the conference season in good fashion as the women placed first in the Mid-Atlantic Conference, taking home the championship. The men came up short against Messiah College, placing second out of 15 teams.

As the championship season is just now beginning, both teams look poised to validate their own beliefs that they are national contenders and ready to show a wider audience the skills they displayed at the MAC Championships.

Photos: Drac Williams
In attempts to get the crowd excited, the Blue Jay mascot was present at the MAC Championships this weekend.

Coming into the MAC Championships, the women were considered underdogs by many to rival Messiah's impressive group of runners, as they were ranked 22nd in the nation among Division III schools. However, after a somewhat mediocre start to the season, the women started to come on strong during the Juniata Invitational in October, coming in second out of the nine teams represented.

They then followed up with an impressive win at the Battle for the Buggy, a week before blowing past Messiah in the MAC Championships.

The win at the MAC Championships on Nov. 1 is the second straight conference title the women have taken home, the first back-to-back championship earned in the program's 27-year existence.

"At one point on the course, [track captain] Mike Mauger painted 'Hey Etown, can you say Back 2 Back,'" women's captain Tiffany Kulp said. "At that moment, I knew it had to be done. One of the best parts was also to see the shock on Messiah's faces because they did not expect this at all." Besides the championship, head women's coach Brian Falk also won the Women's Coach of the Year honors after successfully working the women back into champion form by October.

The men's team also had an impressive outing at the MAC Championships, placing second to Messiah, with three runners placing in the top six. Although their finish in the conference this year was a big boost from their performance last year, it was still not enough for most of the runners.

"Our season isn't over yet, and a bunch of guys on the team need to wake up and realize that," senior Jeremy Matula said.

"We all have to come to terms with the fact that we came up short and didn't perform, and that goes from the first guy to the last guy that crossed the line on Saturday. This year, we were the better team, and as much as the guys from Messiah deserve the credit for their performances, in my opinion, they didn't win. We lost."

These may sound like harsh words about a second-place finish, but their coach agrees.

"I felt we were the better team heading into the MAC Championship on Saturday, but we didn't prove it in the results," men's head coach Chris Straub said.

"I must bear the burden for the lack of my team's preparation as I honestly struggled to both prepare my team effectively as a coach and serve as a meet director for cross country meets on back-to-back weekends. If I had done a better job preparing my team in the week or two leading up to the MAC [Championships], I'm confident we would have beaten Messiah 28 to 33."

That said, the MAC Championships are now over, and both the men's and women's teams are preparing for the next step entering into what they call the "championship season."

Saturday, Nov. 15 they will run in the Division III Mideast Regional, which will pit the best teams in the Mideast Region against one another.

This will give the men's and women's teams another chance to beat Messiah, as well as a chance to move on to the NCAA Division III Championships at Hanover College.

Hopefully it will be there that our Etown cross country teams will display the endurance they showed all year and bring home some big wins, in turn obtaining the recognition they deserve.

The women celebrate their first place victory at the MAC Championships. The men finished second.

winter sports preview

Winter sports teams anticipate success in new seasons

Hope R. Salisbury
Staff Writer

The falling of the autumn leaves during an afternoon soccer game, the chilled breeze blowing through the gym doors onto the crowd during a girls volleyball match, and onlookers bundling up for the final field hockey game out on the turf are sure signs that the fall sports season is coming to a close.

Although this is hard for some sports fans to cope with, there is no need to crawl into bed and sleep away the cold weather. Winter sports season is fast approaching, so grab your coats scarves and gloves; it's going to be a season to remember.

Men's and women's swimming, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and indoor track and field are all on this year's winter schedule.

Photo: Hope R. Salisbury
Preparing for the regular season, junior Chris Fairbanks (left), sophomore Chris Hill (middle) and sophomore Keith Fogel (right) practice their moves. The men's basketball team is set to open their season with a home opener against Alvernia on Nov. 15 at 3 p.m.

The swim team has already kicked off the season this past weekend in a meet against Dickinson College. Both the men's and women's teams are being led by new head coach Dan DeHass as they strive to improve their last year's finishes at the MAC championships this upcoming February.

"With a new coach this year, I'm very excited to see what new things he brings to the table. There are already some major improvements that everyone on the team has noticed," sophomore swimmer and team captain Tom Hagerty said.

The men's basketball team has already begun their season by practicing and getting ready for their first game on Nov. 15 at home vs. Alvernia. "Thus far, we have had two weeks of outstanding practices. If our work ethic stays as is, I expect a great season," head coach Robert Schlosser said.

"We are always an exciting team to watch, and I believe that this year our intensity and enthusiasm will be better than ever."

Their goal for this year is to be the Commonwealth Conference champs.

This goal is also shared with the women's basketball team. Their season tips off Nov. 15 at Randolph-Macon College. They are being led by head coach Yvonne Kauffman who has been coaching basketball at Elizabethtown since 1970, and has over 1,000 coaching victories.

The indoor track and field team is looking to bring home the title of MAC indoor champions again this year with the help of many returning athletes. Head coach Chris Straub, along with several assistant coaches, plan to lead the team to victory. Their season starts Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Ursinus Winter Invitational.

Wrestling is also at the start of their season. "We have a great mix of experienced wrestlers along with great young talent," head wrestling coach Erik Walker said.

"If we can stay away from injuries this season, we can definitely turns some heads this year on the national level," Walker said.

Walker has been coaching wrestling here at Elizabethtown since 2003, and has helped the Blue Jays place sixth at the MAC Championships and hopes to win the Metropolitan Conference this year. The season begins this Saturday at the Messiah Invitational.

"Come out and watch. We only have a few home dual meets this season, so I would like to pack the gym for all of them. We would like the support from the students," Walker said. Not only does it raise the level of intensity for our wrestlers, but it provides an exciting environment."

etown field hockey

Lady Jays fall short in conference semifinals

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

Photo: Bill Hannegan

In a match against York College on Oct. 2, sophomore Meg Cassels dribbles the ball. Etown finished the regular season ranked 13th in the nation and looked to continue their win steak throughout the playoffs.

On Saturday, the Elizabethtown College field hockey team completed their regular season by beating Albright College 4-0. Senior Andrea Miles and junior Brenna Noon each had one goal and one assist in the game.

Sophomore Liz DeMatteis had an unassisted goal, and sophomore Julie Foster scored the last goal of the game off of a penalty stroke.

"[The key to winning the game was] doing the same thing we've been doing all year," senior captain Megan Angstadt said.

"Albright is a conference game, and we knew we had to win to make the conference playoffs."

"We work hard throughout the season, and we deserved it," junior Martina White added.

The Blue Jays outshot the Lions with a 19-1 advantage in shots and eight penalty corners. Junior goalie Liz Hannegan had her seventh shutout of the season with one save on the day.

The Blue Jays finished their season at 17-3, with a 3-2 Commonwealth Conference record. They are tied with the team of 1985 for the second most wins in a season, falling short only to the 1986 team that finished with an amazing 20 wins in a single season.

In their last meeting, Lebanon Valley beat Etown 2-0 in a two-day game that was halted due to a thunderstorn with 24:52 remaining.

However, Lebanon Valley did not score in the first half of the game, and scored their first goal with only 16:50 remaining. Yesterday, the Jays traveled to LV's home turf and looked for revenge.

Going into the game, opinions were high.

"The last time we played them, we came out really strong in the first half," Angstadt said.

"I think if we come out with that mindset again we can do it. We want revenge for that win we know we should've had."

"[We need to] have fun and play as a team," senior Kelsey Diehl said. "We always play better when we have fun."

The Lady Blue Jays certainly know what they're up against. "We have to focus and play 'til the end," White said.

Unfortunatly, the Jays were unable to stop Lebanon Valley as they were shut out by a score of 4-0.

LV's Jocelyn Nocak was able to score three goals against Etown as the seventh ranked Dutchmen prevailed.

Novak scored in the sixth, 35th and 39th minute of the game. Despite this, junior goalkeeper Liz Hannegan was able to get 10 saves for the Jays.

The Dutchmen outscored Etown 19-10 and had 14 saves to Etown's 7.

Though the Jay's season is finished, they conclude the season with an impressive 17-4 overall record and a converence record of 3-2.

etown intramurals

Intramural sports provide fun and enjoyment

Brent P. Campbell
Staff Writer

For students wanting to participate in athletic activities on campus without wanting the commitments of practice and traveling around the country in search of opponents, all they need to do is take Colorado University head football coach Dan Hawkin's advice, "Go play intramurals, brother."

Elizabethtown College offers multiple intramural sports for all students to participate in during each season of the academic year.

During the fall season, there are a few options students have when it comes to intramural sports. These options include volleyball and soccer.

"Volleyball was good," sophomore Jeff Fowler said.

"It could have used a little bit more participation, but it went well."

This is certainly not the case for intramural soccer. It is stiff competition to make the playoffs in the soccer league.

"The competition is great," first- year Evan Cobb said. "I mean, it's great to get out and just run around, but everybody wants to win, and I think that's what makes it fun."

As the fall begins to turn into winter, a big intramural phenomenon begins. This phenomenon is known around campus as flag football.

It is, without a doubt, the largest and most organized of the intramurals sports. However, not all responses have been great from players.

"I hate how rough the boys get with each other; it's really scary. Especially when they accidentally come running full speed at me," sophomore Meg Cassels said.

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With strong competition comes a variety of injuries, including dislocated fingers, concussions and broken noses. These injuries have all occurred in the early stages of the flag football season. It has unanimously been said that these injuries are accidental and nobody goes out there with the intentions of hurting others.

Regardless, flag football is the pinnacle of the intramural sports calendar. This year is especially important because the league will be expanding.

At the end of the year, the top four teams of the league will play four teams from Penn State Harrisburg. This certainly provides inspiration to some players and their teams.

"I think it's an awesome idea, now it gives us a chance to beat up on some people other than our schoolmates," junior Dan Hinder said.

Just because intramural football is the colossal favorite of these sports doesn't mean that the rest of the intramural sporting world is overlooked. In the winter, intramural basketball is just as popular as football.

Last year, basketball was not advertised as well as it could have been, and a lot more participants could have been made aware of the intramural arrangements. Regardless, many students look forward to intramural basketball all year as they still wish to fulfill their dreams of being like LeBron or Melo.As the school year begins to close, there is one final intramural sport available for students, softball.

Not only is it entertaining, but it is also outside in the warm weather, providing students the chance to get outdoors and enjoy the incrdible weather.

Intramural sports are a great way for students to remain entertained and stay active on campus, and every season they appear more and popular.

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Soccer (M) (7-9-2, 2-4-0):
Messiah 3, Etown 0

Soccer (W) (13-5-2, 3-2-1):
Messiah 5, Etown 1
Etown 3, Widener 2

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Etown 3, Widener 2

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Nov. 8: Conference Finals @ Messiah

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on campus

Finance VP shows, tells students where dollars go

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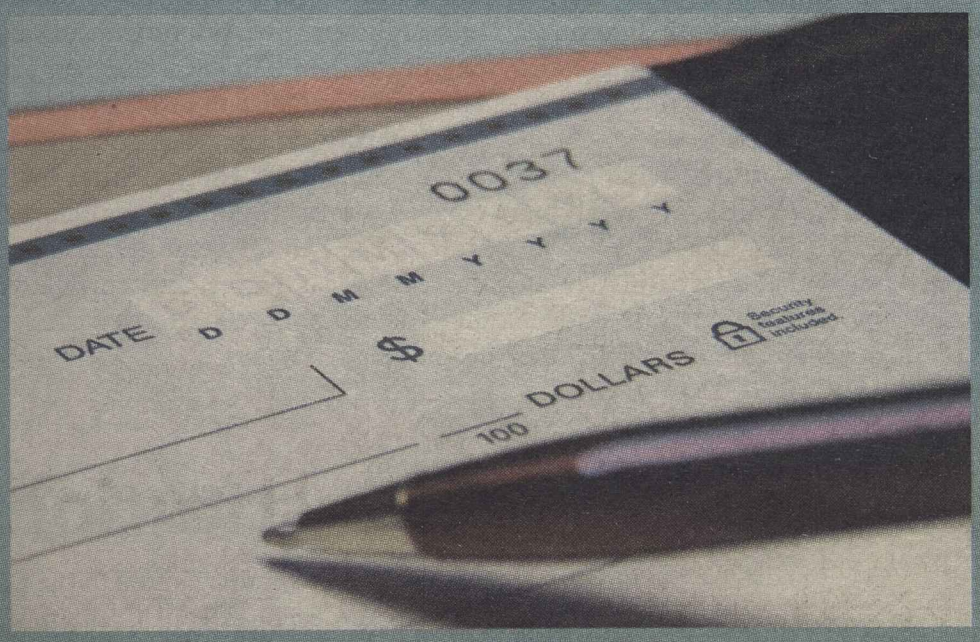
Rick Bailey, vice president for finance, provided the opportunity for students to learn "where [their] tuition dollars go" during a presentation in Hoover Business Center Wednesday night. The meeting gave students who do not attend regularly-scheduled finance meetings a chance to take a closer look into the composition of student revenue and the 2007-08 fiscal budget.



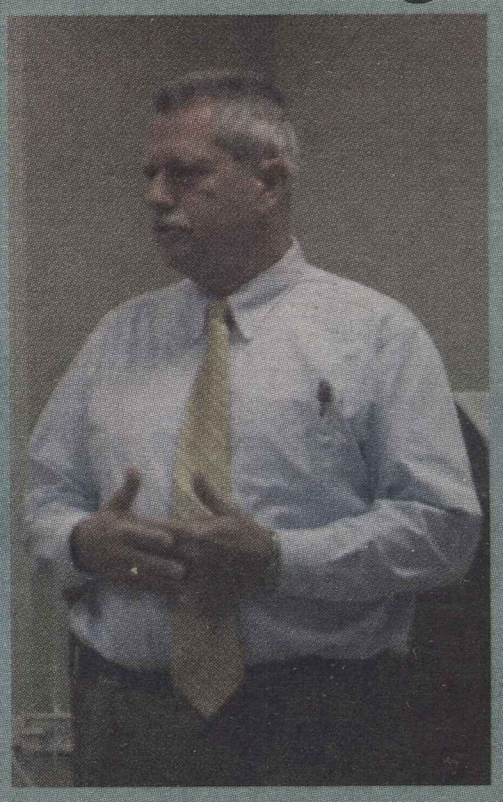
Students' tuition concern continues to grow with their account balances.

Several other faculty members attended the meeting. Paul Cramer, vice president for enrollment, answered questions relative to financial aid and admittance deficits. Ron Heasley, executive director of ITS, contributed by clarifying any misconceptions of technical costs as they pertain to the budget. James Hayes, associate director of Facilities Management and Planning, identified costs associated with utilities, providing helpful figures.

Total student revenue is composed of tuition, room and board costs, while the remaining sources derive funds from auxiliaries (such as special events), endowment, gifts and grants, continuing education (student-related activities), and miscellaneous expenses.

For example, in the 2007-08 fiscal year, student revenue composed $43,938,000 of the total $54,248,000 revenue. The remaining $10,310,000 came from other sources.

Last May's tuition increase has



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Vice President for Finance Rick Bailey discusses the College's fiscal concerns during an open forum Wednesday night. Paul Cramer, Ron Heasley and James Hayes also contributed.

on campus

Obama policies predicted by political science profs

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On the evening of Thursday, Nov. 6, a panel of Elizabethtown College political science faculty gathered in the Bucher Meetinghouse of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies to host "The First 100 Days of the Obama Administration." This forum discussed the possible impacts of Barack Obama's victory in the 2008 presidential election upon short-term U.S. foreign and domestic policy. Political science department chair and professor Dr. E. Fletcher McClellan was joined by professors Dr. Wesley McDonald, Dr. Scott Hendrickson, Dr. Oya Ozkanca and Dr. Paul Gottfried to discuss the economic and sociopolitical impacts of the election outcome.

McClellan introduced the panelists before progressing to an analysis of the election results. He provided a PowerPoint presentation of the states won by Obama, mentioning that the number of votes for the Illinois senator (64.1 million) topped the previous record of 62 million (set by President George W. Bush in 2004). He also demonstrated that the margin of victory for Obama (63 percent of the popular vote to John McCain's 56 percent) was the largest in the past 16 years for a presidential candidate.

McClellan continued by discussing the Obama team's claim to stand against the policies of the current administration.

"Although nearly every victor in a presidential election says this, in Obama's case it may be true," McClellan said. He also forecasted that Obama would spend the majority of his first 100 days in office working on the economy.

"Obama may feel he can muscle through his own New Deal during the first 100 days," he said.

McDonald's interpretation of Obama's win was not as optimistic. He asserted that the Democrats' seizure of the executive and legislative branches signaled the death knell of the Republican Party. He expressed concern that the television Fairness Doctrine would be reinstated to hush conservative pundits such as Rush Limbaugh. Additionally, McDonald stated that the Democratic majority would hasten to grant amnesty for illegal immigrants and register them to vote, "securing a permanent base of Democratic voters." McDonald also predicted that "the Democratic Party will face only token opposition from Republicans in the future" and speculated that McCain's attitude indicated he may not have wanted to defeat Obama in the first place.

As the director of the College's pre-law program, Hendrickson spoke on the quality of attorneys Obama may appoint to the federal courts. He cautioned that while Americans typically view of the judicial branch as comprised of the nine Supreme Court justices, the president also nominates 180 judges to U.S. Courts of Appeals and 660 to U.S. District Courts. Hendrickson pointed out that while Obama rarely touched on judicial policy during the debates, when asked, he did say he would promote judges based on their ability to ensure fairness and justice for the American people. At the moment, the ratio of Republican to Democratic president-appointed judges in our federal courts is 62 to 38 percent, with 12 vacancies awaiting Congressional approval.

Ozkanca provided a perspective on the foreign policy agenda of president-elect Obama, predicting a return to multilateral foreign policy and a willingness of the U.S. regime to participate in international panels on climate change. She also forecasted a stronger role for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the shuttering of the Guantanamo Bay prison, and the revival of unconditional direct discussion with suspect foreign governments. Ozkanca mentioned that the Obama Administration would do away with the "America First" ideology that touts unilateral intervention in the affairs of sovereign countries to promote democratic regimes.

Gottfried then continued along the line of McDonald's interpretation, asserting that the nation is facing

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news in brief

Graduate student Esha Momeni was recently released on bail after being arrested for an alleged traffic violation in Iran. At the time she was arrested, she had been working on a project affiliated with Change for Equality, an Iranian women's movement.

Momeni's parents gave the deed to their home to the Iranian Government in exchange for the release of their daughter.

Momeni had been held in solitary confinement in Tehran's Evin Prison until her release.

A number of other women involved in the Change for Equality movement have experienced convictions similar to those of Momeni's.

The deteriorating stability of the automobile industry has reached political heights, according the *New York Times*.

During a private conversation between Barack Obama and George W. Bush, Obama asked Bush to provide the automobile industry with immediate aid.

Bush countered the request, suggesting that he may provide more economic aid if Democrats would open free trade agreements with Colombia, an effort which he has long pursued.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, who is overseeing Obama's Inaugural ceremony, is writing to Internet sites such as eBay asking them not to sell tickets to the event.

Tickets can be found online for as much as $40,000, and are in outstanding demand. The tickets are given for free, and Feinstein is not only seeking a way to make selling the tickets to an historical event a crime, but also hopes to make scalping tickets a misdemeanor prior to the event (pending legislation at a lame duck session of congress).

Obama's ceremonial theme, "A New Birth of Freedom," was derived from part of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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on campus

Economy minimally affects future enrollment

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For those who have been paying attention to the state of the economy lately, it is obvious that a decline in consumer confidence due to loan fallout has reduced the strength of the market.

Additionally, high gas prices have inhibited travel, leading to a decrease in visits from prospective Elizabethtown students over the summer, according to College Vice President for Enrollment Paul Cramer.

Cramer emphasized that while there has been little significant impact of the economic downturn on the number of applications and admissions, there have been a few subtle effects.

The most important indicator of the number of applications Etown receives is the amount of SAT scores submitted, which typically correlates to the number of applications received.

Cramer stated that both numbers are up markedly from this time last year. He noted that 30 transfer students are expected to commit to Etown for the spring semester, a figure 10 students greater than the traditional number of 20.

Cramer also mentioned that applications for the coming fall semester are currently running above the long-term average, but noted that as only 15 percent of the expected Fall 2009 applications have been received as of Oct. 27, the projection is very preliminary.

Cramer provided a timely analogy, noting that "it would be a mistake to suggest a winner in the presidential race with only 15 percent of the votes counted. I won't make that same mistake with the application pool forecasting."

Another indicator regarding enrollment is the number of campus visitors for open house and "tour only" functions, and attendance at these events is about the same as last year, according to Cramer.

Due to the restriction of loans on questionable credit, prospective students may also have more difficulty receiving financial aid.

Cramer noted that approximately 20 percent of applicants seek private student loans to finance their tuition, and that the admissions office will continue to provide assistance to students having difficulty obtaining a loan.

He expressed his pleasure with the federal government's financing of previously-guaranteed student loans while stating that resources such as Federal PLUS loans are available to prospective students facing difficulties obtaining regular loans.

Cramer assured that College-provided financial aid would not be affected by the divestment of Common Fund monies from Wachovia. Financial aid is actually not a monetary loan from the College, but instead essentially a discount on tuition.

From Cramer's response, it is evident that the forecast for continued enrollment here at Etown remains a bright and sunny one, due to the admirable willingness of the Financial Aid Office to provide assistance to financially-challenged applicants.

He emphasized the potential for increased admissions interviews before the start of the Fall '09 semester in light of decreasing gas prices, and correlatively an expected solid class of new students in the Class of 2013.

on campus

Counselors compare liberal arts institutions

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Beginning this year, Elizabethtown College has been cordially invited to unite with the very reputable and well-known PA Liberal Arts College Tour.

This involves a joint venture with five other schools, including Moravian, Albright, Lebanon Valley, Lycoming and Juniata. Together, they hope to educate 49 high school guidance professionals about each individual institution.

The purpose of this alliance is to ensure that the small colleges in the landscape of Pennsylvania can express their individuality as well as share their differences.

The group of college counselors will be taken on campus tours at each of the six participating colleges.

The guidance counselors come from public, private and parochial high schools, as well as independent college counseling practices.

Preceding the tours, the counselors will attend informational sessions to discuss the similarities each school thinks it shares with the other colleges.

Each college will also have the opportunity to enumerate the unique programs, facilities and traditions that differentiate it from the rest of the group of small, liberal arts colleges.

The tour started this past Tuesday, Nov. 11, and continues until tomorrow, Nov. 14. Etown has the opportunity to serve as the first leg of the tour by hosting the college counselors this past Tuesday.

Associate Director of Admissions Paula Orenstein coordinated the Etown portion of the tour. She has assembled students, faculty and staff to share the Etown perspective with the many visitors to the College. Another contributor to the event is Paul Cramer, Vice President for Enrollment.

"My role was to present the big picture of Elizabethtown," Cramer said.

Cramer's speech, given in the Hoover Center for Business, was a part of the tour last Tuesday.

He expressed to the visiting group what makes our school distinct, what makes for a good student fit and what makes Etown successful in its mission.

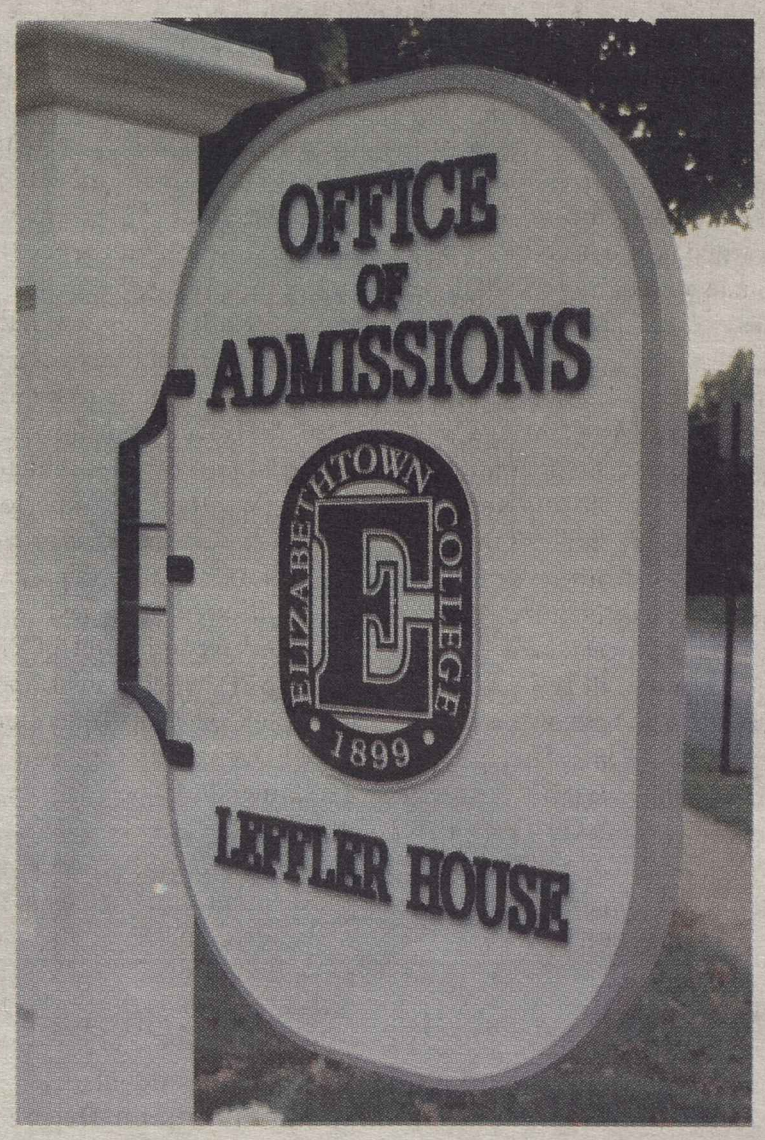

Photo: David G. Breidenstine
The Office of Admissions recently hosted the first leg of the PA Liberal Arts College Tour. The program allows high school guidance counselors to learn more about the similarities and differences among small colleges in Pennsylvania through campus visits and panel discussions.

Student tour guides displayed the campus to visitors as they arrived throughout the day.

The participating students also took part in a panel discussion, during which they discussed their individual Etown experiences.

The last stop of the day for the counselors was a dinner with faculty at President Long's house. Phalanx also performed.

The whole opportunity allows student influencers to receive information directly from the source, rather than only from admissions staff and representatives.

"The student panel was the highlight of the event. This event is a critical piece to our enrollment efforts," Cramer said.

It is an opportunity for widespread exposure and an immediate comparison with the regional peer institutions.

"Elizabethtown will be the highlight of the tour," Cramer said. "In tours of the past we have always received positive feedback as being the highlight of the experience."

It is difficult to evaluate the full impact of a tour such as this. Admissions offices can keep watch in the future and track students coming from the schools and organizations in attendance.

The word-of-mouth impact of the College Tour, however, is likely to be far-reaching.

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Political prophecies

a "prolonged economic depression" regardless of the election result. He also speculated on the incompetence of McCain's campaign and the resigned attitude of the Republican nominee during the debates. He then discussed the weaknesses of the Republican party and the reason why many conservatives in traditionally red states (such as North Carolina and Indiana) may have voted for Obama. Gottfried explained the division of the Republican Party between the type of realpolitik subscribed to by the neoconservatives as compared to view of the traditional, small-government party base. American Southerners prefer the latter approach and are disenchanted with McCain and Bush, according to Gottfried.

The subsequent question-and-answer session was headed off by McClellan, who was quick to question McDonald's assessment of the Democratic victory. McClellan speculated that the Fairness Doctrine would face opposition in a Democratic-controlled Congress because it would also stifle the liberal attitudes of news media such as MSNBC. McDonald replied that while there may be roadblocks to total Democratic control, such as the lack of a fillibuster-proof (60-seat) majority in the Senate, they would still be able to force through most of Obama's proposals. Kevin Busher, College Coordinator for Obama for America, followed by questioning McDonald's pessimism. He cited that when the Republicans gained control of both the legislative and executive branches in 2003, many Democrats were doubtful of regaining power, a baseless notion given their recent victories.

With vastly different perspectives on the implications of Obama's victory, the forum was a comprehensive discussion and indeed gave insight into how policies may unfold throughout the coming four years. The College's political science department provided a thorough examination of the national attitude and the next president's policies. The seminar was taped for airing at a later time by the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). Check local listings for broadcast times.

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Forum addresses financial concerns

elevated this year's net student revenue to an amount of $45,616,470.

The revenue is spent in a variety of ways. Tuition dollars go toward compensation (faculty salaries), employee benefits, student wages, the College Store, Dining Services, debt service, capital improvements and utilities, among other expenses.

Bailey outlined the direction of revenue for both the 2007-08 fiscal year and the 2008-09 fiscal year. Funds were contributed to financial aid, compensation (all pay and benefits for faculty, staff and administrators), student wages, capital improvements, debt service, and "other."

For every one dollar of revenue in the 2007-08 fiscal year, compensation and benefits composed 46 cents; however, in the 2008-09 fiscal year, 48 cents was spent. Increasing expenses contribute to rising tuition costs in this way, as more funds must be allocated for specific costs of the College.

The economy affects revenue as it drives the cost of specific expenses up due to inflation. This concept is applicable to many aspects of total revenue funding.

Depreciation funds that contribute to the maintenance of buildings may require a greater amount of revenue as the price of specific raw materials or manufactured goods increases. As more revenue must be contributed to this cost, tuition costs can proportionally increase.

With the current economic state, some funds that contribute to revenue may deplete. Alumni may be more hesitant to contribute to the college in the wake of the recession.

One of the contributing detractors of College finances is the cost of utilities. According to Hayes, 43 percent of revenue costs for utilities result from residence halls.

Students can curb these costs simply and significantly. By turning off lights or unplugging unused devices, electricity can be conserved. Likewise, cutting down on shower time and turning off water during daily tooth-brushing routines can conserve water. Students should also consider their use of heating and air conditioning in residence halls where the units are individually controlled. Even in halls with central air conditioning, opening windows can consume energy and increase the overall cost of utilities.

Additionally, many students leave their laptops running for days at a time. Heasley confirmed that if students turn off computers after each use, they could save about $40 per month in electricity and energy costs.

Senate plans to raise awareness in the near future so that students may learn how they can contribute to the effort of conserving energy. The group encourages interested members of the student body to attend their weekly meetings in Hoover 212.

Though some causes of rising tuition costs (such as inflation) are immediately uncontrollable, students can help contain the lesser factors.

Current students can help by drawing new students in — telling a friend about their experience or referring the College to high school guidance counselors. Additionally, students should curtail their energy use. Next time you leave a room, kill the lights.

Brazilian bash

Sample Brazilian food and witness the art of capoiera (as performed by students of the Lancaster Family Martial Arts Center) this Monday, Nov. 17. A multimedia panel presentation on the culture of Brazil will take place in the Event Space from 8 to 10 p.m. as part of International Education Week. Look for full coverage of the celebration in next week's issue of *the Etownian*.

on campus

MSCHE Steering Committee enumerates objectives

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Twenty members of the Elizabethtown College faculty and staff met in the M&M Mars room Thursday, Nov. 6, for a Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Steering Committee forum. Those present discussed the College's reaccreditation in 2009.

The two key speakers at the meeting were Dr. Elizabeth Newell, associate professor of anthropology, and Dr. Kurt DeGoede, associate professor of physics and engineering.

The MSCHE is the "accrediting body for our region," Newell explained, which "includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and several locations abroad."

To be accredited means that the college has been evaluated and approved by a peer review board made up of faculty from other accredited colleges and universities using a prescribed set of standards.

At Elizabethtown, these standards were organized into a self-study that included eight areas of evaluation: Mission, Goals and Integrity; Institutional Assessment and Student Learning Assessment; Planning, Resources and Institutional Renewal; Leadership, Governance and Administration; Student Admissions and Support Services; Faculty; Academic Programs; and Continuing Education and Distance Learning.

Although a college does not need to be accredited to operate, employers are more likely to hire students that have graduated from an accredited college or university.

Every 10 years, the MSCHE conducts a full review of each college. Elizabethtown is due for reaccreditation in the spring of 2009. If the college has met the established standards, it is approved for reaccreditation. Additionally, the MSCHE make suggestions for further improvement.

According to the self-study draft written by the MSCHE Steering Committee and submitted to the organization in October, "a variety of assessment measures are utilized at the institution, program and department levels, providing data to evaluate Elizabethtown College's institutional and educational effectiveness."

About half-way through the meeting, DeGoede took over and covered three main points of distinction which generalized the improvements that have been made since the last review.

"The College has strengthened its financial practices and stabilized its financial condition," DeGoede said. "Overall, sound financial measurements are in place to monitor performance, and budgeting is proactive in anticipating and preparing for future challenges."

As the second point of distinction, DeGoede mentioned that "the College has intentionally increased undergraduate enrollment by 25 percent, while increasing selectivity and thereby maintaining the academic profile of incoming students."

By accepting students from a larger pool of applicants, Etown can be more selective and raise the standard of excellence among students.

The third point DeGoede made was that "the Strategic Vision focused planning on academic excellence, and the academic culture on the campus has improved significantly and positioned us to make greater strides toward academic excellence."

The College has increased its resources necessary to support the teacher-scholar model; its commitment to assessing the quality of its programs with the purpose of continuous improvement; the infrastructure of the campus; and the integration of the curricular and co-curricular programs."

DeGoede then identified three primary areas for further improvement, which included "increased transparency across the institution through higher degrees of accountability and better communication among community members."

These actions would create more overall efficiency and strengthen College programs.

A second suggestion for improvement called for the College to "facilitate a more proactive approach to assessment and subsequent evaluation of all programs and personnel. These evaluations should then be an essential part of the decision-making process at the College."

Third, DeGoede suggested that "the Educational Philosophy Statement and Student Learning Goals, along with the Strategic Vision and the president's statement of Heroic Ambitions, should guide the continuous development of curricular and co-curricular programs" as the College strives toward a higher level of academic excellence.

DeGoede finished his presentation by stating that the MSCHE team will be coming to Etown on March 29, and then opened up the floor for questions. There were a few questions which were answered by simple clarifications of the information contained in the self-study draft, the final version of which will be submitted to the MSCHE this coming spring.

on campus

"Nuts About Granola," a mother-daughter creation

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Sarah Lanphier, an Elizabethtown senior, co-owns "Nuts About Granola," which sells packages of fresh granola in 11 flavors. Three flavors are sold throughout the year, along with two different flavors for each season.

The idea arose three years ago when Lanphier could not find peanut-butter-flavored granola in the store.

She also needed a fundraiser for the triathlon team, so she began test-marketing her granola.

"It was a huge success and I have been developing the business through my classes ever since. [My mother and I] officially launched the company in June of '08," Lanphier said.

After this accomplishment, Lanphier and her mother implemented more professional packaging. They order their bags online with labels designed by Sarah.

The labels are ordered from a company in Harrisburg, or, for the less popular flavors, printed by Lanphier and her mother. All of the packaging is done by hand.

In addition to packaging, they began expanding. Lanphier works closely with Eric Turzai, director of Dining Services, in providing resources and contacts in the food industry to help aid in the development of her business.

"Once we got our product certified by the Agricultural Industry, legalized our business and had our own insurance, Turazi and Sherry Dunbar were happy to work with me," Lanphier said.

Aside from selling their product in the Jay's Nest, the Lanphiers sell their granola in 11 other locations.

Conewago Coffee Shop, Palmyra Country Store, and Appalachian Whole Foods Market are a few of these stores throughout Elizabethtown, Carlisle, York, Palmyra, Loganville and Mechanicsburg areas.

Selling granola has been very profitable, but the Lamphiers' earnings have been reinvested into the business.

"We are completely funded by equity, but hope to get an SBA (Small Business Administration) loan in the near future. We won't even take out $1 to buy coffee at the market," Lanphier said.

In addition to monetary gains, Lanphier experiences personal gains.

"Every time I walk into the Jay's and see my granola sitting on the counter, it makes me smile," Lanphier said. "It is probably the most rewarding thing I have ever done. It is a lot of work but at the end of the day, it is all worth it."

Lanphier and her mother, however, have larger plans than just selling granola in the Jay's Nest.

"Selling our granola by the bag in Jay's, market stands and other locations is just the marketing plan for our true vision: the Nuts About Granola Café," Lanphier said.

The Nuts About Granola Café would provide a venue where customers can buy granola fresh out of the oven.

The Lamphiers' goal for the next two years is to build brand awareness through their retail locations. So when the café is opened, people will already be familiar with their product.

"We are also launching a new web site designed by fellow senior student Chris Miller, owner of Digicon Media Group," Lanphier said. "The site will facilitate online orders, communicate the latest happenings with our company and have an interactive blog. The site is scheduled to go live in March of '09."

Be sure to try the "Nuts About Granola" product on sale in the Jay's Nest. Only loose granola is currently available.

However, the Lamphiers are hoping to create and sell granola bars in the coming months.

Photo: Rachel A. Marsteller

"Nuts About Granola" sold in the Jay's Nest is a popular snack for students. It comes in all types of flavors, the main three being "Plain Jane," "College Staple" and "Lover's Combo."

on campus

"Baran" kicks off High Library Film series, breaks mold

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Staff Writer

Since the early 1890s, movie-goers have seen many flicks with similar plot lines ranging from horror, to romance, to comedy. We continue to see new twists on the classics every year. But what happens to those movies that are not produced by a major film studio? Many are never seen by the masses.

The High Library has decided to use these indie movies as seeds of discussion and offer Elizabethtown College students the chance to see these hidden treasures. Access Services Librarian Mrs. Louise Hyder-Darlington organized the first movie in the High Library Film Series on Tuesday evening. The movie "Baran" was selected because it coincides with the First-Year Perspectives Colloquium Series theme.

"Baran" is set in Iran and follows Afghan refugees who fled from the Soviet invasion and the Taliban regime. In order to work in Iran, Afghans need an identification card. The process to obtain one takes months, so many Afghans work illegally.

"Baran" is a story about a teenaged Persian boy, Lateef, who works at a construction site as the cook. After one of the illegally working Afghans breaks his foot on the job, his son Rahmat takes his place. Rahmat, also working illegally, is too weak for the strenuous work, so Lateef is forced to take his place. Lateef becomes angry and pulls pranks on Rahmat. After one prank, Lateef learns that Rahmat is actually a girl named Baran. He falls for Baran and does anything and everything to help Baran and her family during their troubles in Iran.

"This is a very human, heart-warming film," Hyder-Darlington said. "Students [can] realize that there is not a lot of difference between them and a young man working in a construction zone in Tehran."

Tuesday evening was specifically chosen for the showing of the film because it also corresponds with the visit of Dr. Caroline Hartzell, who is the 2008 Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellow.

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Cover for the movie "Baran" being shown at the library as part of the High Library Film Series.

Hartzell received her undergraduate degree from University of Puget Sound and studied at University of California at Davis for her doctorate. Hartzell is currently a professor of political science at Gettysburg College and the director of the College's Globalization Studies program.

Following the movie, Hartzell led a discussion about the life of an Afghan refugee in Iran. Students, staff and faculty talked about the differences between "Baran" and a typical American movie. Hartzell shared a story about her 11 year-old daughter who watched the film with her prior to that night. Hartzell's daughter was enthralled with the film, like Tuesday evening's audience, but became outraged at the lack of resolution at the end of the movie.

Hartzell agreed by saying that not everything has a "happy ending." According to Hartzell, nearly 915,000 Afghan refugees still reside in Iran as of 2007. Out of this group, less than 5 percent live in refugee camps.

"Baran" is virtually a silent movie. Dialogue is heard, but the actual message of the story is seen through the actions of the characters. "[Baran] shows that you always don't have to say something. Actions speak louder than words," first-year Ashley Huttenstine said.

Hyder-Darlington hopes "Baran" is a starting point for the High Library Film Series. She is now looking forward to the spring for another hidden treasure. The High Library Film Series is designed to break the mold of a tradition book-only library through this already-established medium. The High Library offers a selection of mainstream movies and indie hits in its catalog.

Check "Baran" out today. This 94-minute movie is probably one of the best romance and conflict films you've probably never seen.

Correction

In last week's article, "Betty Long hosts etiquette class, sure success," the meal that was served on the second evening was said to cost one meal swipe, but in actuality the meal is free of charge. No meal swipe in necessary to partake in the educational dinner.

The Etownian apologizes for the mistake.

on campus

Upcoming class dinners offer networking opportunities

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Have you ever passed your classmates in the hall and wished you could get to know them better? Though Etown is a very small college, there are still many people who you may not know. So what better way to get to know someone than at a class dinner?

Class dinners are supported by the class Senators as a meet-and-greet for first-years and upper classmen; it is a class bonding event. As for seniors, this is when they reveal what their class gift will be.

Phoro: Kevin J. Smith
Juniors Alexandra D'Angola, Samantha Schneider, Annette Sestito, Katie Drinker,Amanda Markowicz, Megan Momenzadeh and Katherin Momenzadeh enjoy the class of 2010 dinner held in the Event Space in the BSC.

Each class has a dinner together every year at a scheduled time. Some classes do them several times per semester, others just once a year. "The class dinners began in the fall of 2007. They started as an initiative of the "Class Unity Committee" of the class of 2010. Not every class is required to have a "Class Unity" component, but the Class of 2010 decided that was important to us," junior Autumn Metcalf, student senate secretary, said. "Our class is the one that started these dinners, and we are so glad that the class of 2009 as well as the class of 2012 decided to coordinate dinners as well."

The purpose of class dinners is for the Senate to update the students on what they have been trying to accomplish during the academic year.

"The dinners allow a casual setting for the class of 2010 to interact as well as an awesome opportunity for the 2010 Senators to gain valuable feedback and suggestions/concerns from the members of the class," Metcalf said. "What better way to get 'hands-on' than to eat dinner together? I coordinated the first dinner, and Sherry Dunbar, the general manager of Dining Services, has been the point person for every dinner after the first that the class of 2010 has held."

Senior class dinners have been going on for a while, but underclassman dinners have started just in the past few years.

"A goal of our class is always to promote class unity. So when we saw other classes holding class dinners, we thought it would be a good idea for us as well," senior class president Kelsea Kozak said. "We had ours for the purpose of announcing our class gift, promoting unity, and being able to answer any questions about the gift."

The dinners take place in the Event Space and are catered by Dining Services. The only cost for class members is one meal swipe in exchange. "For this awesome food, how can you say no?" Metcalf said. "The class of 2010 holds dinners once a semester for the class. That is how the class of 2010 decided to handle them. I do not know what the class of 2012 or 2009 plan on doing, as they just began class dinners this year in response to the positive feedback our dinners have received."

These dinners have been well attended in the past and will continue to take place as long as students are willing and able to participate. "The response that the Senate Class of 2010 has given in regard to class dinners has been phenomenal. Everyone always says that the food is great and it is an easy way to interact with each other. You have to eat anyway!" Metcalf said. "The first dinner was the most successful to date, but there is still a large turnout. Faculty and staff have also expressed approval and commended our class on the creation of these class dinners. All around, the dinners are well planned, well attended and well received."

So what are you waiting for? With great company, intriguing conversation and awesome food, you can't go wrong. Talk to your senate representative about attending your class dinner, and see how beneficial this experience can be.

on campus

Seminar offers tips on data privacy and protection

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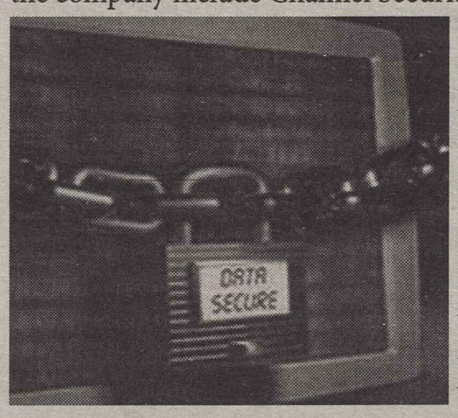
On Friday Nov. 7, Elizabethtown College welcomed Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the company Prometric Anthony Scicchintano. Scicchintano held a presentation in Hoover on the U.S.'s current data privacy policies. The company Prometric, owned by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), provides assessment services as well as testing globally. Some of Scicchintano's actions within the company include Channel Security, Purchasing, and Insurance.



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Anthony Scicchintano, vice president of Prometric, presented about how to protect data in this increasingly data dependant world.

In the United States, we are currently dealing with data privacy issues. Many concerns have been raised about our rights to have our information protected, and Scicchintano addressed these issues and discussed other countries' working policies.

"We need to know how to protect your data," Scicchintano said, after discussing Prometric to the students in the seminar. He explained that our data rights are founded on the constitution, which differs from other countries. It's been understood that a person/citizen's personal information such as a social security number or birth date, cannot be freely released, but Scicchintano basically explained that there is a loophole within the constitution. Information such as individual's names and address are not fully protected by the rights made by the constitution because they are not specified. "Quite frankly, there's not a whole lot that a business can't do [to retain information]," Scicchintano said. Basically, if something is not "narrowly defined", it is not difficult for a business or such to retain the data they seek.

In general, there are few restrictions on businesses in the U.S. as far as retaining information that they may need on a person. Scicchintano brought up the Health Information Privacy Act of 1999 (HIPA). This act allows our health related information to be protected and that Doctor's are not permitted to release this information to an outside party. But, this does not mean that a Doctor cannot release our names.

In comparison to these loopholes, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was mentioned. Students are more familiar with FERPA, as the college cannot provide educational information to a student's parents without consent. Scicchintano jokily explained that with threats from our parents regarding tuition, this information could easily be expelled.

But in contrast, internationally, privacy laws are very well defined. Scicchintano said that The U.S. as of yet to "adapt" rules in which our data is moved/exchanged to other countries. This proves to be a problem because this not only leaves our information unprotected and at risk, but it also puts a strain on companies trying to expand as well as many other issues with data protection.

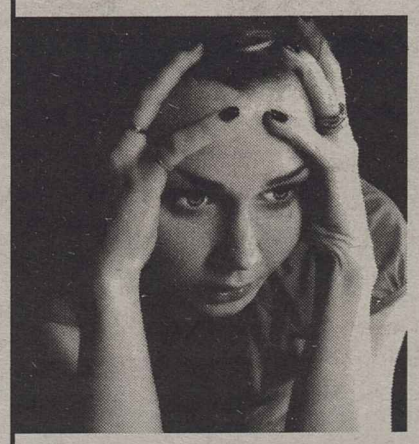
Scicchintano chose Europe as an example of one of the areas that has specified their data privacy laws. Within this country, a citizen's name is completely protected. Basically, anything that identifies a human being is protected. This may seem to be a problem for a business if they require personal information from this person. But, if a person signs a contract with the company, they are able to gain this information.

The Internet also has greatly changed the issues of privacy. "Data theft and data piracy is a huge industry," Scicchintano stressed. The Internet can also cause problems because people may not be entirely clear of their rights and having such close access to other countries may confuse or even blur policies.

Scicchintano summarized that we need to make sure that we are only asked of information that is necessary to what we are trying to accomplish. Companies are required to provide a "meaningful notice" if something is to occur to your information. He also stressed the importance of protecting your data through many methods including encryption. "If you don't need the data any more get rid of it," Scicchintano stated. It is highly important we are aware of our information; it could be free game to anyone.

Do you have Panic Disorder?

Have you experienced sudden, unexpected episodes of **intense anxiety**, accompanied by symptoms such as **chest pain, rapid heart rate, sweating, shaking, shortness of breath, fear that you were dying, losing control, or going crazy?**



Researchers at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center need volunteers with panic disorder and trouble falling asleep for a research study. The purpose of the study is to investigate whether an FDA-approved drug for chronic insomnia improves sleep difficulty in panic disorder patients who are also treated for anxiety.

You may be eligible to participate if you:
- Are between ages 18 and 50
- Have panic disorder
- Have taken at least 30 minutes to fall asleep at least three times per week in the preceding month

Medical assessment and study drugs are provided at no charge, and compensation is available.

Study Director: Ravi Singareddy, M.D.

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The Jayd-ed edge

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Well, at least they stick together.

Recently, a whole family in Indiana was arrested for driving under the influence. First, police pulled over their van for speeding.

It was determined that the woman was driving drunk, and she was promptly arrested. However, she was driving with her 1-year-old son. Before the woman could be taken, a family member had to retrieve the child.

Naturally, the child's father was called to the scene. However, when the father arrived, it was obvious that he too was inebriated. The police promptly arrested him and called more family members.

Eventually, the child's grandparents showed up. Sure, they were drunk as well, but the grandmother was just barely under the legal limit, so the police allowed her to take the child home.

Sometimes it just takes a while to come home

Recently, a missing cat was returned to its owners in California. Sure, that's boring enough, until you recognize the fact that the cat had been missing for over 13 years.

Yes, that's right; the cat's owners were shocked when their cat was returned to them by a local animal shelter. It had been caught in a trailer park by a manager and turned in to the aforementioned animal shelter.

Oddly enough, a microchip in the cat had allowed him to be tracked back to his rightful owners.

Upon returning home, the cat began acting like it always had before, even jumping at lights to which he was accustomed. It was as if the 13-year hiatus had never even happened.

I'm not sure what this means

In the past week, a woman in Idaho was on her way to work when she received quite a shock.

Somebody had left a frozen pig's head — attached to a pole — stuck into the ground of her front yard.

The woman says that she has been a target for vandals as of late, but finds this event particularly disturbing.

Police are still investigating the event.

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on campus

International Education Week celebration

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Ever wonder what it is like in all corners of the globe? Well, this coming Monday, Nov. 17, the world is coming to Etown during the International Education Week.

It will feature festivities, presentations, music, and food all honoring the international community on campus.

In Hoover 110, there will be a fair that showcases all the affiliated study abroad opportunities the school has to offer. The fair will also highlight the various countries that students attending Etown call home.

It will be a great opportunity to learn about all these diverse and interesting countries.

"There will be tables from the Netherlands, Serbia, Bangladesh, Japan, Brazil and other countries," Amy Simes, director of International Programs, said.

At 6 p.m., after the fair, adjunct professor Itana Lins, will be presenting on her home country of Brazil.

She will speak about the relationship that the U.S. is developing with Brazil, along with featuring some Brazilian music and foods.

"We are trying to attract Brazilian students to campus by revitalizing a scholarship program for five Brazilian students to come and study for one year," Simes said.

This is the first time that the school will hold events in honor of International Education week.

Hopefully, it will be a success.

In conjunction with the fair and presentation, the Marketplace will be featuring an International Dinner on Nov. 17.

"The International Dinner is made up of recipes donated by returning study abroad students or international students. Empanadas, moussaka, pasta carbonara, yakitori, churros, flan and gingersnap pudding will all be featured," Simes said.

Dining services will also be preparing some additional recipes of their own to add to the diverse mix of foods, so be sure to try some of these delicious dishes.

In addition to the food, fair and presentations, the flags that represent homes of the international students as well as where study abroad students have studied will be hanging in the BSC throughout the week.

Courtesy Photo
Group of students pose in front of a curtain fig in the Australian rainforest while studying at the School for Field Studies. This is just one of the many study abroad opportunites that Etown students can participate in.

International Education Week will be sponsored by International Programs and the Center for Global Citizenship.

"We want to make people aware of all the kinds of study abroad options and the healthy population of international students on campus," Simes said.

Many believe next week will be a great opportunity to learn more about the different countries represented by the student body, as well as learn about all the different countries that students can visit through the study abroad programs.

International Education Week is a national celebration that honors the nation's international communities and promoting international education.

According to Ichiro Fujisaki, Japanese ambassador, "With the world becoming increasingly globalized, most of us, at some point in our lives, have been involved in diverse relationships that transcend national boundaries."

It is important to understand more than the American culture because students will have to work with many different cultures in their chosen professions.

It is crucial to understand differences among cultures and to be comfortable in a global world.

If this is of interest, please come out to Hoover 110 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the study abroad fair.

If you want to learn more about Brazil, come to Hoover 110 at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 for the presentation by Itana Lins.

The International Dinner will be held during the typical dinner hours at the Marketplace.

Be sure to come out and learn all about the diversity of this campus and all the world has to offer.

on campus

"Called to Lead" encourages education

Julia N. Hadinger
Staff Writer

This past Thursday the "Called to Lead" program held its second "What Matters to Me and Why" dinner in the Susquehanna Room.

The "Called to Lead" program is a fairly new program on campus designed to develop students' leadership skills while also exploring other important themes in life.

Anyone can join at any point, and students are able to leave when they want to as well.

Each activity that the program offers is worth a certain amount of points; the goal is to reach 1,000 points by the time students graduate.

While the "Called to Lead" program has a fair amount to do with spirituality, students do not have to be religious to participate. It is sponsored by the Chaplain's office and the Office of Student Activities.

The program is broken into four different sections of learning in each of which members are required to have a minimum of 150 points.

These different sections include intellectual and theoretical types of learning, experimental learning and mentoring, role models and problem solving, and competency identity and congruence.

Also, mini-programs are offered with a certain amount of points for each area.

The "What Matters to Me and Why" dinner was worth up to 30 points and featured Dr. Fletcher McClellan, professor and department head of political science, as a guest speaker.

"I really enjoyed the dinner. The speaker was great and I thought that he was really funny," junior Amanda Markowicz said. "The food was also really good, too."

The dinner consisted of networking with other students, as well as a meal and dessert.

A question-and-answer section followed Dr. McClellan's speech. Dr. McClellan discussed his wife, sister, parents, education, and other important aspects of his life.

Other programs offered by the "Called to Lead" programs are, mini-lectures such as "Communication for Leaders," "Servant Leadership" and "Uniting Work and Spirit," and student reading groups and courses that the college offers, such as Life Meaning and Purposeful Work.

These programs are just a few ways in which people who are part of the program can attend, but they are open to anyone.

The "What Matters to Me and Why" dinner is just one small activity that the Called to Lead program has to offer.

While the program is still new and getting on its feet, there is still a good amount of people involved, and the dinner was an effective way to spark interest in the program.

campus events

Melica hosts benefit for abuse victims

Allison L. James
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Sunday, Nov. 9, Melica performed at their annual benefit concert, "Girls Night Out." Melica is Elizabethtown College's all-female a cappella group.

The proceeds from this event were donated to victims of domestic abuse, the majority of them being women. The name of the charity is Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County (DVSLC), formerly known as the Shelter for Abused Women.

This event is sponsored annually by Melica in order to educate the community on the dangers of domestic abuse. Although people were charged for tickets, none of the performers involved in this event received any compensation.

"This was a great year for Girls Night Out," senior Kristen Ebersole, president of Melica, said. "The focus of the night was completely on raising awareness about domestic violence and bringing in funds to help these women in need."

(DVSLC) is a part of the Community Action Program of Lancaster County. This program involved private non-profit human services and is a community development corporation.

Melica was very organized in their planning for the "Girls Night Out" event. The group began scheduling this event a year ago. One month before the show, the members focused on the details like decorations, which songs to sing, and which other performers would participate.

The group performed nine songs, including the pop songs "This One's For the Girls" and "While We're Young and Beautiful," as well as a choral arrangement of "Week No More." Melica also performed their traditional sign language piece, "Wanting Memories." This piece was Ebersole's favorite part of the night.

"It is a moving song and our blend adds to its intensity. It will always be my favorite part of the event," Ebersole said.

The student-band For the Greater Good opened the show with a performance and also played during intermission.

First-year Lauren Foster, sophomores Liz DiLeonardi and Christina LaPalomento, and junior Chloe Beveridge performed solo acts. A local artist, Kelly Ruth, sang songs from her CD. The all-male a cappella group of Elizabethtown College, Phalanx, also performed.

"I think that overall the event was a huge success," sophomore Melica member Emily Knitter said. "All of our hard work and efforts definitely paid off."

Approximately 100 people were in attendance at "Girls Night Out," including more community members than previous years.

Last year, Melica donated about $400 to DVSLC. This year their goal was to double that amount, but the actual amount raised this year will not be known until next week.

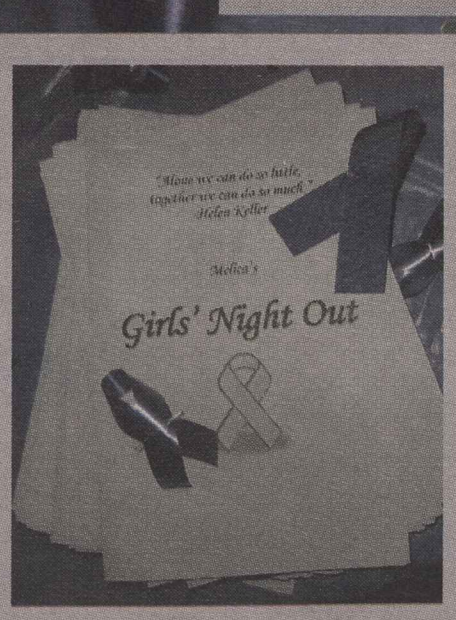
Domestic Violence Services was created in September of 1976. Their primary goal is to provide services to victims of domestic violence and their children, and to serve as advocates in educating the community about domestic violence. DVSLC strives to achieve gender equality and to eliminate domestic violence in Lancaster County.

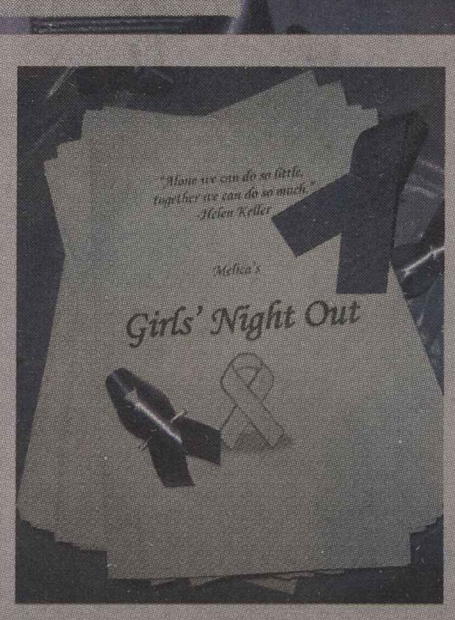
DVSLC has its own Advisory Committee to provide focused attention to the problems of domestic abuse. This program will help many women this week, since about one out of four households experience domestic violence each year.

DVSLC helps with many different types of abuses, including verbal, sexual, economic and physical.

"I am hoping that we made an impact and raised awareness about domestic violence," Knitter said.

Even if you missed "Girls Night Out," Melica is still collecting donations for DVSLC through next week. Contact MELICA@etown.edu for more information.





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Celebrating Children's Li

Ageless child classics

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We all remember having bedtime stories told to us when we were young. We had our favorites, whether they were pop-up books, ones with lights or simply stories in which our favorite character appeared. Chances are that the majority of the books we read as kids were written by Theodor Seuss Geisel. Better known as Dr. Seuss, he was, and still is, iconic of children's literature. He had crazy stories with goofy characters, rhyming his words and using a wide array of colors on each page. When children are young they are amused by simple things, so seeing birds with 20-foot necks and imaginary creatures sliding down different contraptions keeps them interested. Hearing their parents read all the rhymes keeps their attention as well.

Dr. Seuss was a winner of two Academy awards, two Emmy awards, a Peabody award and a Pulitzer Prize. These were well-deserved prizes for a man who has provided renowned storybooks for kids of all ages for generations. Dr. Seuss's more famous works, such as "The Cat in the Hat," "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Horton Hears A Who" have been made into movies. Ask anyone, and chances are they know the words to the song of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas."

Dr. Seuss passed away in 1991, but he wasn't the only author to catch the interest of a child. Chris Raschka has also held his own in the art of children's books. Younger than Dr. Seuss, he demonstrates different ideas and artwork. It was not his original intention to be an illustrator; he orignially planned to be a doctor. Just before his first day, he called in to the office and told them that he wasn't coming. He then moved on to pursue a music career, but medical complications prevented him. He had always liked painting, and he decided to take his hobby to a new level. Years later, he has become a beloved artist for kids. He touches on different subjects in his books and tries to send good messages to his readers. In one book, "Yo! Yes?," two opposite young boys start talking on a playground and become friends. The whole book only has 34 words in it; the storyline is mostly explained through illustrations. A second book titled "Happy to be Nappy" tells the story of a little black girl who is proud of her different hair. It's a good book that helps shed light upon the differences between people at a young age.

Both authors have done commendable things with art, and have left popular books for children to read and enjoy even to this day.

ing Classic 's literature

Influential books, poetry

Brittany M. Phillips
Staff Writer

Shel Silverstein and Jan Brett are among America's most well known authors of children's literature. Silverstein, writing the first children's book to break onto the New York Times Bestseller list in 1981 with his book of poetry "Light in the Attic," continued to stay on the list for 182 weeks. His first book was published in 1963 and has made readers laugh about its wacky antics ever since.

Silverstein's publications consist of collections of humorous short poems and black and white illustrations. His poems would usually star a wacky character or strange thought, and accompanying it would be an illustration of how Silverstein saw it in his head. His works displayed his unique imagination, creativity and reflected his inner child. From talking about a hippopotamus sandwich, to inviting a dinosaur to dinner, Silverstein humored his audience with his wacky sense of humor and play.

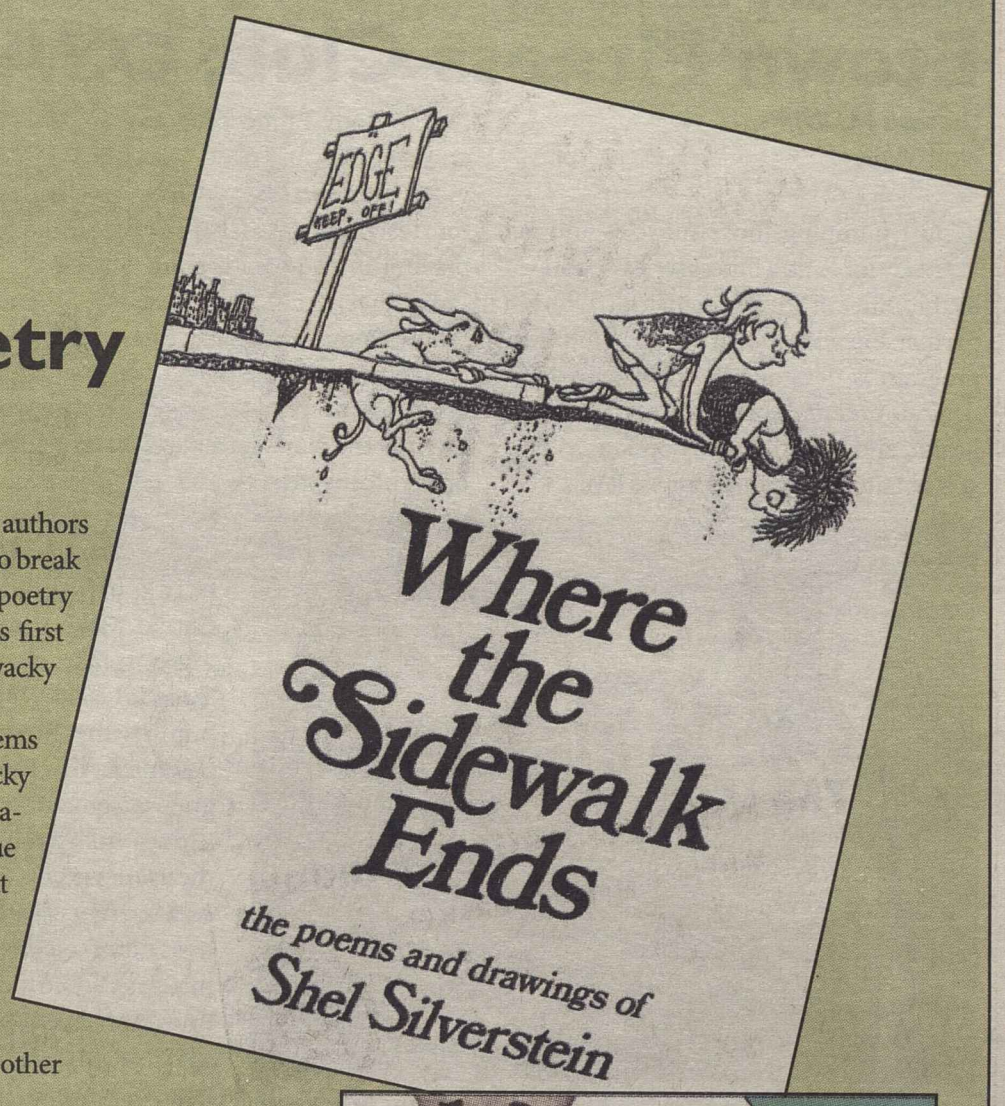
Brett, with over 33 million books in print, is said to be one of the nation's best author-illustrators of children's books. Her passion guides her to research other cultures' customs and costumes, among other things.

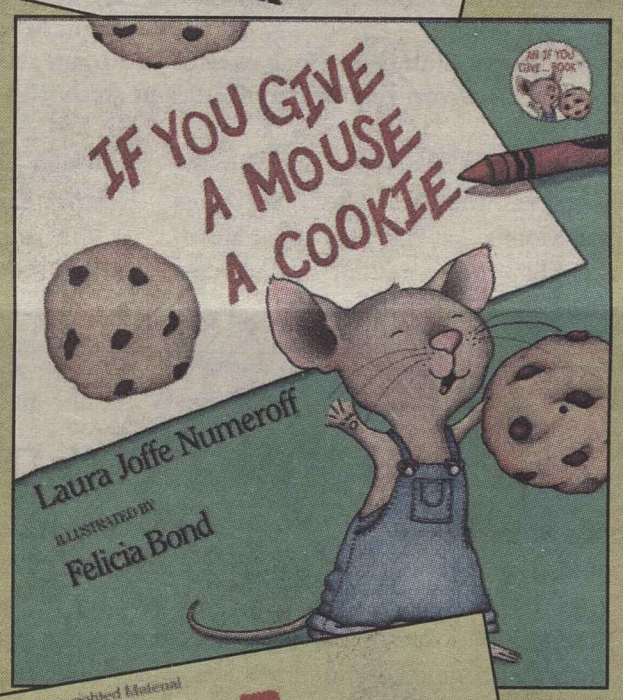
Great books like the ones Silverstein and Brett have written create traditions in families. When a child receives a book, reads it, learns from it, and becomes inspired, they often create childhood memories. As they grow older, they reflect on those times and they take pleasure in passing on that same book to someone they know and care about in order to create lasting memories in others.

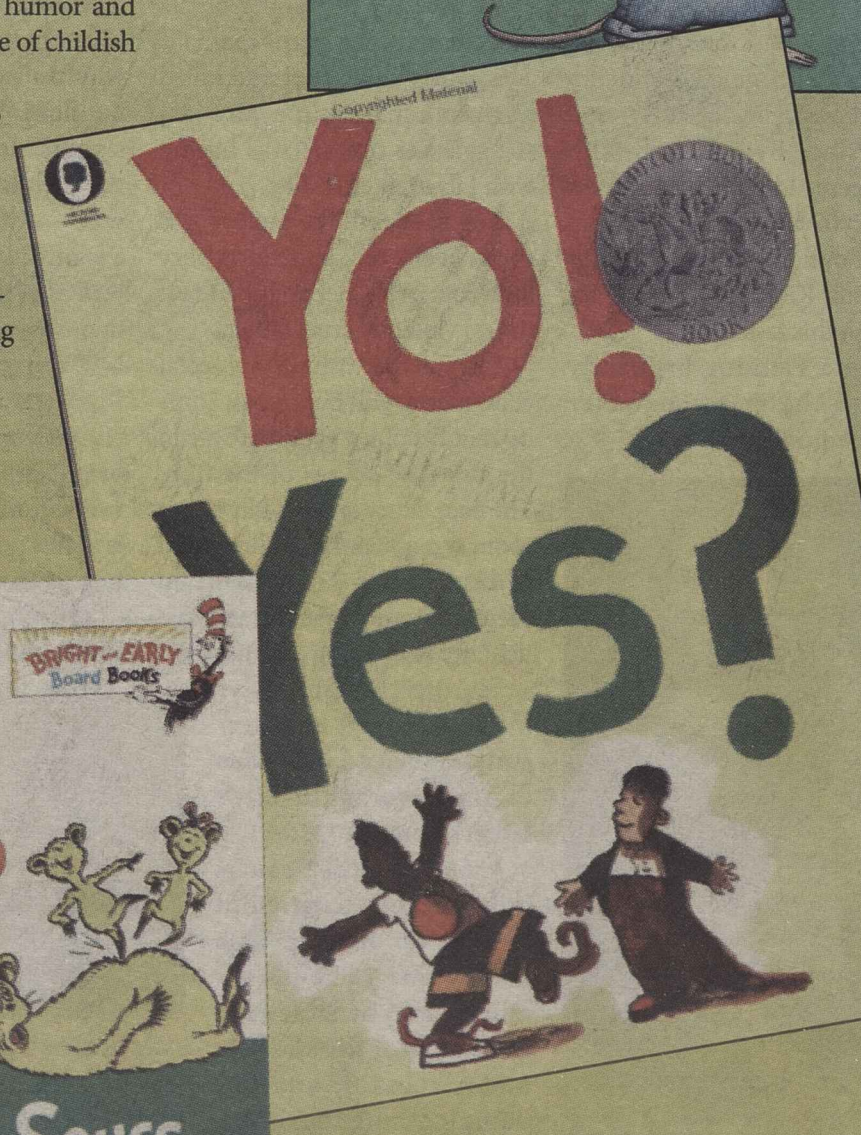
"My sister had a Shel Silverstein book that I always read. We both grew up on them," junior Allison James said. The family traditions that these books and poems create make a lasting impression on children. Silverstein's and Brett's books had a large impact on children and adults alike. These creative books and poems made it fun to flip through the pages, admire the illustrations and get lost in the author's fantasy world. They invite children to dream and dare and to imagine things that are out of the ordinary and seem impossible. "My sister and I would act out the poems and remember them when we played," sophomore Kristin Snell said. At the same time, adults embrace these books for their humor and ability to make daily stresses disappear, putting them into a state of childish imagination.

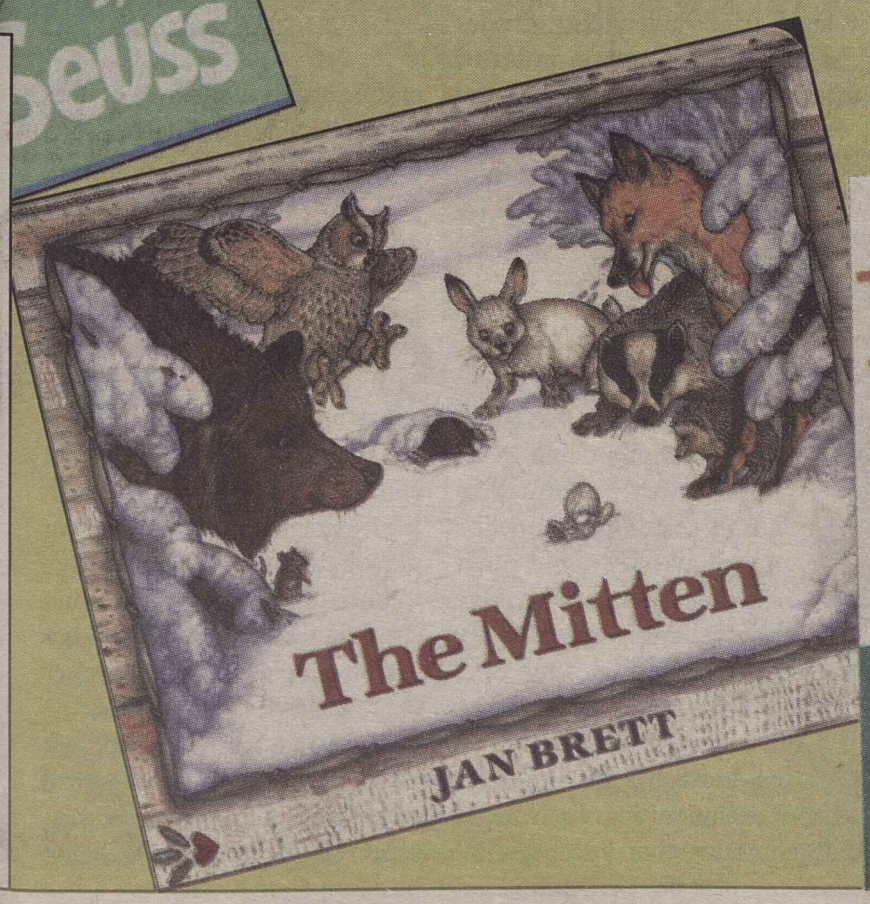
Silverstein teaches his readers that it is okay to be weird and to think "outside-of-the-box," and if they have trouble doing it themselves, they can just admire his strangeness. Brett encourages her reader to appreciate her stories' rich visuals and the ability to add such a detailed illustration with such a warm story.

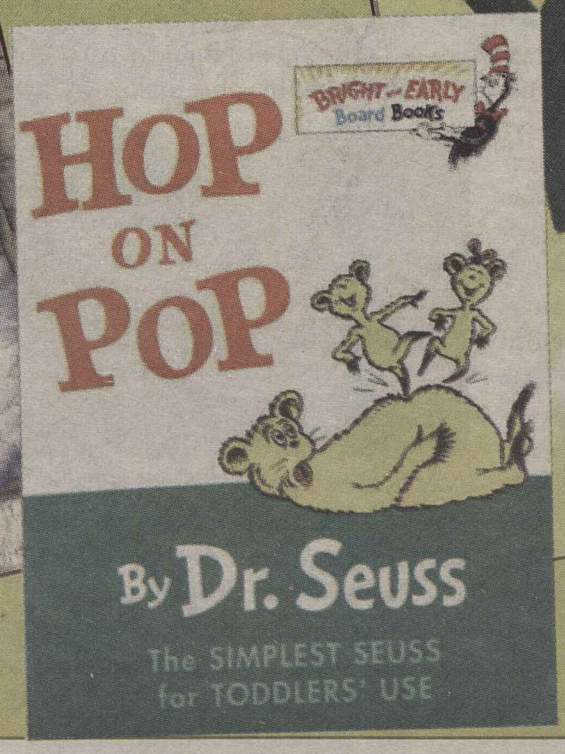
Silverstein and Brett, even with different styles of writing, seem to capture the hearts of millions of Americans, young and old, and create lasting memories of a world that they can only imagine.











health and fitness

Etown Fitness Club, OSA offer free exercise classes

Theresa M. White
Staff Writer

Start pumping those muscles and get ready for E-fit, a fitness series developed by the Office of Student Activities (OSA) in partnership with Etown Fitness Club. This program is designed to challenge you to dedicate time and energy to improving your health, and provides many options to help you obtain your optimal fitness level.

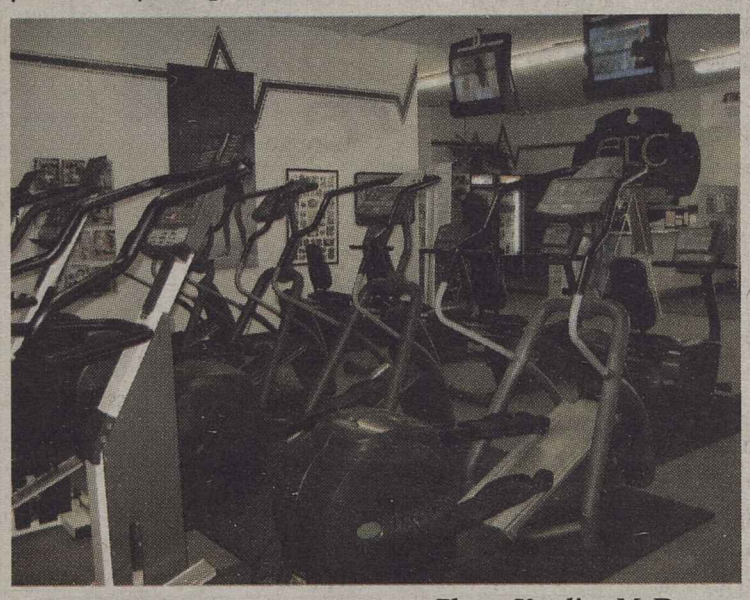


Photo: Katalina M. Deaven
Etown Fitness Club offers free classes to Etown students. Obtain passes from the Office of Student Activities.

There are two classes offered within the E-fit program. The first is called Body Pump, offered Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Etown Fitness Club. Transportation for students is provided at 7:15 p.m. via shuttle.

The Body Pump program is a toning and conditioning class. Weights are provided by Etown Fitness Club. Two instructors teach the class. There is usually music playing in the background during each individual part of the exercise as students follow along with instructors.

The five different parts of the body that are typically targeted and strengthened during the various exercises are legs, back, biceps, triceps and abs. It is a full-body workout.

The second class being offered is Cardio Kickboxing. The class takes place Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Royer basement. This program is isometric, so it does not involve the use of weights. A certified martial arts instructor teaches this class. Some routines, for example, involve different types of punches.

"Every time people go there, they have a good time, although you do get sore," sophomore Heather Rhoads, OSA Staff, said.

The third option being offered as part of this program is the opportunity for students to go to the OSA office to get a free pass to Etown Fitness Club. Each pass is good for one full day of using the facility.

Two free passes each week to the Etown Fitness Club are offered to students by OSA. The free passes can be used for any programs available, regardless of whether they are classes that are offered by OSA or not. Student discounts are accessible to those students who wish to sign up to attend the Etown Fitness Club on a regular basis.

OSA decided to begin offering this program because they realized the need for some sort of fitness program for students and faculty on campus.

"Not everyone wants to go to the Body Shop here on campus," Rhoads said. "Some people would rather have the help of an instructor than to work out by themselves."

Doing some sort of productive exercise daily can help prevent obesity, a disease that involves many dangers. According to *CNN.com*, obesity is a leading cause of type two diabetes. Excess fat makes people's bodies resistant to insulin, the hormone that helps the body maintain a proper level of a sugar (glucose) in the blood. If your body is resistant to insulin, your blood sugar can increase to dangerous levels.

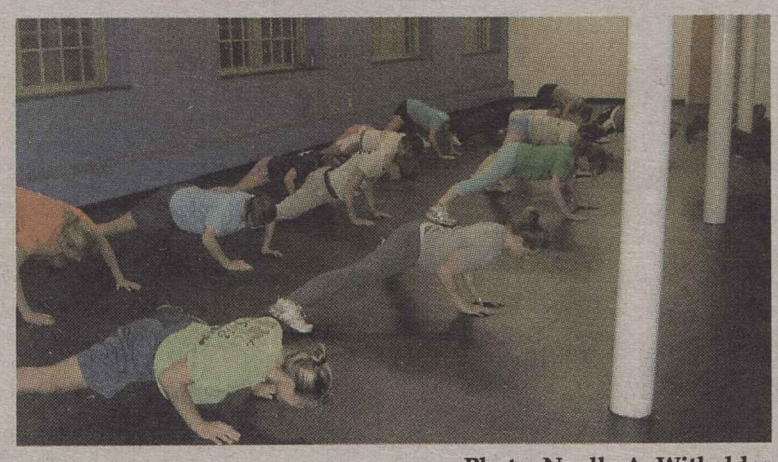


Photo: Noelle A. Withelder
Students do push-ups during Cardio Kickboxing. OSA offers this classTuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Royer basement.

Also according to *CNN.com*, as fat accumulates, it crowds the space occupied by the organs. Some obese people cannot sit comfortably because of fat in their abdomen. In a seated position, an obese person may have limited ability to breathe. Pain in the back, feet, joints and muscles may occur.

The main ways to avoid obesity altogether are eating healthy foods, exercising regularly and monitor your weight frequently.

Take advantage of these opportunities to become healthier and get in shape by attending free classes or by going to the OSA office located upstairs in the BSC to inquire about a free pass to Etown Fitness Club.

movie review

"The Secret Life of Bees" proves heartwarming, moving

Noelle A. Withelder
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Finding a film that both captures the imagination and stirs the soul seems increasingly rare. Gina Prince-Bythewood's film, "The Secret Life of Bees," based on the 2002 best-selling historical fiction novel by American author Sue Monk Kidd, manages to accomplish this task.

Dakota Fanning brilliantly portrays the main character and narrator, Lily Owens — a 14-year-old girl living in South Carolina during 1964.

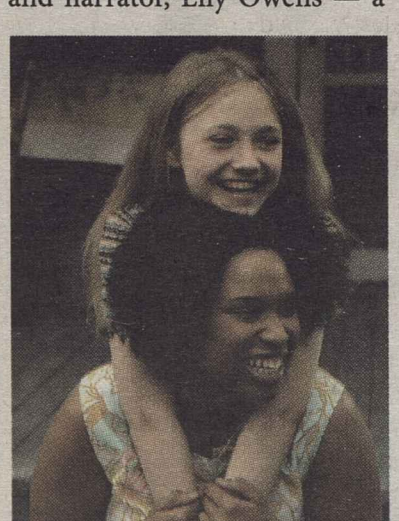


Image: *screenhead.com*
Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson) and Lily (Dakota Fanning) form a unique bond during their journey to the town of Tiburon, S.C.

At the very beginning of the film the audience learns that Lily, as a young child, shot and killed her mother during a physical struggle her mother was having with Lily's father, T. Ray.

Lily lives with the guilt of this event every day and finds very little comfort in her angry and (at times) violently cruel father.

Lily seems to have a special connection with bees — an affinity that becomes apparent within the first few scenes of the film. The bees dance around Lily in her room at night and she is not afraid of them. Rather, she seems to find them to be quite beautiful and particularly fascinating creatures.

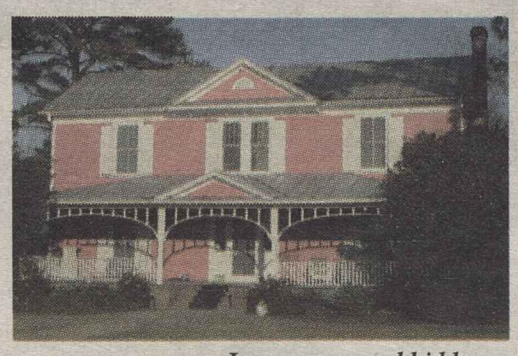
Jennifer Hudson plays the role of Lily's caregiver and only friend, Rosaleen (a black worker at Lily's father's house).

One day, Rosaleen is bold enough to attempt to register to vote in a nearby town. She is brutally beaten by a racist in the center of the street as others stand by and observe, doing nothing to come to her aid. This event ultimately results in Rosaleen's arrest.

Lily helps Rosaleen escape, and they both set off on a journey to the town of Tiburon, which Lily knows of only because of something she found in her late mother's possessions — a label from a honey jar. Lily doesn't know why her mother kept this label, but her intuition tells her it has significance in piecing together the puzzle of who her mother was — a missing link that has left a significant void in Lily's life as well as created a barrier to Lily's own self-acceptance.

During their travels, Lily and Rosaleen come upon a mysterious "Easter-Bunny-colored' bright pink house where three well-off black women reside. It is at this point that the plot really begins to unravel.

Queen Latifah plays August Boatwright, the head of the household who allows Lily and Rosaleen to lodge for as long as they need. August seems to become somewhat of a fairy godmother to the two wanderers. She teaches Lily how she makes her famous honey and shares Lily's deep respect for bees.



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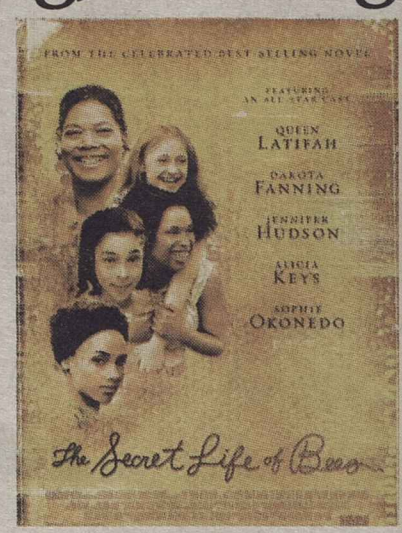
Latifah brings a mix of splendor, comedy and wisdom to her role as August that could probably be produced by few other actresses.

Alicia Keys plays the role of June Boatwright, the stoic and guarded daughter of August. Keys does a stellar job of portraying a woman who has difficulty revealing her caring side. June lives in what seems like an overpowering fear of vulnerability, exudes a rough demeanor in order to fend off those who may have the potential to harm her.

June's sister, May, played by Sophie Okonedo, possesses a personality completely opposite to that of June's. May reveals her deep vulnerability and fragility regularly. She is heartbreakingly receptive to the world around her.

As commendable as all of the actors' performances are in this film, Okonedo's may have been the most moving. The character May holds the viewers' curiosity throughout the film. One can't help but fall in love with, and be fascinated by, this character.

The ending of the film is far from disappointing. Facts begin to come together in a beautiful yet complex pattern reminiscent of the pattern of the lives of bees (as explained by Latifah to Fanning in an earlier scene).



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Along with a stirring plot, the actors' performances in this film are refreshingly believable and genuine. It is difficult as a viewer of this film to not become vested in each character in a unique way. There are no good guys or bad guys in this movie, only imperfect and complex human beings, making it a pragmatic study of human personality and behavior. Lily's feelings of isolation and the guilt she suffers keep us rooting for her to find people who will show her the love she desperately seeks.

If viewers are willing to look past a few unrealistic historical scenarios to appreciate the human aspect of this film, they should not be disappointed.

entertainment

Hit book "Twilight" released as film

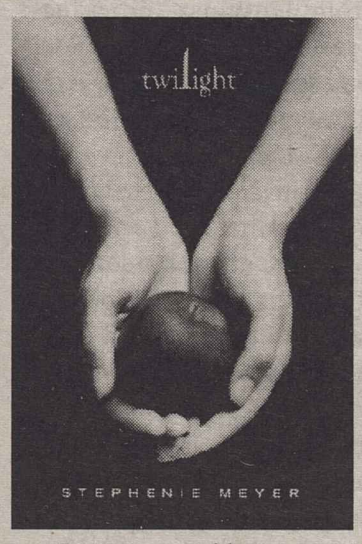
Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

Vampires, fast cars, a love story — all of these sound like elements of an action movie. Maybe add in some martial arts, along with a few ridiculously technologically-advanced pieces of weaponry, and you'd probably have a smash hit.

But I'm not talking about a brand-new action/adventure film about to appear in movie theaters. Take a romance between a human high school girl and a vampire who is centuries old but appears as a 17-year-old boy, and add in the elements of horror that come with vampire stories: blood drinking and the legends of their creation, and you've got the popular book series "Twilight."

"Twilight" was written by Stephanie Meyer, a stay-at-home mother whom, after having a vivid dream late one night, found herself consumed by the need to write out the details and evolve it into a four-book series.

The saga has become a world-wide craze, including here at Etown. First-year Kayla King admits that part of the reason she reads the series is that she is a romance junkie, but she finds more to interest her in these books than that aspect alone.



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"The book is different than other media you see around you," King said. "I think that the books show the type of relationship we want for ourselves."

"Twilight" is about a relationship between a human girl, Isabella Swan, or Bella, and Edward Cullen, an incredibly attractive vampire. Cast in the town of Forks, Wash., Bella meets the Cullen family after flying in from Arizona to move in with her father, while her mother and stepfather move to Florida.

After their initial meeting at school, Edward avoids Bella for three months before the two speak and begin to fall for each other. The only problem with this pattern is that one of the reasons Edward is attracted to Bella at the start is that her blood is an aphrodisiac to him.

If Edward were a typical vampire, he would have simply killed Bella and satisfied his thirst; but the Cullen family is unique in the fact that they do not drink human blood but instead choose to drink animal blood, something that enables them to live amongst humans in a quasi-normal life.

Image: *movie-holic.com*
"Twilight" will be coming to the big screen. The release date is set for Nov. 21.

Everything seems to be going well until one night, when the Cullen family is playing a modified version of baseball, a band of visiting vampires appear. One of them smells Bella's blood and so begins the ultimate conflict of the first novel: the vampire, Laurent, will stop at nothing until he finds and kills Bella.

While this summary of the first book does not do the novel complete justice, the upcoming movie, due to be released Nov. 21, hopefully will.

The film has received huge amounts of press throughout the world, with fans obsessively watching the trailer on YouTube and the official "Twilight" movie site. The movie is possibly receiving just as much, if not more, attention than the Harry Potter films that have dominated the cinematic scene for the past several years.

However, with all this publicity and press, are fans still willing to risk seeing an interpretation of the first book that does not meet their expectations?

First-year Allison Kinney will not only see the film, but she also plans to attend the first showing at midnight.

"I'm a little nervous they're going to butcher the movie, but from all the clips I've seen they seem to be good representations of the book," Kinney said.

First-year Julie Klaski also plans to go to the midnight showing and she expressed little doubt about the film not living up to her expectations.

"H[eck] yes, I'm going to see it!" Klaski said when asked about her interest in the film.

So whether you are excited to see the film or are avoiding it like the plague, there is little chance of escaping the craze over both the books and the new movie "Twilight."

television review

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

"30 Rock" hasn't evolved since its first season, but it's still probably one of the funniest shows on television.

Tina Fey, Alec Baldwin, and Tracy Morgan portray NBC employees. Having landed their dream jobs, they must now struggle to survive in NYC. Baldwin fills the role of Jack Donaghy, vice president of East Coast Television Programming. His friend and subordinate Liz Lemon (Fey) is head writer for TGS, a "Saturday Night Live"-style skit show. (In fact, most of "30 Rock" looks like "SNL" — the actors and writers come straight from Lorne Michaels, himself an executive producer on the show.) Tracy Jordan (Morgan) hosts TGS, though his childlike mental instability often produces shenanigans.

TGS absorbs an inordinate amount of Donaghy's time; hijinks ensue. The pace is quick; the banter is clever. Whenever "30 Rock" innovates, it succeeds. The chief talent of the show's writers is making old jokes funny with new material. Though it was "Scrubs" that originally took split-second cross-cuts from novelty to industry standard, "30 Rock" manages to make them new again, merging ironic sight gags (teams of octuplets playing tennis) with parallel structure (flashbacks to childhood insecurities).

Generally, "30 Rock" keeps its topical humor tight. Occasionally, the show takes itself too seriously, self-references too heavily and sheds its credibility. Yet the show at its worst is still better than most other comedy at its best, and the outstanding secondary characters ultimately redeem even the most pedantic and derivative of episodes.

Enjoy the cheery absurdity of this cast. Come for Jane Krakowski, Judah Friedlander, Scott Adsit and Jack McBrayer, who enliven every episode. Stay for Dennis (Dean Winters), Lemon's skeezy on-and-off boyfriend; Devon Banks (Will Arnett), Donaghy's gay corporate nemesis; and the incorrigible, incompetent Dr. Leo Spaceman (Chris Parnell).

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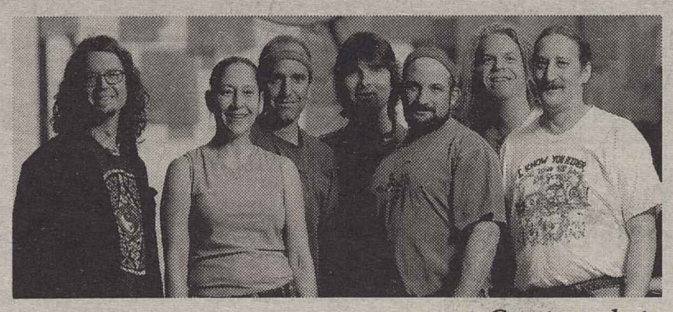
upcoming events

Grateful Dead Tribute Band Hosts Charity Concert

Allison M. O'Boyle
Staff Writer

The Washington Post calls them "the hottest Grateful Dead tribute act. A cover band for people who don't like cover bands."

Dark Star Orchestra, a band dedicated to preserving Grateful Dead's impact on musical history, has stunned Deadheads across the country with their sound, which is remarkably similar to that of the original band's.



Courtesy photo
Dark Star Orchestra will perform in Lancaster Dec. 5. One dollar from every ticket sold will be donated to the Rex Foundation.

Celebrating their 11th anniversary, Dark Star will be preparing for their 22-date "Rex Caravan Tour," a charitable series of concerts. One of the concerts will be held in Lancaster in order to benefit Grateful Dead's Rex Foundation.

The Rex Foundation is a charity originally created by Grateful Dead in 1983 to benefit the community. It "heavily supports the arts, environment and social services," DSO manager Dave Weissman told *the Etownian*.

The public of the 1980s sometimes misconceived Grateful Dead as an "evil monster," Weissman explained. The Rex Foundation helped to show the band's true colors; it was a "feel-good thing."

In light of the Rex Foundation's 25th anniversary, Dark Star Orchestra is proud to announce that since 2002, $120,000 has been donated to the organization, and since 1984 when Dead founded Rex, $8.2 million has been donated to 1,000 recipients.

John Kadlecik, the band's representation of Jerry Garcia, along with Lisa Mackey as Donna Jean Godchaux, Dino English as Bill Kreutzmann, Rob Koritz as Mickey Hart, Kevin Rosen as Phil Lesh, Rob Eaton as Bob Weir and Rob Barraco as multiple keyboardists recreate the Dead concert experience.

In fact, Dark Star Orchestra "often sounds more like the Dead than the Dead sometimes did," according to the Chicago Tribune. As artists "raising the Dead," Dark Star always announces the date and venue where the original show they have recreated historically took place.

Such attention to detail will draw fans to the Lancaster Hotel Resort and Conference Center this December when Dark Star recreates Grateful Dead's State Theater of Ithaca performance.

"Five members from the original Grateful Dead have physically played with DSO," Weissman said, "including the original sound mixer from Grateful Dead."

It's been a great year for the band, marking their 1,500th show as well as performing to sold-out audiences in Europe and ecstatic fans at Bonnaroo, a four-day, multi-stage camping festival held on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tennessee.

Bob Weir, co-founder, vocalist and guitarist of Grateful Dead, once said, "A couple of times when I had my back to John [Kadlecik] onstage and he started to sing, I had this weird sense that it was Jerry."

Donna Jean Godchaux, Grateful Dead vocalist, agrees.

"Playing with Dark Star Orchestra is something that feels just exactly like it felt when I was playing with the Grateful Dead," Godchaux said.

Eleven years of history in the making, and reviving, by Dark Star has raised interest with old and young crowds alike.

For more information about their show in Lancaster, visit Dark Star Orchestra's website at *http://www.darkstarorchestra.net/NEWSITE/HTML/dso.php*.

The performance is scheduled to take place Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. You must be 18 or older to be admitted.

SOUND OFF

Would you like the chance to room with someone of the opposite sex as you?

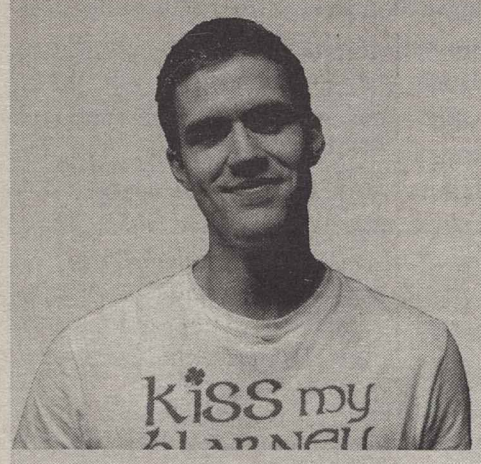
by Kalie M. Desimone

Sammie Martinez
Class of 2010

"Yes!!!"

Sarah Deysher
Class of 2009

"Well, first of all, boys are smelly. Second, there's enough drama in my life involving boys ... I couldn't imagine what living with one would amount to!"



Jon Dwyer
Class of 2010

"I'm an advocate of people making their own decisions as far as who they live with; male or female. If things don't go so well, I guess everyone learned something."

in the nation

Gender-neutral rooms a viable option

Caitlin R. Koller
Staff Writer

Co-ed rooming or gender-neutral rooming in dorms is not unheard of, unlike here at Elizabethtown College.

Over the past five years, at least 20 schools have quietly made the switch from same-sex rooming to gender-neutral.

Schools like Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Hampshire College in Massachusetts, Oberlin College in Ohio, University of Pennsylvania in Pa. and Ithaca College in New York, all support co-ed roommates.

Some of these colleges currently provide co-ed housing by floor or wing, but they are not yet ready to provide gender-neutral rooms.

However, certain colleges such as Clark University in Massachusetts provide gender-neutral rooms.

After going through the housing selection here at Etown, I know what it is like trying to find a roommate. Everyone wants to live with their best friends. This might prove difficult for some, however, because their best friend happens to be of the opposite sex.

Gender-neutral rooming refers to roommates with strictly platonic relationships. This could potentially be less stressful than having a same-sex roommate, which could improve academic performance by creating a more stable living and learning environment.

At certain colleges, parents have actually requested co-ed rooms. This allows their children, who are opposite sexes, to live together. This also allows relatives of the opposite sex to live with one another.

Gender-neutral rooming would also benefit those who are homosexual, who may feel more comfortable around the opposite sex, or transgender, who do not identify themselves as either sex. Gender-neutral rooming would eliminate situations where some people may be uncomfortable or unaccepting of a homosexual or transgender roommate.

When asked for his opinion on gender-neutral housing, junior Steve Juliano said, "I have just as many female friends as I do males. I think having co-ed housing would be awesome. I would like to be able to live with my other friends too, not just the guys."

Just like any other issue, there is a down side to gender-neutral housing. Junior Steph DeLillo says, "Gender-neutral housing is not a good idea. Couples that are in a relationship are going to favor the idea because they will want to room together. There will be a lot of tension in the room if the couple breaks up."

There is also a greater risk of sexual assault if there are males and females living in the same room.

Although these factors are prominent in an individual's opinion about gender-neutral rooms, I feel that gender-neutral rooms would not be a bad idea.

Individuals should go through a special application process in order to room with the opposite sex.

This would prevent the college from randomly placing a male and female in the same room against their wishes.

If someone chooses to live with a specific person, they already have a good deal of trust in their relationship which would decrease the risk of sexual assault as opposed to two random people of opposite sexes living together.

Most people do not experience living, or sharing a space with someone of the opposite sex until they are in a serious relationship or are about to get married.

Gender-neutral rooms would be a great exercise in learning tolerance of the opposite sex, and as such, would be a great addition to the Etown College community.

letter to the editor

Tobacco cessation needed to help children

Asthma is the most common chronic childhood disease. It is also one if the leading causes of absence from school and its prevalence has been steadily increasing over time.

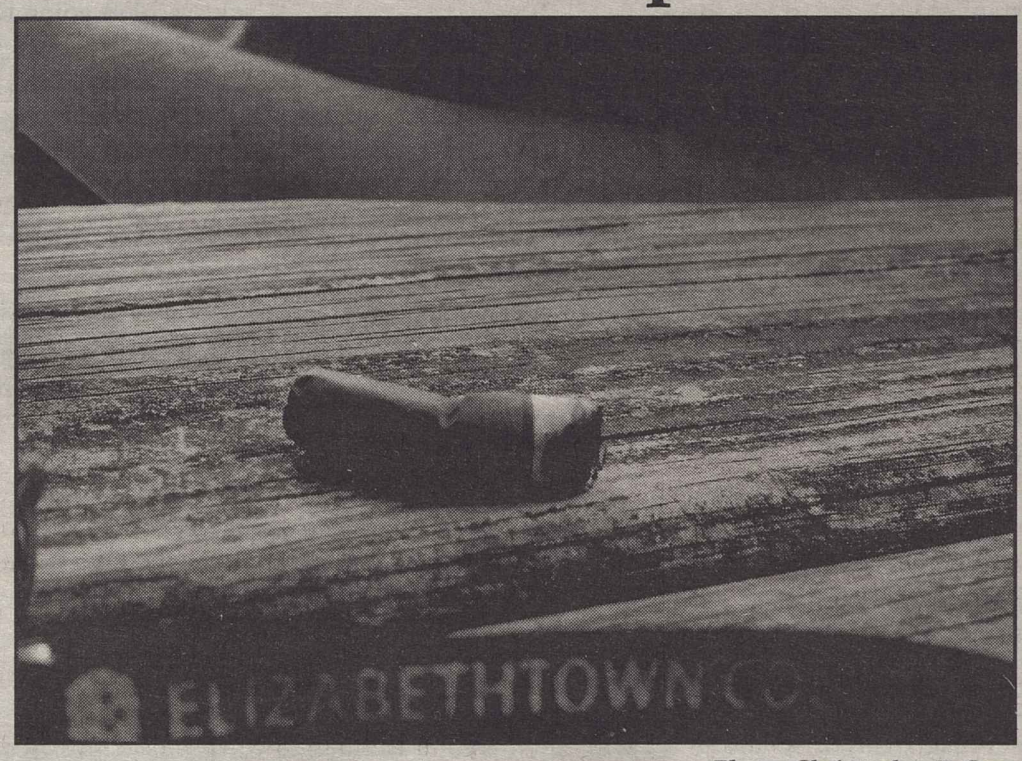
Childhood asthma is of a great concern to public health professionals. However, many adults also suffer from asthma. The American Lung Association estimated that by 2003 there were at least 20 million Americans living with asthma. According to the Pew Environmental Health Commission (PEHC) asthma has been designated as a top priority heath outcome for tracking efforts.

Did you know tobacco use remains this country's leading cause of death? Nearly one quarter of all Pennsylvanians (2.2 million people) smoke and the remaining population are left to suffer from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

Along with the causes, smoking is one of the many triggers that can trigger an asthma flare-up amongst most asthmatics. The flare up may result in a hospital visit, doctors' visit, or in some cases even death.

Healthcare providers treating various patients, from elderly smokers with coronary heart disease to young fathers with lung cancer due to second hand smoke and exposure have noticed the reality of smoking.

The cessation petition recognizes the triggers of asthma and many other health issues, and is designed to harness the collective support of Pennsylvania's healthcare providers to help patients actively seeking and needing assistance in quitting, but do not have the access to proven treatments that may be beneficial.



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Tobacco remains the leading cause of death in America. Last year, smoking killed roughly half a million people in the United States alone.

Signing this petition enables you to effectively communicate your support of the smoking cessation treatment coverage directly to the key decision makers in state government.

These officials have the ability to make a positive impact on healthcare insurance and give Pennsylvanians' access to critical tobacco cessation treatments and support.

Please join the American Lung Association in signing this petition and sending an important message to key government decision makers, including the insurance commissioner and the secretary of health.To sign the petition or learn more check out *www.coversmokingcessation.com.*

Jeanette VanderWerff
Guest Writer

on campus

Registration system flawed

Khouri E. McGrann
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I'm sitting, hunched over my computer, constantly clicking the refresh button, waiting for the words "registration open" accompanied by a little green light that alerts me to the fact that I can now sign up for the classes I need this semester.

The process, depending on how prepared I am, and how in-demand the classes are, can take anywhere from minutes, to hours, to days. I might end up with all my first choice classes, or with the only classes I could manage to fit together in my schedule. I could end up with a mix of both. It's a toss-up.

That is generally what class registration is; a toss-up.

You may end up at the beginning of your class registration schedule, or at the very end. You may get all the classes you want, or none.

It could be as simple as a matter of a couple of clicks, or it could last days, even weeks, until all classes are as they should be.

My personal registration process has been very straight-forward. I have gotten into all of the classes I have needed.

The only classes in which I have not been able to reserve a seat in are the most popular classes, so I was not really expecting to get placement in those particular classes anyway.

However, it seems like I have been one of the lucky ones.

I have heard situations where students have gotten up at five in the morning to make sure they could register for the classes they needed, or other students with very specific schedules who were at the end of their class registration, and so a class they needed to take was full.

It seems like a mixed bag of results for registration, both good and bad.

However, both good and bad is not acceptable. I can understand that an elective that I might want to take may be full, as well as a core class that can easily be taken next semester, but for those whose academic future is in jeopardy because a class they needed to take is full, this should not be happening.

The system works well, but it can always be improved upon. Education majors shouldn't have to get up at the crack of dawn to get the classes they want. Students whose majors are popular, and therefore class sizes are limited, should not worry if they get into the classes they need for their major.

If this means reserving seats for those who need it, or reconsidering the current system, I'm all for it.

Anything that can improve on an already relatively successful program would only benefit the students who use it.

That should make everyone happy.

on campus

Tuition increase appropriate

Samantha M. Alleman
Staff Writer

Last February, students received an e-mail notification from College President Theodore Long stating that we could expect our tuition to increase from $36,600 to $38,600.

I cannot say that I was particularly thrilled to hear this news, but neither can I say that I was at all surprised to receive this information. After all, tuition increase is nothing new. Elizabethtown College's tuition has been rising for years, and will most likely continue to do so for the next several years.

I was a little surprised however, to find that I'm one of the few students who believe that Etown's tuition is really not that expensive. Is it high? Sure. Is it too high? Not at all.

Think about it: We're attending a private, liberal arts college. It is expected, if not implied, that we're going to pay more than most state schools or community colleges. Quite frankly, I wonder why our tuition did not increase more. If the College is looking to renovate Ober, Myer and Royer, construct an entirely new residence hall, and build new offices and buildings, would a $2,000 tuition increase per student really pay for all of that?

Keep in mind that not only is the College planning to do all the aforementioned projects, but that it has already used some of that money to complete construction of the Esbenshade wing of the Masters Center, implement an emergency notification system, refurbish the game room (anyone else notice the Wii system?), fund 14 new interdisciplinary research projects, and schedule internationally-recognized speakers and performers.

All of these projects have benefited Etown students to some degree, so it is hard to argue that the rise in tuition was worthless or somehow wasted.

Additionally, it is hard to argue that our tuition is too high when most studenst who attend this institution do not actually pay the full $38,600; financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and student work packages is awarded to approximately 90 percent of the student population.

According to the College's Web page on tuition, fees and financial aid, $20 million in institutional aid is awarded by the College, and 55 percent of students are employed on campus. All of this is ensures that our education is affordable. So it is a little unfair, unless you're one of the 10 percent with no financial aid at all, to complain about the cost of our tuition.

One last thing: there are 31 private liberal arts colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. Out of these 31 schools, 16 of them, more than half, have tuition that is equal to or higher than Etown's tuition.

If we think $38,600 per year is too high, try attending Dickinson College, which tops the list at $48,834 per year, or Franklin and Marshall College, whose tuition is $46,304. Of these 31 schools, Elizabethtown College comes in as the 12th most expensive college, meaning there are 11 other schools that are more costly to attend, with 10 of them priced higher than $43,000 per year.

So if you ask me, Etown's tuition isn't looking too bad right about now. It's probably more than what most would like to pay, but it's not unreasonable. In my opinion, I'd rather pay our tuition over Dickinson's or F&M's any day.

staff column

We voted; We changed

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Obama has already changed things. More to the point, he's thinking about—and before—changing more.

Much of the world celebrates with us. My Australian friends Serah Maxwell and Hasna Ameti (featured in the Oct. 16 issue of this newspaper) served to quantify the levels of international jubilee.

"Jameson, are you aware that the day we returned [home] and Obama won the election, Kenya announced a public holiday in honor of his victory?" Ameti asked. "Seriously. My cousin's still in Kenya, and apparently all the people there were wild and shouting 'OBAMA' at all the white people that walk past."

On Nov. 5, *Change.gov* was launched, immediately prompting diverse reactions among our citizens.

The Web site, capped with media resources, spaces for personal sharing, blog links and job openings, premiered with a level of sophistication that shames the online spaces of its checks and balances. (See at *Supremecourtus.gov*, for example, the blue-and-white abomination that belongs to the SCOTUS.)

Obama's actual level of personal contribution to the mechanism of *Change.gov* isn't immediately knowable, but the site's design and URL indicate, at the very least, a direct connection.

The title "Office of the President-Elect" emblazons the header, accompanying a correspondingly direct quote. "Start right now," the executives of *Change.gov* implore.

"Share your vision for what America can be … where should we start together?"

Knowledge of the site's existence is still not prevalent among members of this campus community.

While bloggers advocated everything from the comprehensive reorganization of the entire education system to the total and immediate legalization of all-purpose marijuana, local students remained either uninformed or indifferent.

"I haven't heard of it, and I don't really care," one anonymous sophomore said.

"It's a good idea, but he's not going to look at all of [the blogs]," junior Timothy Stepp said.

"When you think of government, you think of corruption," he added, echoing a widely-held fear that individual needs will be lost.

Senior Lee Ferguson expressed his hopes that Obama "work on the rights of every American."

As far as I can tell, most of those same Americans are content to bask in general feelings of self-accomplishment and let the president-elect carry on with the actual work.

Obama's plans for executive orders include stance reversals on stem cell research and drilling. And Obama has an economy to fix.

The work has only just begun. Americans should celebrate, and they should still plan. They should still debate, reason, and consider.

Nov. 5 was only the first new day. We must prepare for the next.

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etown wrestling

Men launch new season with high hopes and expectations

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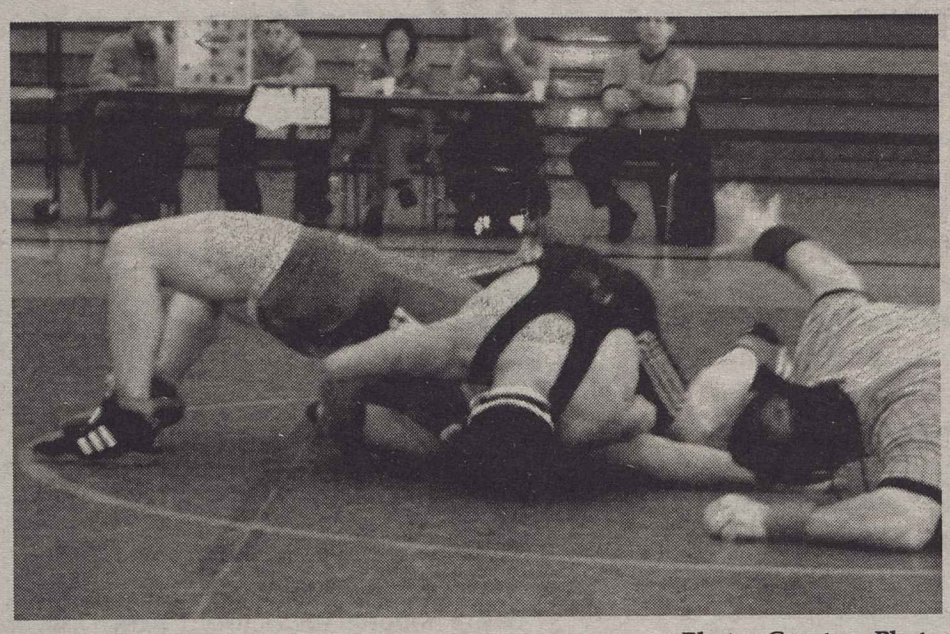

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In a meet last year against Kings College, current senior Jereme Heisey pins down a wrestler. The men will travel to the Ursinus Fall Brawl this weekend.

On paper, we have the potential to be the best team Etown has put on the wrestling mat," Coach Walker said about the 2008-2009 wrestling season.

According to Walker, this is the most well-rounded team he has seen in his years of involvement with Elizabethtown.

Walker is now in his sixth year as head coach of the Elizabethtown College wrestling team.

Walker is the 10th coach this sport has seen. "We have been a young team in the past, trying to keep up with the opponent, not *expecting* to win," Walker said.

"This year we have the experience and maturity to be able to compete," junior Bud Croswell said.

"Everyone is taking a leadership role which is something we have had trouble with in past years."

Croswell maintains that these are reasons for a potentially dominating season.

When Walker began his coaching career with Elizabethtown, most of the team were first- year students.

The team has grown together, and now the members "understand how to wrestle, and are strong enough," Walker said.

It is more than a game of physical power, the proper mentality needs to be there as well.

The team competed at their archrival school, Messiah College, this past weekend.

"There are great relationships between the teams, a competitive rivalry," Walker said.

With tensions high, the team had high expectations and finished second in the eight-team tournament.

Elizabethtown, with a posted 80 points, finished second only to Messiah with 84 points. The third-place team, McDaniel, finished with a posted 62.5 points.

According to junior Eric Rhoads, "Everyone looked real good on Saturday and the [first-years] showed a lot of potential." In its early stages, the team is experiencing a lot of injuries, forcing younger members to step up.

Etown competed with a mere 18 men out of a 30-member roster this past weekend. "With a full line up we would have won the tournament, and we will be able to compete with any team," Rhoades predicted.

Wrestling has one of the longest seasons to keep athletes healthy, running from the first practice beginning on Oct. 6 through the first week of March.

"Injuries are a downfall in the sport. Wrestling demands a lot on your body and injuries occur often," Croswell said. With many potential starters injured already this season, it is important for the team to come together and support its wrestlers. Croswell observed that the team has already "come together and shown a lot of talent and good personality in the wrestling room."

Despite the physical and mental effects injuries place on the team, Etown was able to compete at a high level in the Messiah Invitational.

"The conditioning level of the team was much better than any other team in the tournament. Coaches have been pushing us hard, and we were able to out work our opponents on the mat," Rhoades said.

Coaches are working on both the team's physical and mental components.

"The team needs to have the mentality that we will win, and not compete to 'keep up,'" Walker said.

The next match will be Sunday, Nov. 16 at Ursinus College.

"If we can bring all of our potential to fruition this season, a lot of damage will be done and we will be turning a lot of heads," Walker predicted.

etown cross country

Teams prepare for NCAA Division III Mideast Regional

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

After pulling away with impressive finishes at the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships on Nov. 1, the men's and women's cross country teams are ready to continue their season in top form as they progress into the home stretch and on to the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional, the Mideast Regional will be hosted by Waynesburg University on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Greene County Airport in Waynesburg.

To advance to the NCAA Division III National Championships the following week, the men's and women's teams must either finish in the top two or be selected as one of 16 at-large teams.

Although they finished a very respectable second to a strong Messiah team at the MAC Championships, the men's team viewed the finish as a disappointment and plans to come on strong during the Mideast Regional.

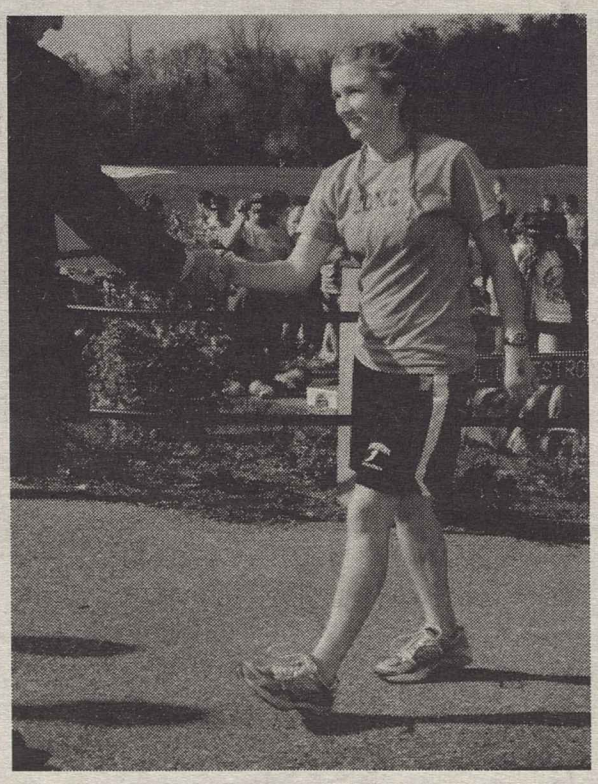
"The team [and I] will make some minor adjustments over the next two weeks leading up to the Mideast Regional at Waynesburg University," men's head coach Christopher Straub said.

"I believe we are still on course to achieve our ultimate goal of getting back to the NCAA Championships for the first time as a team since 2004."

That said, the men's team still has a tough road in front of them, as they have to get past the same Messiah team that displayed extremely powerful running prowess at the MAC Championships, as well as a nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins team in a battle of the Blue Jays.

"We still have a lot of work to do, and losing focus on that means disaster for the goals I have in mind for this team," senior Jeremy Matula said.

"We have not raced up to our potential the entire season. Now [is] the time of the season where Etown is supposed to shine, and I'm still waiting for that to happen from [runners] one tofive. We have one more race to make it happen, and I know that the MACs has at least lit a fire under me to attack."



Sophomore Theresa Beshore recieves her first place medal at the MAC Championships. The ladies won the MACs this season.

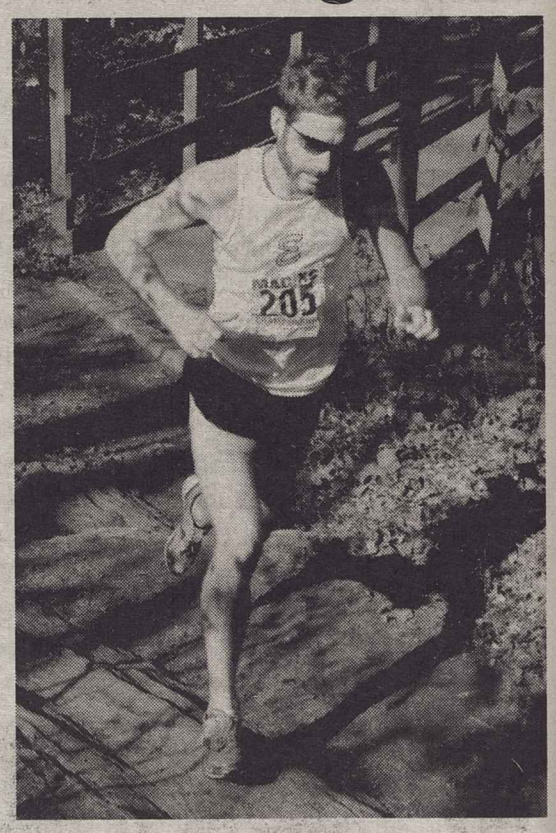
The women, on the other hand, are trying to maintain the momentum they gained from their first-place finish at the MAC Championships, as they come into this week's race at Waynesburg.

The women have taken first-place in their past two meets and look poised to put up a strong fight for the Mideast Regional crown.

"I think winning the MACs gave us the confidence that we need going into Regionals," junior women's runner Megan VanDenHengel said.

"We know that we can run successfully as a team now and we want to do that again. I think [the MACs] were just another step in the right direction for us."

Although the field is filled with plenty of other viable contenders, the women look to present themselves as champions and are quickly creeping into the minds of their competition as a possible threat.



Photos: Drac Williams

Senior James Munnelly runs the course at the MAC Championships last weekend. Munnelly and the rest of the team will be competing at the NCAA Divison III Mideast Regional this weekend.

A qualification for the national championship at the Mideast Regionals will prove to many of the doubters that the women's team is here to stay as a legitimate national contender.

The men's and women's teams look to show what a small school can do at Waynesburg and earn the national status they deserve.

Almost as important as the national status, though, is the recognition around campus, so show your support for your runners by encouraging them before the Mideast Regionals.

They are possibly the most successful team at Elizabethtown, and to have a chance to see an underdog team like ours possibly compete at a nationally recognized level is something to truly be admired.

etown volleyball

Ladies finish close second to Lebanon Valley in MACs

Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Women's volleyball ended a season of highs and lows with a loss in the conference finals this past Saturday. In the MAC Championships, the Lady Jays were taken down by Lebanon Valley College, who proceeded to win. Their first ever Commonwealth Conference in volleyball. In a match up that was sure to be a tough one, the ladies ended the season surprisingly well with a 16-20 record overall, and a 5-1 conference.

Junior Paige Tanner finished out her solid season with nine kills and 11 digs in her last match. When looking back on the season, she said, "We did well...we surpassed peoples' expectations by coming back next season and the hunger to win is even stronger." Other strong players in the game were sophomores Crystal Agnew and Allie Gold. Agnew had 14 assists and Gold posted 18 digs. In total this year, the Lady Jays had about 1,462 kills and 1,262 assists, with an average of 9.5 per game.

Junior Kathy Perry agreed, saying, "It was a good season where our team learned a lot. I am very proud of how we did, and am excited to come back as an even stronger team next year." The team that was led by sophomores and juniors will all be back next year, and hope to have another impressive season. Their coach, Randall Kreider agreed, remaining hopeful for an even better season next year, and hopes they gain the momentum to capture the conference title once again.

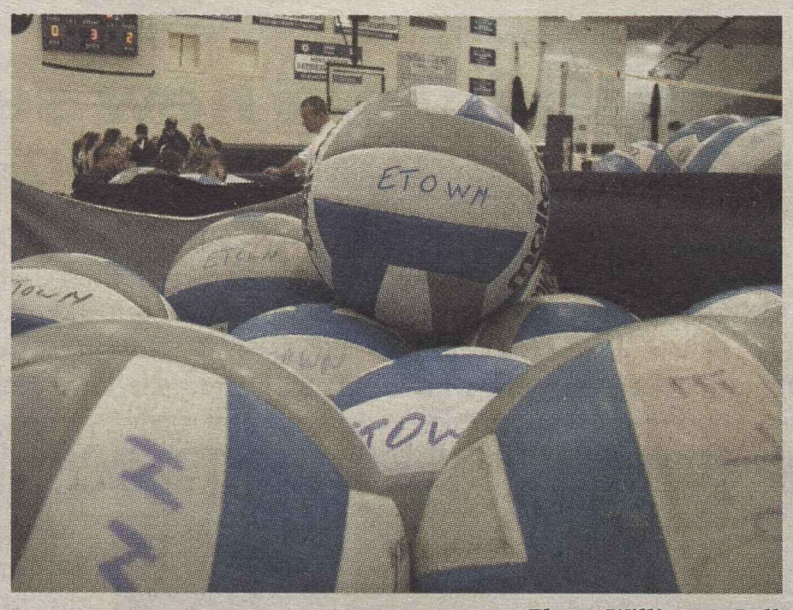


Photo: William A. Bell
No longer used after warm-ups, a stack of volleyballs sit next to the court at Etown's playoff game against Widener last Wednesday, a victorious match for Etown.

After their first post season win on Wednesday, Nov. 5 against Widener University, they were excited to play Lebanon Valley College in Annville. It was a tough match that mirrored last year's conference win. LVC was back for revenge and the Dutchmen put up a fight on their home turf, winning the match 3-0, and automatically sending them to the NCAA tournament. Although the season has ended, the girls look back on an interesting ride to the end.

There were several highs and lows throughout the season, such as the rough start with their strings of consecutive losses, which included their homecoming matches. Although spending their Fall Break in California was a highlight of the season, they failed to grab the gold in the Golden State. They did, however, end their season on a relatively high note, with a win Nov. 5 in Thompson Gym. The Lady Jays volleyball team this year have surely done an impressive job this season, and the standards remain high for next year.

"Volleyball is a sport that cannot be carried by one person," Junior Katie Duckworth said. Our team really came together and gave it a group effort."

Sophomore Amanda Ritchey agreed. "The team always plays as six girls on the court, and that is the key to success in every game," she said.

The main reason that they are ready and determined to come back even stronger next year, and to reclaim the conference title and bring it back home to the Elizabethtown College campus once again.

etown women's soccer

Women fall short to Messiah in MAC Championships

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

In an attempt to capture the women's soccer MAC Championships this past weekend, the Lady Jays fell two goals short. Despite the loss, the ladies were able to hold their opponents to only a two goal deficit, something that most other teams have yet to accomplish this season.

This past Saturday, the Jays traveled to Messiah College for the MAC Championships against Messiah College, the reigning champs from last year. Going into the game, the Lady Jays knew they would have to do something different to stop the Falcons. In their previous match on Nov. 1, Messiah defeated Etown 5-1 in the last home match of the season.

The Jays entered the match with a new defensive strategy to attack the Falcons by slowing down their play near midfield. They used a blockade style of attack.

"Messiah likes to play balls around in the center, so our idea was to pack in the middle so that their game would be thrown off," sophomore Erin Stone said. "Also, if a ball was sent into their half of the field and it was clear they were going to get possession of it, we would all return to the formation behind the midfield line to await their attack. The main idea of the formation was to throw them something unexpected and to slow down their play, especially near midfield."

Their strategy worked, as the ladies were able to hold Messiah to two goals and then none in the second half. The Falcon's only goals were scored in the 26th and 36th minutes. Senior goaltender Angela Freeland made seven saves in the game, but Messiah shut out the Lady Jays without allowing a shot on goal.

Photo: Scott Sheppard
Junior Erin Scott (16) dribbles the ball past a pair of Messiah defenders on Saturday in the MAC Championships at Messiah College. The Jays fell short by a score of 0-2.

Despite the loss, Etown put up an impressive match against the highly ranked Falcons. Messiah, ranked second in the nation, finished the regular season with a record of 19-0-2, and they have won the past eight of nine conference championships.

"We gave them the best game of their season. Most teams were completely crushed by Messiah, but we only lost by two, which is a great accomplishment in itself," Stone said.

Messiah will now move on to the NCAA national tournament, though Etown barely missed the cutoff. Under new head coach Bob Scotten, the Jay's final record will sit at 13-6-2. The team scored 42 total goals in the season, averaging 1.92 goals per game, and had 72 total saves and 33 assists. Scoring the most goals this season were seniors Brook Dotterer with 14 and Jenna Russo with nine. Senior goalie Angela Freeland finished the season with 66 saves.

Though their goal was to make the NCAA tournament, the Jays finished their season strong and look forward to next year.

Fall sports finals

Men's soccer:	Overall 7-9-2 Conference 2-4-0
Women's soccer:	Overall 13-6-2 Conference 3-2-1 2nd in MAC
Field hockey:	Overall 17-4 Conference 3-2
Volleyball:	Overall 16-20 Conference 5-1
Cross country:	Men- 2nd in MAC Women- 1st in MAC **Still competing**

Great job fall sports teams!

etown swimming

Swimming Jays splash into a new season

Lauren M. Canzanese
Staff Writer

This year's Elizabethtown swim team, only three meets into their season, has already faced many changes and obstacles. This could be discouraging to many teams, but not to our Blue Jays. They are determined to push forward and succeed no matter what this season brings them.

One major change that took place this year was the head coach. Dan DeHass took over as head coach after Michael Guinivan left Etown with more than 20 years of service to the school. The swimmers had to adapt to a new coaching style which focuses swimmers on all of the strokes rather than specific strokes towards each individual. Coach DeHass believes that the swimmers had to overcome what he calls the "shock factor" but that the team is now settled in and swimming well. Captain

Tom Hagerty said, "It's a learning year for all of us. Coach Dan [DeHass] is learning from us, we're learning from him, but all we can do is fly off those blocks and leave it all in the pool."

Another challenge is that the men's team is swimming with only six members. This will make winning a meet extremely challenging when they are swimming against teams with 20 or more men. The men's team lost three swimmers to last year's graduating class; Daren DiObilda, Dan McGuigan, and Ryan Schutz graduated with the class of '08. With only one first-year newcomer to the team, Dan Bolstein, it is going to be hard to fill their shoes. Since a shortage of members is out of the male team's hands, they are doing the best with what they have and are trying not to let it get them down. Hagerty admits that it will be tough with only six male swimmers, but they are not going to quit, and they are still looking forward to swimming at their MAC Championships in February.

The team is 0-3, having swam against Dickenson, York and Lycoming so far. The team's goals for this year include coming together as a team more and having the women's team move up a place at MAC Championships. Coach DeHass would like to see the team become more competitive as well as build up membership on the team.

The team is trying to come up with ways to make the meets more entertaining for everyone who comes to support them. Something they are doing new this year are themed swim meets. This Saturday, Nov. 15, they are hosting a football-themed meet. Students are encouraged to wear a jersey from their favorite football team and come out and support the swimmers. Students may also see the Blue Jay himself. This meet will take place at Alumni Pool at 6 p.m. Etown will be swimming against Messiah, who have never had a team prior to this year, and Susquehanna. It will be a fun event, so all are encouraged to come out and lend their support to their fellow students.

This year's swim team has taken on many challenges, and may have more as their season progresses. They are not going to let any of this get them down, though. They are determined to maintain competitive and come together as a team. They hope to see more students in the crowd at upcoming meets, but no matter what, they maintain each other's greatest support.

Captain and senior Sarah Berry stated, "We try to act as one team, and even though we have separate scores, I would like to say that we all try and cheer for each other and be involved."

Photo: Jodi Crimmel

Preparing to swim against Dickinson College last Saturday, the swim team says a cheer. Both the men and women lost the meet.

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Athlete of the Week

Emily Robinson

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is ecstatic to name first-year swimmer Emily Robinson as this issues Athlete of the Week!

Prepare ro have your mind blown. In a conference meet against Lycoming Saturday Nov. 8, Robinson won three events that totaled 62 lengths of the pool!

For most people just swimming that many lengths would be award worthy, but not for this distance diva.

Robinson won the 1000 free (40 lengths) with a time of 11:46.93 and the 500 free (20 lengths) with a time of 5:39.84. For Robinson's third first place of the night she teamed up with juniors Kara Geiger, Sara Crimmel and sophomore Stephanie Hellman in the 200 free relay. They posted a winning time of 1:47.91.

In last nights meet against King's Robinson continued her impressive week by winning two more events. Robinson posted a winning time of 2:10.87 in the 200 free and a time of 5:53.63 in the 500.

So far this season Robinson has been the women's team's best distance competitor posting team bests in both the 500 and 1000 yard freestyle.

The swimming Jays look forward to hosting a tri-meet this Saturday against Susquehanna and conference rival Messiah.

Good luck to the Jays and congratulations to Emily Robinson for having a fantastic week of competition.

Photo: Kara L. Geiger

First-year Emily Robinson swims freestyle at yesterday's meet against King's College.

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Something not many people know about me is ...
I love to go camping

Favorite Sports team:
Boston Red Sox

Favorite TV Show:
The Hills

When I leave college I want to ...
Become a speech therapist and travel

Blue Jay Sports

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Messiah 2, Etown 0

Swimming (M) (0-3, 0-1):
Lycoming 110, Etown 60
Etown 130, Kings 99

Swimming (W) (0-3, 0-1):
Lycoming 100, Etown 50
Etown 151, Kings 92

Volleyball (16-20, 5-1):
Lebanon Valley 3, Etown 0

Wrestling:
Messiah Invitational
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Nov. 15: vs. Alvernia, 3 p.m.
Nov. 16: vs. Lancaster Bible, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball (W):
Nov 15: @ Randolph-Macon, 3 p.m.
Nov. 16: vs. Lynchburg @ Randolph- Macon, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19: vs. Moravian, 7 p.m.

Cross Country:
Nov. 15: NCAA Division III Mideast Regional

Swimming (M&W):
Nov. 15: Dual meet vs. Messiah and Susqueyhanna, 1 p.m.

Wrestling:
Nov. 16: @ Ursinus Fall Brawl, 9:30 a.m.

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in the community
New traffic light planned for troublesome intersection

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The rush hour commuter headache at the intersection of South Market Street and College Avenue may be resolved before the close of 2009, according to the Elizabethtown Borough's road improvement plans. Currently, a single pair of stop signs controls the convergence of traffic flow coming west from the College and those traveling north and south on one of the area's busier streets.

South Market Street, which runs through the center of town and passes by the local Giant and Kmart stores, sees car and bus traffic to and from the nearby public schools in the morning and mid afternoon.

Additionally, two of the area's largest employers, the Masonic Village and Mars Snack Foods, change shifts around the same time.

Meanwhile, the borough's population continues to grow, with more commercial and residential building developments appearing in and around the area.

As a result of these factors, the street hosts as many as 25,000 cars and trucks during a peak day.

This heavy concentration — which has been additionally stressed by road work farther south of the College Avenue crossing — has become a point of concern for students and locals alike.

The little-regulated intersection, some fear, is a dangerous magnet for auto accidents.

In an attempt to resolve this inconvenient and possibly dangerous situation, the Borough plans to install a traffic light at the intersection to help control traffic flow. Additionally, College Avenue will be expanded to three lanes on the western half of the intersection, which will require a garage to be removed.

According to Borough spokesperson Peter Whipple, these projects are included in a $3 million improvement initiative — which will also fund masonry work for the intersection — dubbed "College Square."

The stonework will welcome visitors to the square, which, when completed, will be comparable to Market Square. The project, which is scheduled to begin after the new year, should ideally conclude within 2009, but it might not be completed until early 2010.

Although there is no space to widen Market Street, the Borough is working with neighboring townships to break ground on an alternate road that could bypass the downtown congestion.

However, Whipple acknowledges that plotting an available route has proven difficult.

In the meantime, officials hope that the proposed project will help to alleviate residents' concerns and improve traffic flow for the intersection.

As of now, it is not known how the planned construction will affect through-traffic.

Photos: Brielle E. Parady
Borough officials hope to begin traffic light installation at the intersection of College and Market in early 2009.

in the world
Suspected Taliban insurgents maim girls

Jamie L. Bartolino
Assistant Editor

Several young Afghani women were seriously injured last Wednesday after being sprayed with battery acid on their walk to school. The teenagers were attacked by two men on motorcycles protesting the girls' right to education.

The incident occurred around 8 a.m. within close proximity to the Mirwais Nika Girls High School in Kandahar, where the girls were headed. The attackers used toy guns to spray acid in the victims' faces.

According to CNN, Al-Jazeera suspects Taliban militants are responsible for the attacks, but a spokesman for the Taliban denied claims that they had any involvement in the incident. There are currently no other suspects.

The exact number of victims remains undetermined. U.S. officials report lower numbers than those of Kandahar, who estimate a total of six victims. BBC News indicated the highest estimate, reporting that at least 15 women were attacked.

At least two of the victims remain permanently blinded following the attack, while others were treated for severe burns.

Schoolgirls in Kandahar don the appropriate dress of black pants, a white shirt, a black coat and a black head scarf, leaving their faces unprotected.

"What has happened, specifically with women in Afghanistan, is if they have been community leaders or organizers for women, or if they have been prominent, they have faced death threats," Dr. Kimberly Adams, associate professor of English, said. "Some of them have even been killed. The violence is used as a way of controlling women, of making sure that they don't step outside of traditional roles that many consider acceptable for them."

"[The treatment of women] really varies between countries," Dr. Susan Mapp, assistant professor of social work, said. "We tend to group Middle Eastern countries, but it varies very widely between them in terms of the rights that women are given and their access to education. The situation in Afghanistan is certainly the most extreme because of the Taliban being such a radical group. When they ruled Afghanistan, girls weren't allowed to go to school at all. Women weren't even allowed to leave the house unless they were completely covered in the burka and accompanied by a male relative."

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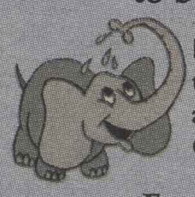
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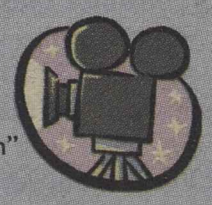
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news in brief

Three CEOs made their way to Washington Tuesday to request $25 billion in aid to avoid the bankruptcy of their companies.

Rick Wagoner, CEO of GM, made his case to the Senate Banking Committee: "We want to continue to play the vital role we've played for Americans for the next 100 years, but we can't do it alone," he told them.

Despite the company executives' seemingly sincere need for financial help, Alan Mulally of Ford, Robert Nardelli of Chrysler and Wagoner all flew to the meeting in private jets. Wagoner's trip alone cost $20,000, while first class seats with Northwest Airlines would have cost $837.

Al-Qaida's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, made reference to Obama's position in the white house on a recent media release. The video release was made after Nov. 5, as it discusses a U.S. airstrike that occurred on that date.

The release refers to Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell, and President-elect Barack Obama as "house slaves." The message also ascribes to Malcolm X, who used a similar term to criticize black leaders that maintain politic beliefs according to those of whites.

Al-Zawahri warned: "[Obama is] facing a Jihadi awakening which is shaking the pillars of the entire Islamic world."

Obama's inaugural address could "break the bank" due to security costs and other factors.

The Federal Government assists with the cost of the address, but only up to $15 million. President Bush's inaugural address cost $17 million.

Cathy Lanier, Police Chief, assumes 4,000 additional police officers will be needed at the event. Meanwhile, capacity measures may require more funds to manage excessive crowds.

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on campus

Integrity jeopardized as dorm theft rises

Lauren N. Thim
Staff Writer

I thought Ross was playing a joke on me," first-year Steven Boyer said.

This was Boyer's first reaction after he heard that he and his neighbor were missing approximately $200 in merchandise one day this October.

On Oct. 28, Boyer and fellow first-year Ross Benincasa lost a Playstation 2, along with two controllers, "Madden 2009" and a memory card in Founders.

"I was using the PS2 in the lounge, and then left it there for about an hour or two to go to lunch because Steve's room was locked. It was during this time that it was taken," Benincasa said.

After finding out what happened, "my first reaction was sorrow … because I left it in the lounge," Benincasa said. "I came in [to Etown] hearing that you can leave your things anywhere and people will always respect your property. However, after this incident, I am hesitant to even [put] my books down to claim a table in the Marketplace."

Despite the theft, Boyer's overall view of Etown hasn't changed.

"I still think [the campus] is safe as long as it's not something too valuable," he said. "It was about $200 worth of merchandise, so it was flashy to take."

Photo: Amanda P. Calabrese
A Playstation lies dormant while its owner is elsewhere. Two Founders residents fell victim to the pilfering of a similar gaming system at the end of October.

This is not the first time that Elizabethtown students have been victims of theft. Residents in Myer and Ober have had laundry taken from them this fall as well.

Myer roommates sophomore Monica Robinson and junior Beth Steffy were both shocked by the recent incidents.

"I was surprised to hear that there was theft at all, because I've never heard that anyone had a problem with laundry theft," Robinson said.

"That's crazy. You don't expect that sort of thing to happen," Steffy said. "People perceive Etown as being a small, homey town where nothing negative ever happens, and unfortunately that's not always true."

Despite the recent events, the College's Pledge of Integrity encourages students to uphold a commitment to honesty and academic fairness.

Etown's Integrity Committee is holding a Day of Integrity on Nov. 20, which seeks to "make the campus more aware of the committee and the importance of integrity," according to junior Darline Doty, co-chair of the Committee.

"We want our campus to continue to have that honest feel when you walk onto it, and we want all students and faculty to feel that honesty and truth are important parts of a college campus," Doty said.

Nov. 20, the Committee will be in the BSC during lunch and dinner hours to promote the occasion. "We will randomly ask people what integrity means to them and how they choose to uphold it. We will also be holding a scavenger hunt," Doty said.

"I think this is more of an individual rather than campus-wide issue," Robinson said.

All students are given a responsibility when they enter this college. While the Pledge may not completely prevent dishonesty, each student is still ultimately responsible for upholding his or her own commitment to integrity.

in the nation

Third-grader accused of double homicide

Joseph R. Cooper
Staff Writer

St. Johns, Ariz. was in shock Monday last week when an 8-year-old allegedly confessed to shooting and killing his father and another man.

The boy appeared in handcuffs in court. At the hearing, the judge placed a gag order on the case due to the sensitivity of the matter. This order was later modified, allowing the release of public records.

"I'm not accusing anybody of anything at this point, but we're certainly going to look at the abuse part of this," Police Chief Roy Melnick said in an *Associated Press* article. "He's 8 years old. He just doesn't decide one day that he's going to shoot his father and shoot his father's friend for no reason. Something led up to this."

FBI statistics show that instances of children younger than 11 committing homicides are very rare.

Melnick claims the boy did not act on the spur of the moment. The third-grader planned and confessed to the killings of his father, Vincent Romero, and Timothy Romans, a 39-year-old tenant in the Romero house.

A neighbor called the police, who arrived moments after the shooting to find one man lying just outside the front door and the other upstairs. The boy had gone to the neighbor's house and said he "believed that his father was dead," police reported.

The .22-caliber rifle used in the killings belonged to the boy's father.

Melnick said they will investigate if the boy was abused, because they have received calls in the past regarding public disturbance at the Romeros' household. Family and friends deny these claims.

Judge Michael Roca ordered a psychological evaluation of the boy to determine a possible motive. The defense will have until Friday to obtain an expert evaluation of the boy's mental competency and psychiatric state.

According to Apache County Attorney Brad Carlyon, the 8-year-old has no history of complaints with Arizona Child Protective Services.

"He had no record of any kind, not even a disciplinary record at school," Carlyon said. "He has never been in trouble before."

Additionally, Defense Attorney Benjamin Brewer is concerned that the police questioned the third-grader without an attorney or parental guardian and did not advise him of his rights.

Police want to try the boy as an adult, despite the fact that his actions may be a result of abuse. Under Arizona law, charges can be filed against anyone aged 8 or older.

The boy was living alone with his father in St. Johns, which has a population of about 4,000. His mother resides in Mississippi but was present at the preliminary hearing.

"There is no justice here that does not take into account that the person that will suffer the most for this 'crime,' for the rest of his life, is this poor little boy," Dr. John Teske, professor of psychology, said.

"What 8-year old boy doesn't want to kill his father at one point or another?" he continued. "Who knows what kind of set of accidents or impulses or follies led to this tragedy, but to couch it in terms of 'questioning,' 'confessing,' 'premeditation,' or 'murder' is to turn the world into a Hell constructed by Kafka."

Authorities released a tape this past Tuesday in which the 8-year-old gives his account. This video constitutes public record as stipulated in the judge's modified gag order.

According to *CNN.com*, the boy stated on the tape that he shot both men twice.

"After I shot him [Romero] once, he was still moving; I think I shot him again," the third-grader said of his father.

The defense is still deliberating as to whether the third-grade boy will be tried as an adult or a juvenile.

"He seems to be in good spirits," Brewer said. "He's scared, but he's trying to be tough."

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Women suffer acid burns; professors provide insight

From 1996-2001, women were banned from education under the Taliban rule. Since the overthrow of the Taliban regime in 2001, extremist supporters have been committing hate crimes against women in opposition to their renewed rights.

Image: *cnn.com*

One of the victims bears painful burns as a result of battery acid attacks from an unidentified assailant.

"Once [the Taliban] was overthrown, they were working on getting women back to work and girls back to school," Mapp said. "However, the Taliban weren't completely defeated since [the United States] switched our attention to Iraq. That war was never finished ... and now it's getting worse."

According to an article in the *Gulf Times*, a newspaper in Qatar, nearly 115 schools have been destroyed this year by extremists in the city. In response, nearly 650 additional schools have been forced to close for fear of the same violence.

"With the resurgence of the Taliban, especially in the last six months, there have been hundreds of schools in Afghanistan that have had to close," Mapp said. "Some parents have even chosen to keep their girls home because of these attacks. Around the world, for every 100 boys that are out of school, there are 117 girls."

"What has happened with the schoolgirls is horrifying, but it is not surprising," Adams said. "They are challenging the roles that the Taliban says are acceptable for women."

The women stress that we in America are "immeasurably lucky" to have free education for women.

"The point is not to look at these other cultures and say, 'I can't believe you,' but to take it to heart and realize how lucky we are," Mapp said. "Educating girls has so many more long-term effects because they are going to be moms, and they're going to make sure that their kids go to school and get vaccinated and they're going to be able to use that education to be more economically productive."

"Honestly speaking, [the education system] in my country is very biased against women," sophomore Munimah Ahmed, an international student from Bangladesh, said. "Me coming out here is actually a pretty big deal. Girls [who] actually study [in Bangladesh] are more or less from the upper class, wealthier families. There is a huge state of difference between the rich and the poor. Only about five percent of the population is rich. The ones who are poor have little to no opportunities ... the women are treated more or less like household objects."

"These cowardly acts reflect how dishonorable the insurgents truly are," United States General David McKiernan told CNN. "No one can honestly say they are fighting for the people, and then purposefully attack innocent women and children."

It was reported that no girls showed up for the following day of school.

"This can also be read as directed against the United States," Adams said. "The women, of course, are victims, but the United States has been promoting education for women in Afghanistan. By attacking women who are taking advantage of those opportunities, it's a way of striking back at the States as well as progressive forces in Afghanistan."

"I was sickened by the idea of it," first lady Laura Bush said in an interview with CNN. "This sort of act shows us again the brutality of the Taliban, and it shows us how necessary it is for the world to stay involved and support the people of Afghanistan."

"[Promoting female education to the rest of the world] is not just on the agenda of the United States; it's a primary agenda item of the United Nations," Adams said. "The best way of helping countries develop and prosper is by educating women. You can't have a country making much progress if more than half of the population is not given any education. The problem is that the United States cannot always protect the civilians in Afghanistan."

"Most people [in developing countries] really want these [changes]," Mapp said. "The problem is finding ways to do them respectfully."

Correction

In last week's article "Finance VP shows, tells students where dollars go," it was stated that students could save about $40 per month by shutting down computers after each use. The actual figure is closer to $5 per month. *The Etownian* apologizes for any confusion.

in the nation

Obama to implement executive orders, reverse acts

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Staff Writer

There's a lot that the president can do using his executive authority without waiting for congressional action, and I think we'll see the president do that," John Podesta, transition chief of president-elect Barack Obama, said.

The majority of the decisions the president makes, he makes with the aid of Congress. However, executive orders give the president the authority to bypass Congress and order federal agencies to implement current policies.

Obama's transition team is already reviewing hundreds of Bush's executive orders and determining which ones Obama may potentially reverse. The team has already pinpointed two orders which conflict with the future president's ideologies and policies.

The first concerns the controversial topic of embryonic stem cell research. Bush used his executive powers to limit federal spending on stem cell research. However, Obama supports the research, as it may hold the ability to cure diseases such as Alzheimer's. If Obama does choose to exercise his executive powers, further stem cell research could begin as early as January of 2009.

The second issue that Obama's transition team identified involves drilling for gas and oil in Utah. Recently, the Federal Bureau of Land Management opened approximately 360,000 acres of ecologically fragile Utah soil for drilling. Obama has said that he might use his executive powers to reverse that decision.

"I think it's great that Obama wants [to] disallow drilling in Utah," sophomore Michael Hara said. "I think that compromising the environment without even knowing the potential of the drilling is not the right move. We need to concentrate on converting more funds to conservation ideas rather than domestic drilling."

Sophomore Adam Liddle agreed. "I think it's a cool part of our government that the president is allowed to make some decisions without Congress," he said.

Because executive power can be exercised solely by the president, it will produce immediate changes when Obama takes office. The above changes are only a fraction of what Obama has the possibility to change in the infancy of his term. So, pay attention — domestic policies may change as soon as the end of January.

Do you have Panic Disorder?

Have you experienced sudden, unexpected episodes of **intense anxiety**, accompanied by symptoms such as **chest pain, rapid heart rate, sweating, shaking, shortness of breath, fear that you were dying, losing control, or going crazy?**

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Study Director: Ravi Singareddy, M.D.

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This research study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board, under federal regulations, at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Penn State College of Medicine.

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on campus

Etown students aid in DTV switch-over phonathon

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Digital Television (DTV) is making its way into millions of homes across the United States. On Monday, Nov. 17, the FCC hosted a test session at 6:26 p.m. so viewers could see if their TV will work the way that they are currently hooked up come March 17. The FCC "flipped the DTV switch" and anyone who saw the fail message now knows they need to make some adjustments before March 17.

This is where three Elizabethtown College communications students come in. Juniors Stephen Juliano and Stephanie Kichline, and sophomore Stephanie Couch were labeled as "DTV Experts" on Monday night at the WGAL NBC 8 TV studio. These three students were on hand to answer calls from viewers who had questions regarding the Feb. 17 deadline for analog television transmission to stop and digital television broadcasting to become the new standard. Juliano said that he "fielded questions up to and including what people who subscribe to cable should do, which is nothing, to whether or not the government is using the digital converter boxes to spy on us by installing cameras in the box." WGAL took calls from 5 - 8 p.m. and there were so many calls coming in that the students who participated had barely a minute to take a breath after hanging up with one caller before another caller would be ringing in.

When asked how this opportunity came about for Elizabethtown College students, Kichline said that Andy Williams, the director of broadcasting here at Etown contacted members of the ECTV board to see if any of them would be interested in volunteering. Juliano added that he learned a lot from this experience.

"I learned that many viewers in the WGAL coverage area still receive their television from an over the air antenna, as opposed to from a cable to satellite provider." Juliano stated that he was very surprised to hear that most viewers did not have a digital converter box.

Courtesy Photo

On Feb. 17, there will be a mandatory switch-over from analog television transmissions to digital. Three Etown students were "DTV" experts for WGAL NBC 8 TV last Monday.

Kichline said, "I learned who exactly was going to be affected by the switchover and some of the misconceptions that were floating around about it."

The night as a whole was thought extremely successful by those who participated. The best part of the night, according to Juliano, was "the call from an old man who asked if the digital converter boxes hooked into the Internet at all. I asked him why he asked this question and the old man replied that a friend had told him that the government was installing surveillance cameras in the converter boxes so they can monitor our every move," Juliano said. "I was surprised to see how fast the phone began ringing, about five seconds after the number was announced on air." The answer panel section had 10 telephones and they kept ringing, nonstop, until the program ended.

"The best part of the night for me was being able to be in a TV studio with news anchors, camera men and producers doing a show," Kichline said. For more information on DTV please visit the digital television website at *www.dtv.gov*.

on campus

FDR Post Office murals on display at Pa. State Museum

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There is a place where one can purchase stamps and view scenes of America's history and way of life at the same time; a building where one can pick out packaging supplies, then study and critique a painting that is mounted above; a communal center where one can mail a letter and view a historic work of art while doing so. For historian David Lembeck, the post office is more than a facility responsible for the delivery of mail; it is also a gallery for some of our nation's most important and interesting art. Last Thursday, Lembeck delivered a lecture to students here at Etown about Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the New Deal.

Upon accepting his democratic nomination for president in 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared, "I pledge myself to a new deal for the American people. This is more than a political campaign. It is a call to arms." Keeping his promise, newly elected President Roosevelt established the New Deal in 1933, a sequence of programs all instilled with goals of relief, reform and recovery to battle the effects of the Great Depression.

Funded by the U.S. Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts, the New Deal Post Office Works were established to meet two different goals. The first was to provide work for artists who, like many Americans at the time, were struggling to make ends meet. Artists were selected through competitions and given strict guidelines pertaining to the style and theme of their art. The federal government required that artists work in a realistic fashion and use an "American Scene" style that portrayed the characters within the work as heroes.

With thousands of new post offices being built during FDR's first term, the second goal was to provide the average American with a public outlet to view professional art.

Lembeck's initial draw to post offices was their charm. A State College native and fan of "traditional Main Street-based small towns," the post office mural that first sparked his interest was in Selinsgrove, Pa. "The painting was really beautiful and I was instantly intrigued," Lembeck said. The painting by George Rickey titled "Susquehanna Trail," is a scene from a local farm that features a unique plow. "I thought it was an interesting detail of Pennsylvania agriculture to preserve."

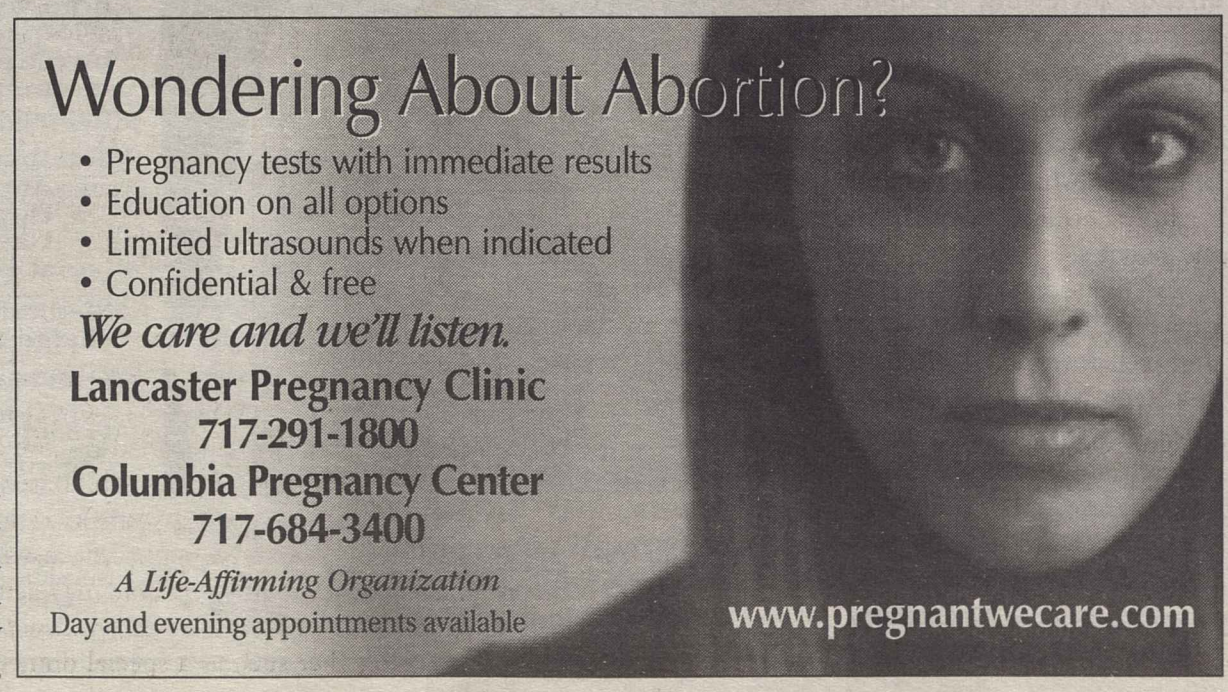
Lembeck, a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Commonwealth Speaker, presented slides of several Pennsylvania New Deal murals and sculptures while explaining their historical background and offering his personal interpretations and opinions. He explained that the artwork themes were related to the industries and history of the area. In Pennsylvania, themes featuring steel or coal mining, farming and Native Americans were most popular. From Freeland to Manohoy City to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania has the largest collection of post office art, rivaled only by New York.

With deserved respect for Etown's Mail Services, the Elizabethtown Post Office located on Market Street offers something that you cannot find on campus. Above the postmaster's window hangs a mural painted by Lee Gatch in 1942. Titled "Squaw's Rest," the oil-on-canvas work illustrates a scene of Native American life before European Civilization and portrays the Native Americans as primitive. "It's an inaccurate depiction of Native American life in the Elizabethtown area. It's a fanciful interpretation of what may have gone on. The work shows what the community thought about its past, not actually what happened," Lembeck said.

Dr. Tamara Gillis, professor of communications at Etown, followed Lembeck with a presentation of her own about public and corporate art. Gillis was impressed with Lembeck's lecture and believes that post office murals deserve more attention.

"His presentation really captured the historical and cultural value of this artwork," Gillis said. "It really makes a statement about these communities and how the pieces communicate. I think people of Pennsylvania should and would really value this piece of their heritage." Lembeck will serve as the co-curator of an exhibition entitled, "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals," opening Nov. 23 at the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg.

The exhibit, which will be open until May 17, 2009, will feature not only photographs of murals, but also restorations of original artworks commissioned for Pennsylvania post offices.



on campus

Elephant toothpaste developed by Etown Chem Club

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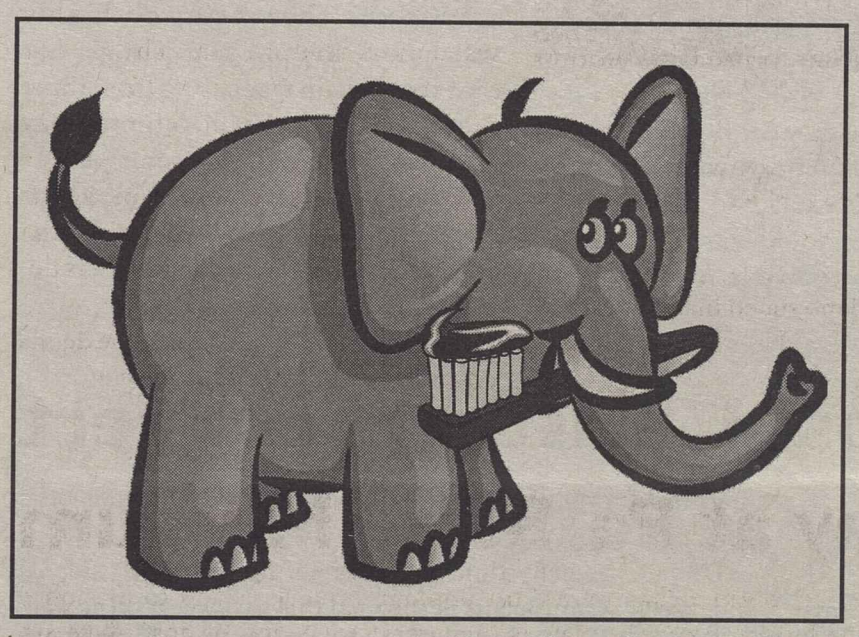
Have you ever heard of anyone winning an award for inventing toothpaste? And not just any kind of toothpaste: elephant toothpaste.

Officially called the Elizabethtown College Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, but commonly referred to as the Chem Club, this organization claims about 15-20 student participants. This year, the club earned an Honorable Mention for their invention of elephant toothpaste in an annual awards program that was sponsored by the national organization.

So what exactly is elephant toothpaste? Is it just like regular toothpaste? It certainly seems an odd name for a chemistry experiment.

"Elephant toothpaste is a demonstration that shows how catalysts are able to speed up reactions. In this demo, the reaction is the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide into oxygen and water," senior Chapter President Alaina DeToma said.

"The oxygen is released as a gas, but it is very slow if you just let it sit in the room. So we add yeast, which has an enzyme to speed up the breakdown of hydrogen peroxide. You can see this happening by adding a little bit of dish soap, which traps the oxygen bubbles. When it comes out of the container, it looks like a lot of toothpaste."



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The award for the Elephant Toothpaste demo was given at the National ACS meeting in New Orleans that six students and club advisor Dr. Kristi Kneas attended in April.

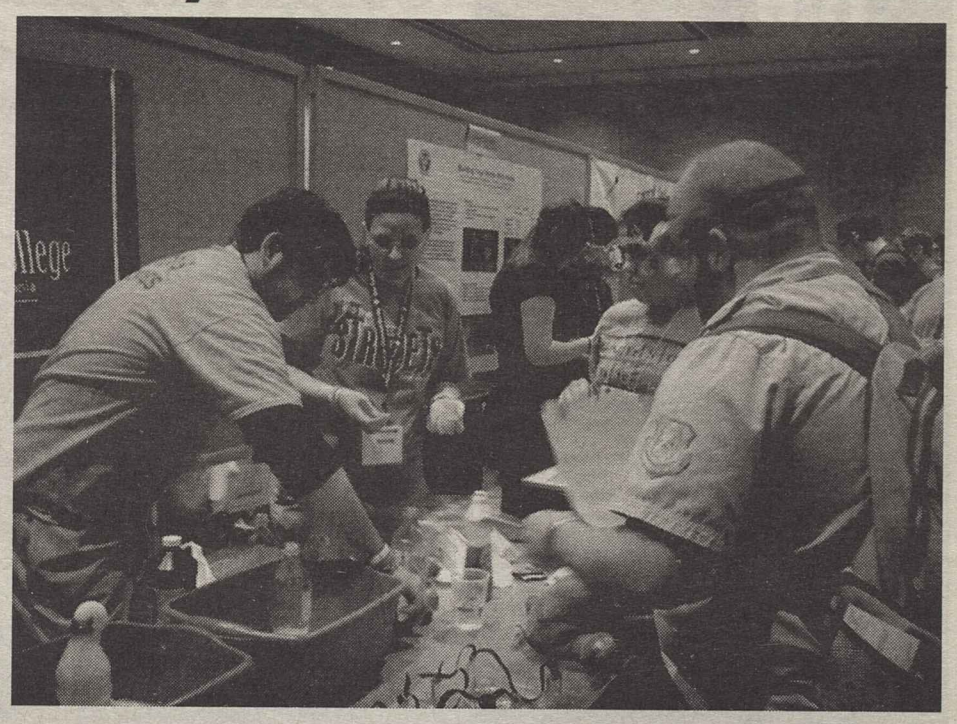
There is a "chem demo exchange" where undergrad college chapters present their favorite chemistry demonstration using household chemicals.

"A woman from the ACS Office of Kids and Chemistry was really impressed with our demo and our explanations," DeToma said.

"As a result we were selected to write up how to do the demo and how we explain it. You can find our demo on the ACS website http://www.acs.org by typing 'Bruno the Elephant's Toothpaste' into the seach bar."

The club's recent success will hopefully encourage more students to join the organization.

The American Chemical Society has Student Affiliate chapters at undergraduate colleges, just like the one here at Elizabethtown.



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Etown Chem Club won honorable mention for their development of elephant toothpaste for an "Into the Streets" project. Alaina DeToma, chapter president for Chem Club, pictured working on the project.

In order to remain affiliated with the ACS, the club must submit a full annual report of its activities from the past year. This includes things like meetings students attended, community outreach activities, green chemistry activities and fundraisers.

"When the report is submitted, it is reviewed by a committee of professors who determine if the chapter's activities were deserving of an award," DeToma said.

"There are three levels: Outstanding, Commendable and Honorable Mention. This is the first time we've won in two years. About 30, 50 and 70 schools are recognized in each category, respectively."

Congratulations to the Elizabethtown College Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, who will be recognized in the November/December 2008 issue of "In Chemistry," a magazine for Student Affiliates of ACS, and at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony of the National ACS Meeting in Salt Lake City in Spring 2009.

SIFE Sense

Tips to X out Xpensive Xmas gifts this holiday season

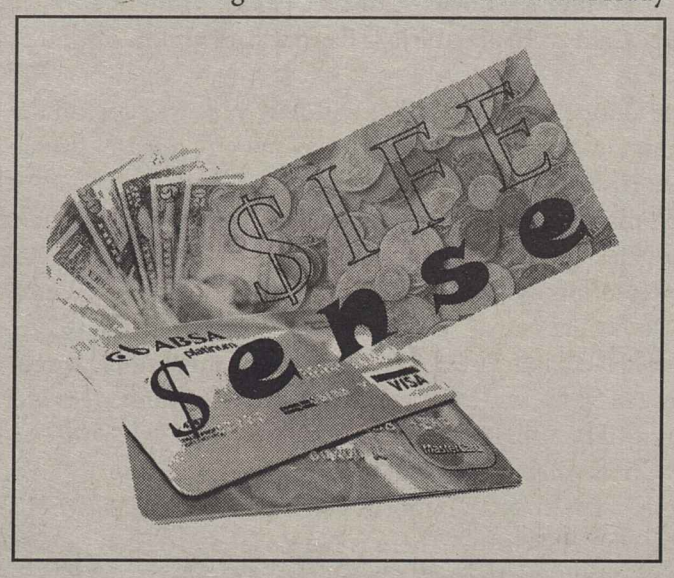
Because of the commercialization surrounding Christmas, department and discount stores have, it seems, displayed their holiday decorations and hot-ticket toys earlier every year. Toys and other popular gifts often have high price tags which are reduced almost immediately following the holiday season.

Due to the economic downturn in recent months, retailers are growing understandably uneasy about the coming holiday season–which, some researchers predict, will be the least lucrative for retailers since 1991. They are trying to counteract this by placing holiday items on the shelves even earlier than normal, a trend which has been ongoing for several years but is exacerbated during economic downturns such as the current one.

The great majority of retailers' sales are seen during the period from the day after Thanksgiving ("Black Friday") through the middle of January. Due to investment difficulties and job strife, many consumers have been forced to cut back on holiday spending, and, consequently, are expected to frequent discount big-box retailers such as Wal-Mart and Costco this year. Traditional department stores, long the domain of holiday shopping, have been suffering in recent years because of a trend toward wholesale buying. Due to the fact that these goods are purchased in bulk directly from the manufacturer rather than through a wholesaler, they can be sold for lower prices, although some question the quality of such apparel and appliances.

Following Christmas Day, retailers begin offering clearances on the seasonal high-ticket toys, Christmas decorations, clothing, jewelry and electronics. Gifts of a check, cash or gift certificates can provide the opportunity for someone to obtain the gifts they desire at a lower cost to the gift giver. Most stores offer such sales to clear out merchandise, with the exception of discounters who promote consistently low prices and advertise that their items are "always on sale." Coupons can also provide great savings at department and big-box stores during the holiday season, and they can be found in newspapers, coupon books, online and on purchase receipts.

While the congestion and hustle of Black Friday



can be daunting, stores promote some of their biggest discounts on this day. It is wise to arrive early to find big-ticket items which may become sold out early on in the day, and to develop a list of what you are searching for prior to embarking on your shopping trip.

If your budget is restricting your discretionary income, do not feel pressured to buy expensive gifts for everyone on your list. Many people may actually feel inconvenienced by extra gift items, and would instead prefer a get-together such as a special dinner or holiday party. "Homemade coupons" can also be given to promise a favor, gift or outing redeemable at a later time if you do not have the ability to give such things at the present moment. Also, homemade gifts are practical, and they can be made from inexpensive materials in one's own house.

If you are not interested in going about the Christmas shopping routine at retail stores, which consumes time and gas, the Web sites of many large retailers allow you to order similar items at discounts from what you would find in-store. Also, shopping Web sites such as Amazon.com offer similar products, and the shipping-and-handling costs are often cheaper than the gas which you would expend driving to the store. Another convenient strategy is to shop year-round for gifts during other shopping trips to avoid having to make an extravagant outing specifically for the holidays.

With the right strategy, which involves shopping at the right stores at the right time, one can keep everyone on their holiday gift list satisfied for the next year. The most expensive gifts are not necessarily the ones which receive the most attention, as even personal artwork or stories can be a treasured present. Keep in mind the preferences of those for whom you are shopping, and try to find cost-efficient ways of giving them a gift to remember.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free-market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Charity worker finds cash among donated shoes

This stacks up among the better finds at a Goodwill store: $7,500 in cash stuffed in a shoebox. A Bulgarian immigrant found the money during her first day on the job last week at a Goodwill near St. Louis in Illinois.

Teodora Petrova didn't hesitate after finding the cash with a pair of donated shoes — she turned the money over to a manager, who informed executives of Goodwill.

The president and chief executive of the area's Goodwill organization says they're eager to find the owner of the money, and believe it may have accidentally been left with the shoes.

If the owner isn't found, Goodwill says the money will go toward the charity's job-placement efforts.

Man steals communion wafers from priest

Police said they arrested a Connecticut man after he tried to steal communion wafers during a church service. The Martin County Sheriff's Office said 33-year-old John Samuel Ricci, of Canton, was cornered by fellow churchgoers when he grabbed a handful of wafers from the priest during communion services Saturday.

The Stuart News reported that Ricci was being held down by six or seven offended parishioners when deputies arrived at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Jensen Beach. Police say two church-goers, ages 82 and 61, received minor injuries in the scuffle.

Ricci was charged with two counts of simple battery, theft and disruption of a religious assembly. He was held Tuesday on $2,000 bond at the Martin County Jail.

License and registration, please?

Alcohol really does impair judgment. Police said it wasn't the most well thought-out escape: A man handed over his license and registration at a sobriety checkpoint during the weekend, then peeled out and sped away, almost hitting an officer.

Police eventually pulled over the 32-year-old man and reported finding marijuana in his vehicle.

He was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of drugs, disobeying a police officer and reckless conduct.

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on campus

Bright lights, dark nights: Emotion show

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We've all walked past the dance studio within the Brossman Commons and had a sneak peak of the Emotion dancers hard at work.

The music from the studio sometimes rivals that of the sounds emanating from Zug. The dancers, hard at work on perfecting their new choreography, posses a look of complete concentration.

Now things are really about to be set into "motion," as the well known Emotion dance club will be showcasing their performances Dec. 5 and 6 in Leffler Chapel.

This year's theme, "Bright Lights and Dark Nights", is sure not to disappoint. Some of the show's line-up, mixing in Broadway and hip hop includes, "All that Jazz," "Cell Block Tango," "Like a Boy" and "Zzyzx Rd." Students across campus, as well as the performers themselves, are very enthused about the upcoming show.

Senior Emotion dancer and first-time choreographer Jacqueline Trotter is extremely confident in the talents of the dancers in her section, as well as in the performers in the overall show.

"Emotion dancers are awesome to work with," Trotter explained.

"I think that it is great that Emotion not only recognizes the dancers who have danced all their lives with awesome technique, but also the students who just have a passion for dance and have no technical training. Emotion is meant to share its passion for dance with everyone and this semester with our amazing showcase I believe it will."

Fellow Emotion dancers junior Sammie Martinez and first-year Mallory Hendricks are just as excited for their first show.

"I saw last year's Emotion show when I came to visit the college, and it was awesome!" Hendricks said with a laugh.

Since she is a first-year, this will be Hendricks' first performance with the club. She will perform in the section "Ain't Nothing Wrong with that."

"Yes, I am excited, because it's the final product, and we worked hard on it," Hendricks explained.

"Everyone should come!"

Martinez, who has danced with emotion since his first year at Etown, also commented on the finalization of the dancers' show, saying, "It brings a sense of togetherness when the dance is complete."

"Everyone works really hard during the practice and a lot of time and effort goes into the choreography," Martinez said.

The performance will showcase a large variety of styles including hip-hop, jazz and even a section with country.

The show itself is split into two very different parts: "Bright Lights" and "Dark Nights." Each section will show eight different performances by the students.

There will be definitely "bright lights" on the "dark nights" of Emotion's performances.

"I'm excited to see my friends in the show since it will be a new experience," first-year Jaclyn Light commented.

With the show being so highly anticipated, the pressure is high, but with the passion emanating from these dancers, hard work will definitely pay off when the stage lights come on.

Tickets to the show will be $3 for Elizabethtown students and $4 for the general public.

on campus

College Choirs host Christmas concert

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With one week remaining until Thanksgiving, Christmas songs have already begun to play on the radio. In anticipation of the holiday season, people have begun to brainstorm gift ideas and start Christmas shopping. Elizabethtown students performing in the Christmas Concert have been preparing themselves as well for their annual holiday showcase.

"American Family Christmas is a concert that performs holiday music both serious and light, in a concert setting that families can attend as a part of their Christmas traditions," Carrie Fritz, the Women's Chorus director commented. "We have many community members, and alumni and their families, as well as students that attend in our audience. It has become an Elizabethtown College tradition."

The "American Family Christmas Concert" showcases the talents of five different ensemble groups. The College-Community Chorus, Women's Chorus, Concert Choir, Student Acappella Group (Camarata) and the Jazz Band will all perform on Dec. 7.

Seniors Katie Bohdell and Alice Yu, and first-year Kelsey Hayes will accompany as accompanists to the Women's Chorus, Community Chorus and Concert Choir.

There will be many music selections, including selections from other countries, performed in the show.

The College-Community Chorus will be performing "Fum, Fum, Fum," "A la Nanita Nana," "I Wonder as I Wander" and "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," to name a few. "Fum, Fum, Fum," originating in Spain, will be sung in English. "A La Nanita Nana," however, will be sung in Spanish.

The Concert Choir will also perform three pieces in addition to the other groups. The Women's Chorus will be singing "That Yongë Child" by Daniel Nelson, "There is No Rose" and "This Little Babe" from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

No show, however, would be complete without a spectacular finale. The Community Chorus, Concert Choir and Women's Chorus will come together for a an ending that includes Santa, reindeer and other Christmas song favorites.

"My own children will be there to see Frosty, Mrs. Frosty, Rudolph, and, of course, Santa, who all make an appearance at the end of the show in our grand finale," Fritz said.

Emery DeWitt, the director of the College-Community Chorus and the Concert Choir, is helping to make the show a success. As the director of music at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, DeWitt is filling in for Matthew Fritz, who is on a sabbatical leave.

Despite the hefty time commitment for both the students and directors, musicians performed this past weekend as well. A select group accompanied President Ted Long to the Brethren Village in Lancaster.

"They have had a tremendous time commitment this week," DeWitt said.

These experiences have provided benefits and rewards to both faculty and students.

"I've made some wonderful relationships," DeWitt said. "I was very excited to be chosen as Fritz's sabbatical replacement."

DeWitt also shared the accomplishments of the students.

"They are learning skills that they can use their whole life to bring joy to themselves and others. You rarely see a 50-year-old man working on his skateboard skills. But people age 50 to 60 continue to sing. It's a life-long pursuit."

After many practices, DeWitt looks forward to seeing the hard work pay off.

"I'm most excited to see this performance as the culmination of the rehearsal process for these students, who have grown so much as musicians this semester," DeWitt said.

Although students and staff are tirelessly working on the upcoming performance, they have not lost sight of events in the future. Dr. Fritz will return next semester, and he has already released tentative plans. A concert tour for the Concert Choir, taking place from Feb. 28-March 5, will again keep students and staff tremendously busy. They will travel throughout southern states including South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina.

For now, the Elizabethtown singers, like many others, are preparing for the holiday season. Be sure to support the five ensemble groups in their annual American Family Christmas Concert in preparation for the holidays.

Correction

In last week's article, "Upcoming class dinners offer networking opportunities," Sherry Dunbar was incorrectly credited as the "point person for every dinner after the first that the class of 2010 has held." Sherry Hihn, current president of the class of 2010 should have been given that credit. *The Etownian* apologizes for the mistake.

campus event

Groups SPARC, Get ABSURD host Stop Light Social

Joelle E. Atkinson
Staff Writer

Red Light! Green Light!" These are echoes of the childhood memories everyone recognizes.

Red Rover, Red Light Green Light and Duck Duck Goose were the most famous of them all.

What if one of them became a college tradition? What if one of those games morphed into something so different, it was barely recognizable?

That is what has happened on the Elizabethtown College Campus.

The Stop Light Social was held last Friday, Nov. 14 in the event space, and was open to all students.

It was sponsored by both SPARC (Students Promoting Awareness for Responsible Choices) and Get ABSURD (Get a Better, Safer Understanding for Responsible Drinking).

Both of these groups on campus promote safe weekends and advocate that alcohol is not always needed in order to have a good time.

The social ran for a few hours on Friday night and was quite a success. President of Get ABSURD senior Maggie Dodson explained that the concept was all about relationship status.

"You wear a red shirt if you are taken and in a relationship, yellow if you are in a complicated relationship, and green if you are single," Dodson said.

In addition to meeting others, students also had the chance to enjoy some live entertainment from a local band, as well as free food.

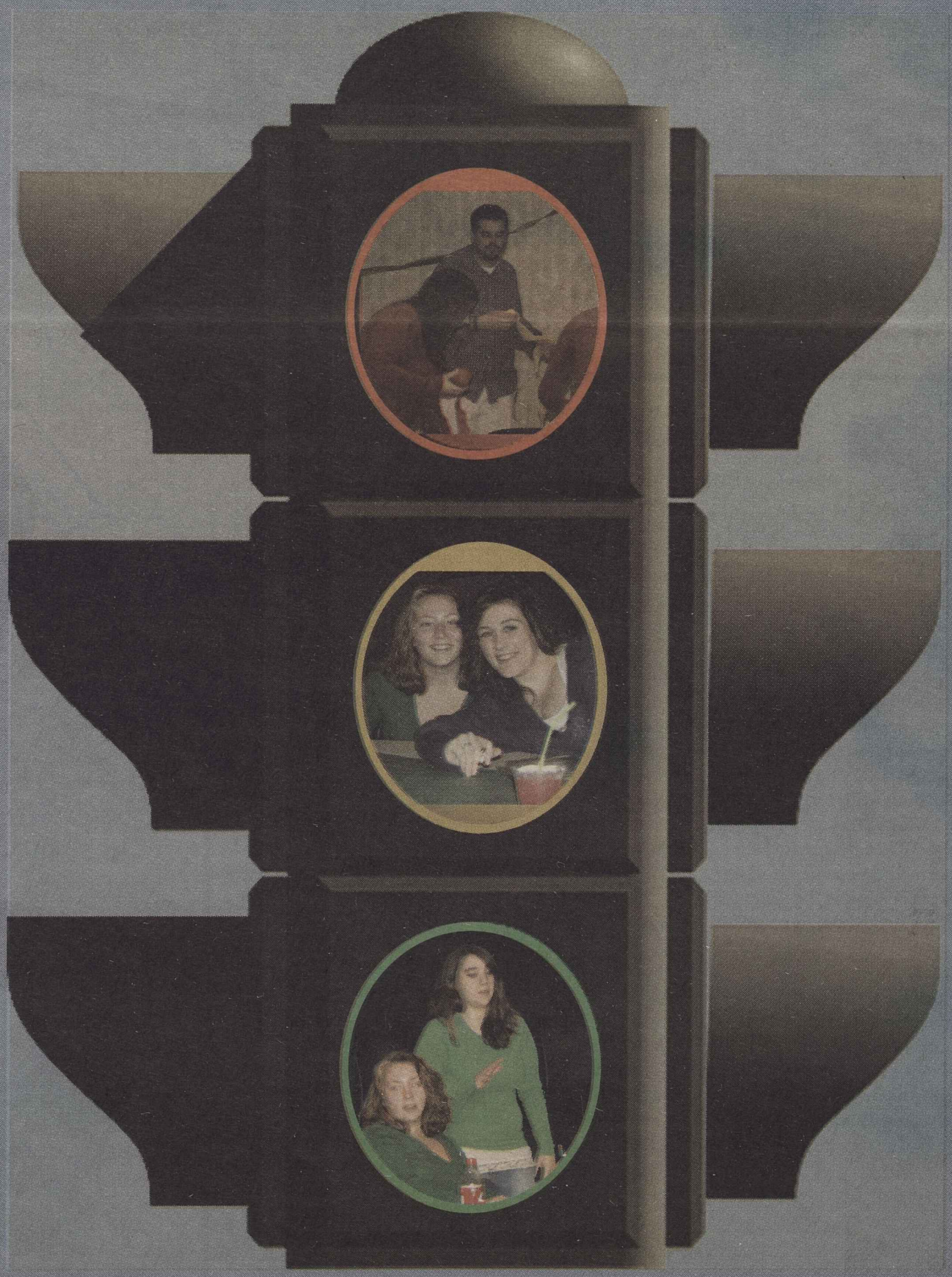
The food, provided by Get ABSURD, included wings, chips and salsa, cheese, grapes and Fractured Prune donuts. Also served were mocktails, provided by SPARC.

The event offered an inviting atmosphere as students walked into the event, and although many were wearing red, the color that represented taken, it was the socializing that was important.

Senior Treasurer of ABSURD Stephanie Triner said that they were pleased with the turnout of about 50 people, even with the rainy weather, which they were afraid would be harmful to the turnout of the event.

"It's always nice when we can get together to meet and support other Etown students," she said.

The support was definitely present as everyone seemed to be having a good time floating around and meeting people they never thought they would before.



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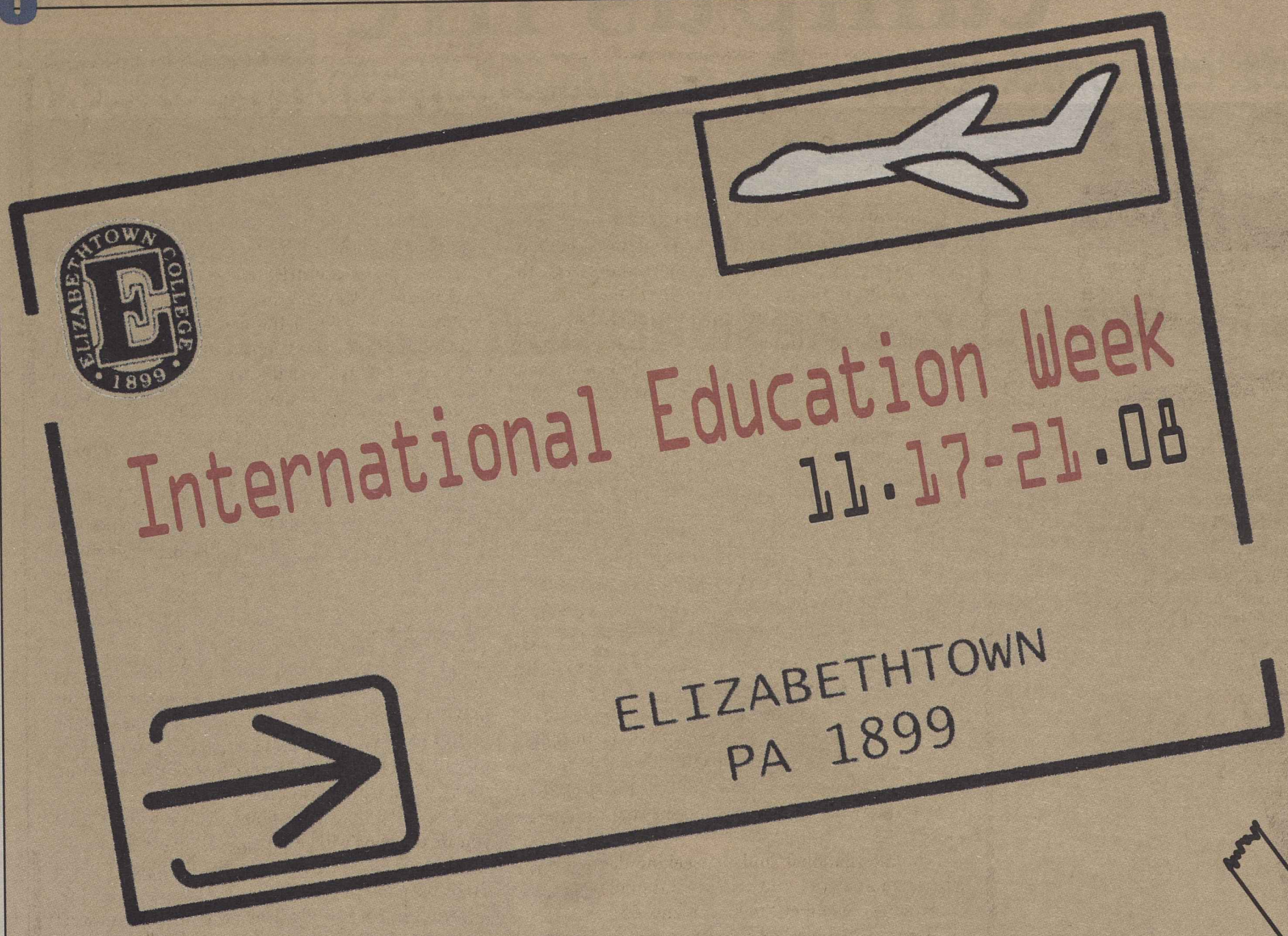

International Open House in Hoover

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This past Monday, the International Education Week Open House gave students a taste of different countries and cultures from around the world. The event began in the Hoover Lobby at 11:00 a.m. Exhibits on study abroad programs were spread out around the area, and some of the countries were represented by Elizabethtown College's very own international students.

Along with the creative and festive displays, there were also handouts with useful information on every table. There was a document specifically on how to fund a study abroad trip, which included tips on how to plan ahead and compare costs. A bright yellow paper had all the details about the short-term, faculty-led study abroad options, and it informed the reader about the credit they could earn, who to contact and the estimated cost. Other brochures told students how to complete the application process.

There was also information specifically geared to each country. Some countries dealt with service-learning opportunities while others simply concentrated on understanding the society and culture.

Inside Hoover 110 was an assortment of goodies and refreshments. One table held sign-up sheets for raffle prizes and another gave free pens and other small gifts, while the main table had snacks and drinks for everyone to enjoy.

Some of the refreshments included cookies, kielbasa and chai tea.

The open house lasted until 5:00 p.m. Afterward, there was a presentation held in the Event Space from 6-8 p.m.

Inside the Event Space, chairs were scattered around the room while a video showed a Brazilian woman dancing and singing in front of an enormous crowd. The crowd bounced up and down along with the music while the woman sang about home.

The first speaker of the night was Dr. Wayne A. Selcher, a professor at Elizabethtown College and part of the department of political science. He opened his speech by saying that he had been interested in Brazil since he attended graduate school, and that Portuguese was his second language. He explained that Brazil makes up 42 percent of South America, and that it is becoming a more powerful country every day, even though people may not recognize it. "You don't hear about Brazil in the news too much, because they don't cause too much trouble for anybody," Selcher said.

The next speaker was first-year student Alex Stern. Stern was born in America but grew up in Brazil for the majority of her life. She talked about her home city, Rio de Janeiro, with its beautiful beaches, mountains and night life. Stern told the audience about Rio's famous thong bikinis and waves that reach 10-15 feet.

Stern also discussed Carnaval, a huge celebration held every year since 1845. During Carnaval, Brazilians dance, drink and forget all of their problems. Both school and work are closed for a week in February so that people can come together to celebrate life and just have fun.

The last speaker was visiting Professor Itana Lins, an academic director of the Brazil-US Cultural Association (ACBEU) in Brazil. She is also an English teacher in Salvador.

Lins covered everything from the European colonization of Brazil to its religions and cuisine. She explained why it would be a good idea to learn Portuguese, and what exactly ACBEU does. Lins wrapped up her presentation with a big thank-you and received a nice round of applause from the audience.

All in all, it was a positive and productive day, and a great way to get students to indulge their taste buds in something a little foreign.

Role call: Etown around the world

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Students and faculty celebrate International Education Week in Hoover Building and throughout the campus with presentations and meet-and-greets. The student body and faculty were given the chance to explore the international programs offered at Etown and mingle with some of the international students studying here from other countries. Etown students also share their experiences from their traveling and study-abroad opportunities.

Currently, we have 59 students studying overseas. There are five students in Australia, one in New Zealand, one in Belgium, one in Ecuador, 12 in France, four in Germany, six in Greece, one in India, three in Galway, Ireland, two in Japan, one in Mexico, eight in Spain and 15 in the UK.

We are also hosting a total of 35 non-immigrant students here at Etown. The countries they are from include the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany, India, Japan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Serbia, Sweden, Vietnam and the UK. Their experiences usually include a workload similar to the rest of the students, and scheduled events, including barbecues, an Amish dinner and more. Over breaks, the students have the opportunity to travel on their own or visit the homes of students they became friends with here.

The international students seeking degrees carry the same academic courseloads and follow the same procedures the other Etown students do.

Those who intend to only stay a year and/or those who are not seeking a specific degree follow the guidelines of their home universities.

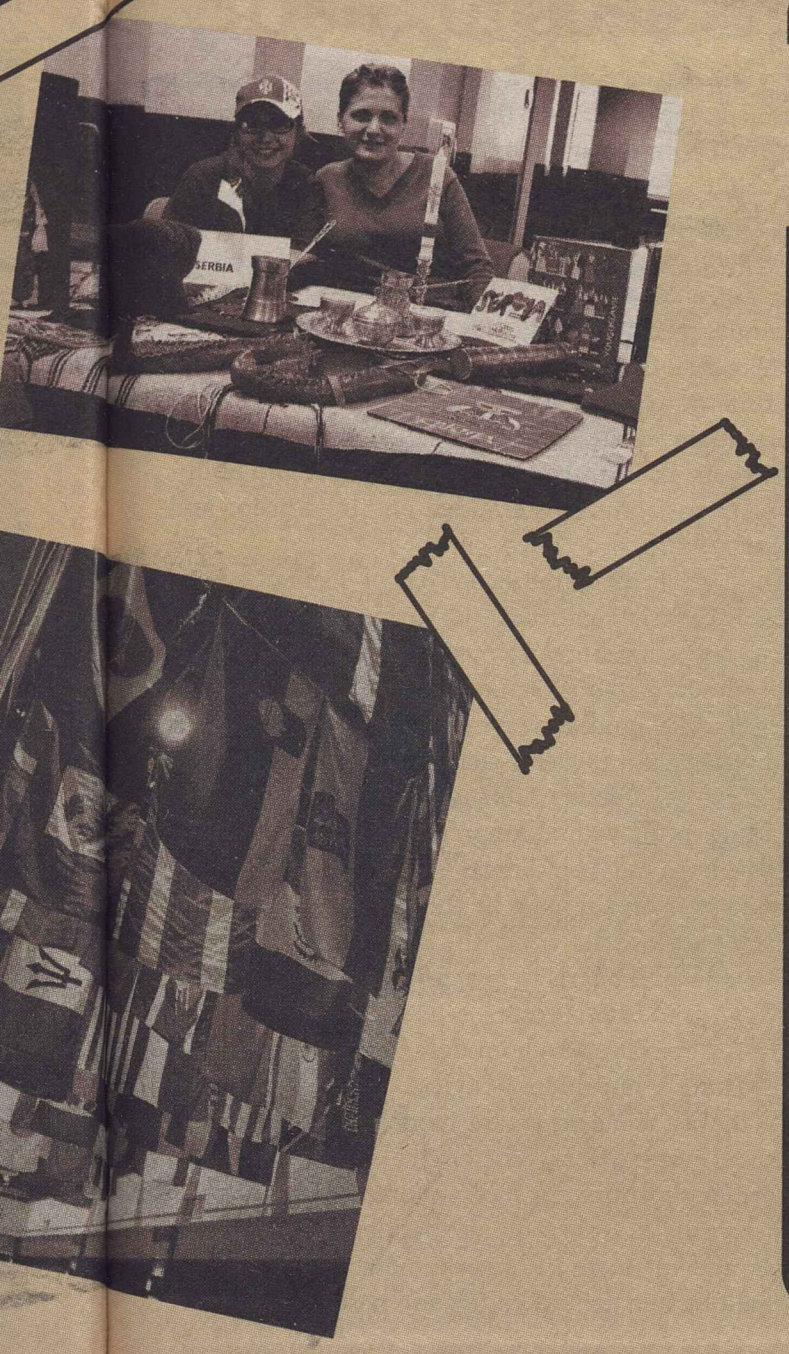
"We also have a group of students that we call 'Global Nomads' or 'Third Culture Kids' who have spent most of their lives living in countries other than their native countries but are either U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Some of the countries they represent include Brazil, Iraq and Argentina," Dr. Amy Simes of the Center for Global Citizenship explained. These students will usually take on internships and jobs with some of the connections they make from their time here at Etown.

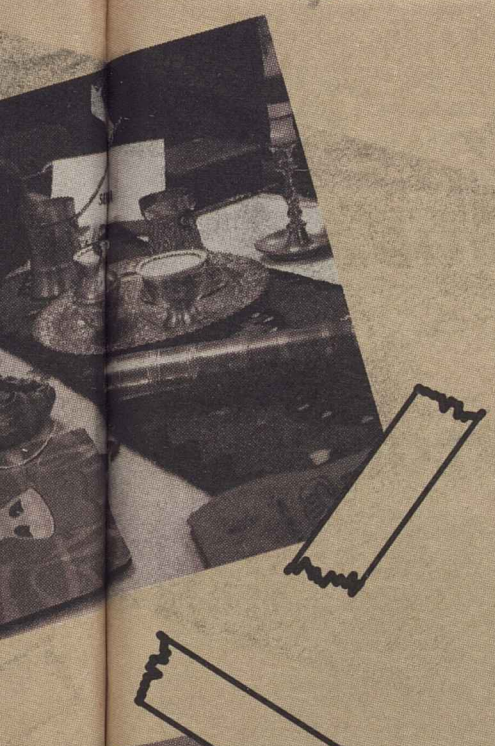
BCA plays a large role in the experience of many of the students that travel to study.

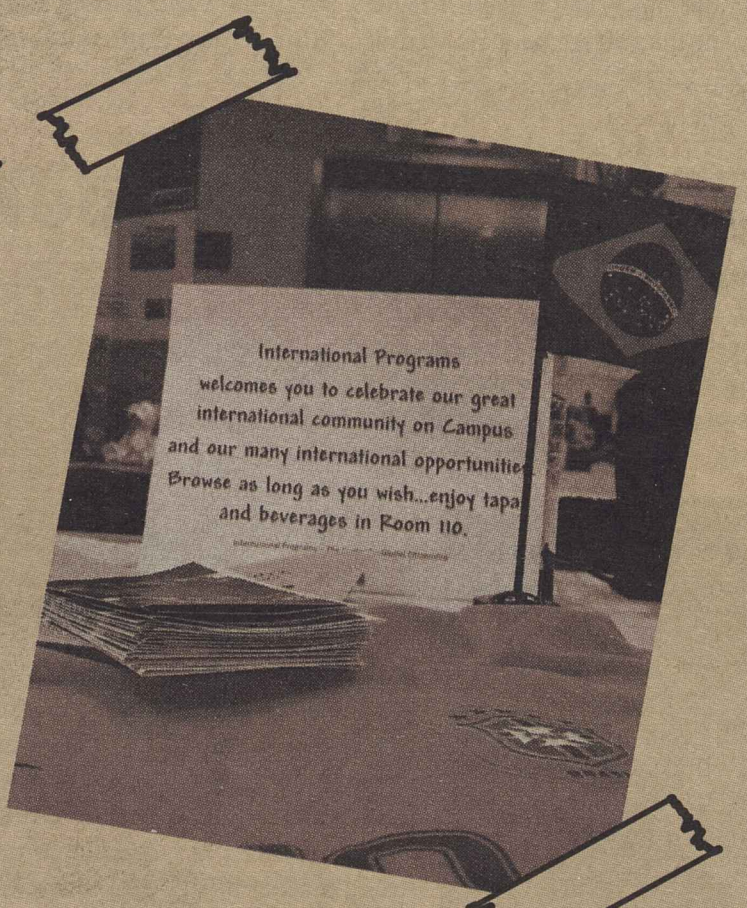
"There is so much support. The mentors that BCA provides were such a big part of the experience and scheduled a lot of trips and activities that made studying abroad memorable for me. It was nice knowing that there were people to lean on a little bit," explained senior Carly Nevill, who spent a semester at the University of Gloucestershire, England said.

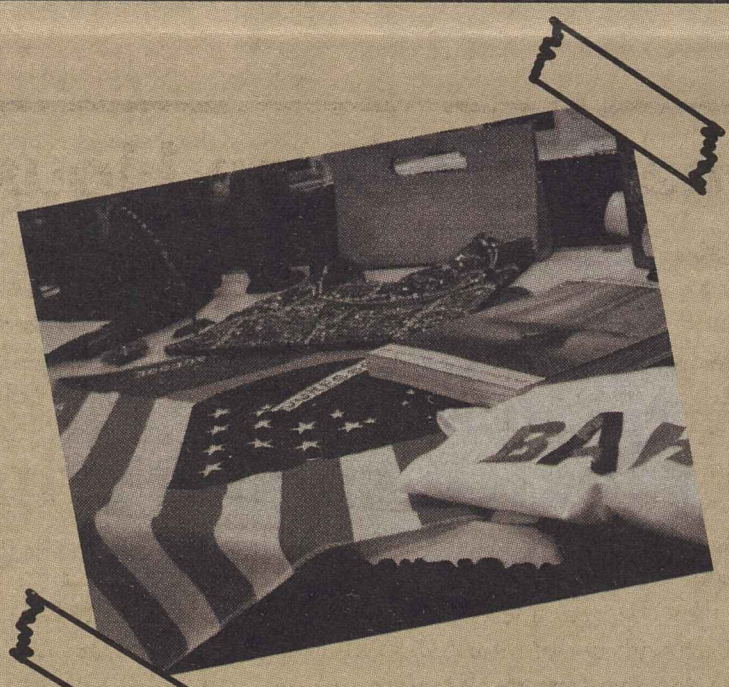
For the Etown students that travel internationally, there are BCA staff members who guide the students into the new environment and schedule trips to some of the local sights. "We had presentations on the history of some of the sights, but had our freedom on the visits," Carly commented.

"You sort of become a family with the others that you are traveling with, even those from other schools, because you're all in the same boat. I made friends there that I will be friends with for the rest of my life, and friends that I would have never made if it wasn't for the program."









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campus event

Noir Fashion show entertains, donates proceeds to charity

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Students who participate feel like they can be themselves and shine through their clothes while modeling. This is in no way a 'you only can be skinny to model' event, but rather, we want to encourage self-expression and freedom to be who you are," senior coordinator Tamara Burch said of last week's Fashion Noir Fashion Show.

Sponsored by Noir, the black student organization on campus, and assisted by the Diversity Club, the show succeeded in showing off varieties of beautiful and complementary differences in personality through the style choices and personalities that the models demonstrated. Emcee Shaday Festus began last Thursday evening in Leffler Chapel with a welcome to the 4th annual "Lights, Camera, Fashion" Fashion Show and announced that a portion of the fashion show's proceeds would benefit Relay for Life. In lieu of the college's participation in the event, Fashion Noir shed light on cancer awareness.

According to *relayforlife.org*, "Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer." Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event, up to 24 hours in length.

Photo: Jameelia D. Turner
The Blue Faze Step Team performed during the Noir Fashion Show. The group livened up the show with their rhythm and energy.

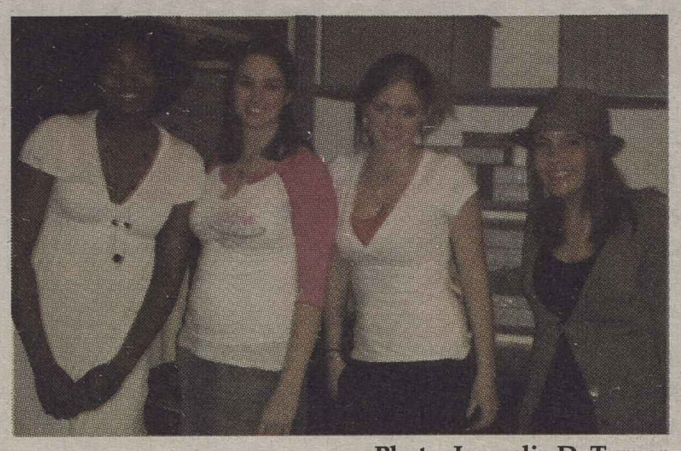

Photo: Jameelia D. Turner
Senior Tamara Burch and first-years Michelle Hare, Elisabeth Sharpe and Chelsea Decker participated in the "All About the Shoes" section of the Noir Fashion Show.

"Fashion Noir also supported "To Write Love on Her Arms" day, with inspiration from model Stephanie Diaz. With "love" literally written on some of the models' arms, the movement nationally aimed to find help for those who suffer from depression, self-injury, addiction and suicide. According to *twloha.com*, the movement's organizers believes that "[y]ou were created to love and be loved. You were meant to live life in relationships with other people, to know and be known." Such positive organizations harmonized Noir's noble intentions.

The first set of models appeared on the catwalk showing off bathing suits. Even though both of the swimwear models expressed different styles and different cuts, one in a single-piece while the other in a bikini with a towel, they both displayed that bodies can be beautiful no matter how much skin you want to show. The preppy look came next, complete with sweaters, polo shirts, popped collars, flats and a floral sundress. However, the sleepwear was what garnered a few laughs.

The boys' New York Yankees, Family Guy, SpongeBob Squarepants and Simpsons pajama pants showed that sleepwear is supposed to be comfortable and fun. Next came a group of girls with attitude and flair, reflected in their shoes. In "The Shoes Make the Outift," models strutted up and down the runway in knee-high black leather boots, pink and blue polka-dot pumps and Western-fringed brown knee-high boots. Noir, the next segment, showed off classy and elegant evening wear. All the outfits were black, yet still personalized. From dresses to skirts to dress pants, these outfits proved stunning for a night out on the town. At this time, Festus introduced Blue Faze Step Team for a performance interlude.

Attitude and confidence helped to liven up the audience with rhythm and power. After a 10-minute intermission, senior poet Nichole Acosta took the stage.

"Nichole is from Brooklyn and she goes by the name of 'Chirishican' to honor her heritage as a Chinese, Irish and Puerto Rican female," Burch said.

With an excellent revelation of political and philosophical passion, Acosta added an air of ardor and diversity to the show.

The opening act for the second half of "Lights, Camera, Fashion" brought excitement with flashing stage lights and the rebellious ambiance of a punk rock scene. Diaz began with a model of "To Write Love on Her Arms" and led a string of rocker models to captivate the audience with their plaid, black denim, printed T-shirts, zipped hoodies, Chucks and, of course, attitude. Clubbing attire kept the energy up, modeling tunics with leggings, sequins, metallic colors, lively patterns and flashy boots.

A blast from the past lit the stage next, displaying vintage outfits from the 1950s to the 1980s. Polka-dots and pearls to peace T-shirts, tie-dye, and headbands to bright colors, blue leggings, and a side pony-tail conveyed each model's individual interests and blatantly sentimental style.

As the last scene began, the models entered in "masquerade" evening wear. Whether the dress was informal or formal, short or long, it came complemented with a white eye mask. Gold sequins, sparkles, metallic sheen tiaras and intricate beadwork showed off stunning formality while neutral colors and nature prints gave class to less formal attire.

Festus went on to bring all the models out on stage for a final encore and applause, thanking all supporters of the event. Burch reflects that "[r]egardless of the numbers that we had in attendance, our show was a success, and Noir achieved its goal as a student club." Giving positive attention to models both male and female, dark or light, and of all sizes, Noir achieved the outcome of its hopes.

volunteer opportunity

New Mexico spring trip offers service opportunities

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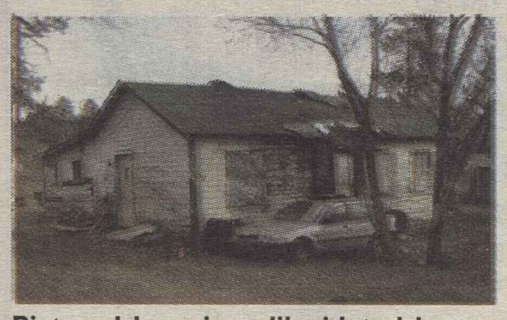
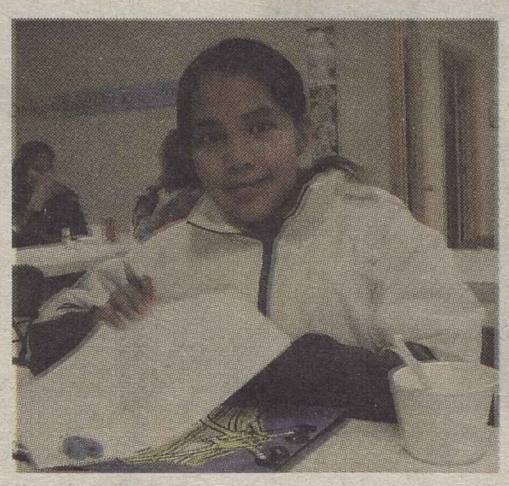
Educate for Service:" Elizabethtown College and Service Learning go hand-in-hand. Aside from Into the Streets, there isn't a bigger example of this than the spring break service trips the College sponsors.

Over the past few years, Elizabethtown College has focused its spring break trips to the Gulf region devastated by hurricanes. This year, the College will send a group of students and faculty to a Native American reservation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The trip will take place from Feb. 28 through March 7. This group will lend a helping hand to less fortunate residents of the reservation.



Pictured here is a dilapidated house in Albuquerque, N.M. Students who participate in the Spring Break trip will be helping to rennovate homes like this one.

"Our purpose in going to the reservation is to work on renovating homes for the elderly and disabled residents of the reservations," Nancy Valkenburg, director of Service Learning, said. "We will also visit with reservation elders and hear about storytelling. We will stay on the reservation and immerse ourselves in the Navajo culture."



The group also plans on spending some time focusing on education while on the reservation.

"So far, it's been primarily education students who have shown interest in the trip," Sharon Sherick, coordinator of Service Learning, said. "Because of this, we are looking into visiting a schoolhouse on the reservation and making school kits for the schools."

The idea for the reservation trip came about from Dr. Robert Wheelersberg, professor of anthropology and international studies. However, putting together the trip has been a group effort.

"Dr. Wheelersberg asked me to investigate reservation sites for an alternative break trip," Valkenburg said. "I accumulated information and mentioned the request to Sharon. [She] knew friends at her church who went to this reservation to work and provided the contact information."

Despite some interest from education majors, there has not been a strong turnout thus far for the trip. Sherick speculates this could be a result of the weak economy, though the College is not laying the financial burden on the students. "The only cost to the students will be the cost of transportation," Sherick said. "Currently, the estimate is about $500."

As far as the cost of their work while on the reservation, the group is holding numerous fundraisers to help offset costs. "We are currently selling jewelry made by a Navajo man living on the reservation," Sherick said.

Courtesy photos

"We are looking into selling Blue Jay Discount Cards, which would be sold for $10 each and give discounts to places like the Fractured Prune. We will also be holding a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Olive Garden, which will be held in January."

Despite the low cost to students, both Valkenburg and Sherick expect the students to take away a tremendous experience from the trip. "This cross-cultural experience will open our eyes to the plight of the American Indian," Valkenburg said. "I anticipate that we will make lifelong friends."

Students who are interested in the trip should contact either Nancy Valkenburg (VALKENBURGN@etown.edu) or Sharon Sherick (SHERICKS@etown.edu) to fill out an application.

upcoming event

Nick Motil to play at SWEET concert

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Everything's better barefoot" — or at least that is what Nick Motil believes. The singer-songwriter from Las Vegas, Nev. will make his way to Elizabethtown College this Saturday for his second Super SWEET concert. Junior SWEET Sounds Chairperson Chelsea Kempchinsky is excited about Motil's return to Elizabethtown.

"People wanted him back, so we got him. We learned about him from NACA[(National Association for Campus Activities], and that's how we got him here last year," Kempchinsky said.

Kempchinsky also added that she was very impressed with Motil's stage presence.

"He's very appealing to the crowd. He keeps people entertained," she said.

Another interesting fact about Motil is that he does all of his shows barefoot. Motil attributes some of his crowd appeal to his unique style of music.

"I describe my music as 'aggressive acoustic,'" Motil told *the Etownian*. "It sparks a little interest in those that may or may not have heard of me before."

Image: *nickmotil.com*

Nick Motil will perform in the Event Space Saturday, Nov. 22. Motil entitled his latest album "Everything's Alright."

Motil is a hardworking artist who is still gaining popularity. His career began in February of 2005 in Las Vegas, Nev., where he first performed at Margaritaville on Las Vegas Boulevard.

While picking up a few other shows here and there, Motil performed at his first NACA Conference in late September 2005. These conferences are held to give representatives of all types of colleges and universities a chance to look at different entertainers, from musicians and comedians to lecturers and public speakers.

From the conferences, the schools can book performers for their respective campuses. Motil gained several bookings from the NACA conferences while still performing at Margaritaville in Las Vegas.

"Currently, Nick Motil is the highest booked act on U.S. College Circuit," a review on *PlugInMusic.com* noted.

While he gained publicity from all of his shows, Motil was busy writing fresh new music, as he has released three albums in the last three years. His latest album "Everything's Alright," has recently been released on MySpace and iTunes.

"His lyrics circle vivid images, creating movies in the mind of the listener, beside declarations of love and heartbreak," *PlugInMusic.com* stated.

"To call Motil a singer-songwriter would be to unnecessary limit him to a set of conceptions about that musical style," an article from *NeuFutur Magazine* said.

Nick Motil describes his own music as "a mix between David Gray and Paul Simon." It is this kind of energy that makes him "a singer-songwriter that isn't boring."

You can look Nick and his music up on Facebook, iTunes, Rhapsody and eMusic. Previews of his recorded music are on his MySpace page at *http://www.myspace.com/motillive*. The recorded music will give an idea of what he sounds like, but Motil feels "that the best way to see music is live."

So come on out to the Event Space Saturday at 8 p.m. and get your socks knocked off by Nick Motil.

trends

Facebook a growing faculty hobby

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Assistant Campus Life Editor

When students think of Facebook, they typically envision other people their age using this fairly new and popular form of technology. However, students should remember that the use of Facebook is a growing trend among faculty and staff at Etown.

In a time when almost anything can be found on the Internet, it is no secret that anyone can see what is posted on the World Wide Web. But what few people think about is who is looking at their Facebook profiles and pictures.

There are well-known professors and staff members at Etown who can not only Google search students here, but even see what they post in a place that students consider a safe haven. What many don't realize is that there are professors and staff members of the College who regularly check their own personal Facebook profiles and see what their students are doing.

Head of the Theater Department and on-campus theatrical director, Michael Swanson is one of those professors. He has a Facebook so he can keep in touch with students that are in his productions. He also uses this social networking site to see where his past students are.

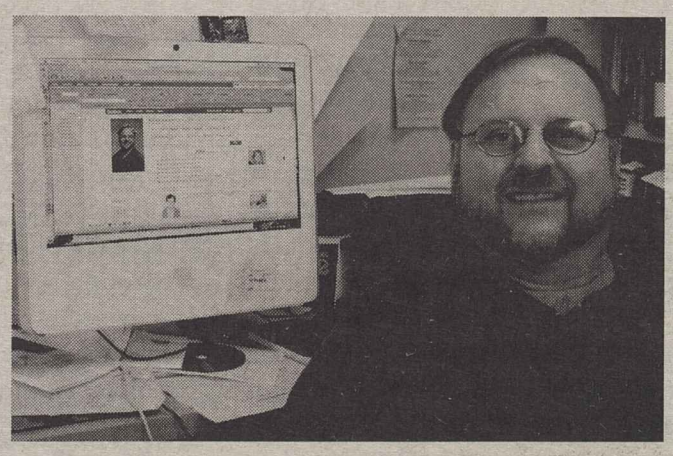

Photo: Hope R. Salisbury

Head of the Theater Department, Michael Swanson, has a Facebook profile. Swanson uses Facebook to keep in touch with people.

"It's a more of a tool to see where my students have gone," Swanson said.

Associate Professor of Languages Kurt Barnada has a Facebook as well, and uses it to stay in contact with students he has met through trips abroad to Japan.

"I really only use it as a way of keeping in touch more easily with those students and a few alumni from years ago," he said.

Not only faculty, but also several staff on campus have Facebook profiles, including Residence Life Area Coordinator, Joey Allen. A familiar face on campus, Allen does add students as friends on the site.

"It is all in good fun," he said. But he does warn that he "will delete students who post risqué photos."

Barnada said that although he doesn't check his Facebook often, he does use it to reconnect with former students.

"They are likely to send a note rather than having to write emails or even letters," he said.

Swanson agrees and said that it is nice to see how people are doing, and how they have done since graduating, especially in his field. It is also easier to view pictures from shows both on and off campus, and have everything in one place.

All of this ties into recent news that having questionable pictures on Facebook could cost students a graduate school acceptance, undergraduate internship, or even a job out of college.

Although many professors use these sites mostly for personal reasons, there are those out there who do use Facebook to keep track of, as well as keep in touch with, their students and former students. As a reasonable rule of thumb, if something should not be seen by a professor, it should not be posted online.

movie review

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Copy Editor

Quantum of Solace," the 22nd installment in the tremendously successful Bond franchise, represents a maturation of the series not previously seen. "Casino Royale," the immediate prequel, demonstrated a studio direction that placed grittiness over flash-bang and character over fan service. "Quantum" reiterates the series' newfound realism.

Much like its most recent predecessor (and rather unlike the 20 before it), "Quantum" takes sure steps to show credible elements in the societies that it visits – truthful poverty, festivity, weariness and pragmatism.

The parkour elements return, with characters cheerfully vaulting from shingled rooftops and hotel balconies, and the gadgets, save for one particularly delicious touch-screen media center, stay hidden. Bond is still an assassin, but he's angry now: the events of the previous movie (without having seen the previous film, this sequel becomes difficult to follow) have left him stricken with rage and insomnia. Gone are the scarred, accented cat-strokers of Doctor No and Goldeneye; aside from rather tedious haircuts, the villains in "Quantum" are wholly unremarkable. In short, the franchise has traded in the old standards of secret volcano lairs and invisible cars for 21st-century moral ambiguity and honest character development. (The British wit and flippant sexuality have remained, hopefully ensuring the loyalty of the old score's fan base.)

Image: *dailymail.co.uk*

The real delights come in a handful of scenes scattered liberally throughout the entire piece. While the camera does occasionally shake, sullying otherwise sterling fights and pursuits, the chaos seems artistically deliberate: director Mark Forster ("The Kite Runner," "Stranger Than Fiction") fills the movie with moments of fantastic irony, legitimately subtle political commentary and music-video spunk.

The new direction comes with a cost: the gunplay in particular is increasingly fleeting, and though this is a price that more curmudgeonly theatergoers will be more than willing to pay, it does make it hard to even compare "Quantum's" Bond to that of, say, "Goldfinger." Oddjob and Scaramanga have been replaced by Le Chiffre and Greene, and golden guns with Sony Erricsons. The genre as a whole seems to be growing up, and James Bond is growing up with it.

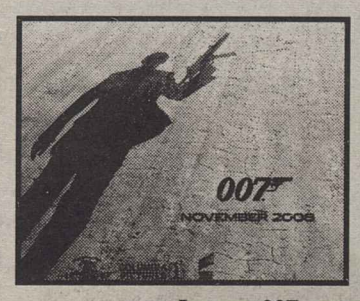


Image: *007.com*

Correction

In last week's article, "Hit book 'Twilight' released as film" the author's name was spelled "Stephanie Meyer." In actuality, it is spelled "Stephenie Meyer."

The Etownian apologizes for the mistake.

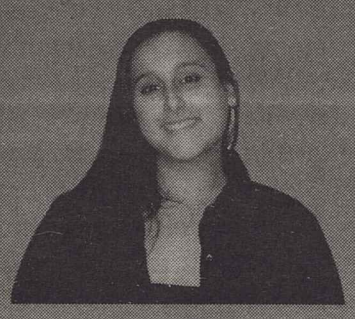
SOUND OFF

Do you think a traffic light located at the intersection of College Avenue and Market Street would be helpful?

by Jamie L. Bartolino

Angela Wright
Class of 2011

"Yes, it would reduce the need to run frantically across the street and risk death. Though, it is a nice adrenaline rush."



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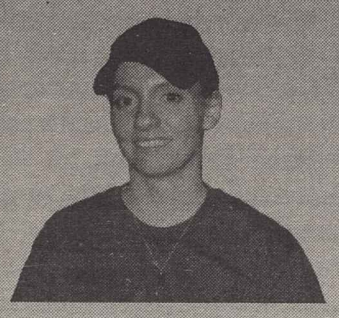
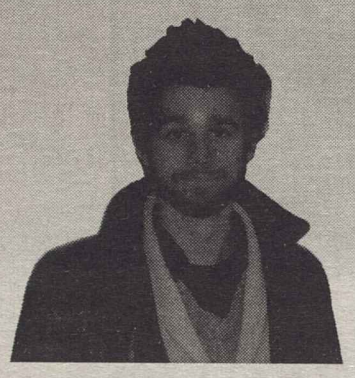
"I really don't think it is needed. It's really not bad enough to put a light up."



Sarah Woodward
Class of 2009

"Yes! I wait for 10 minutes just to turn left and then it makes me an agressive driver."



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"I don't care. Let's concentrate our efforts somewhere useful."

on campus

Rising prices decrease student purchases

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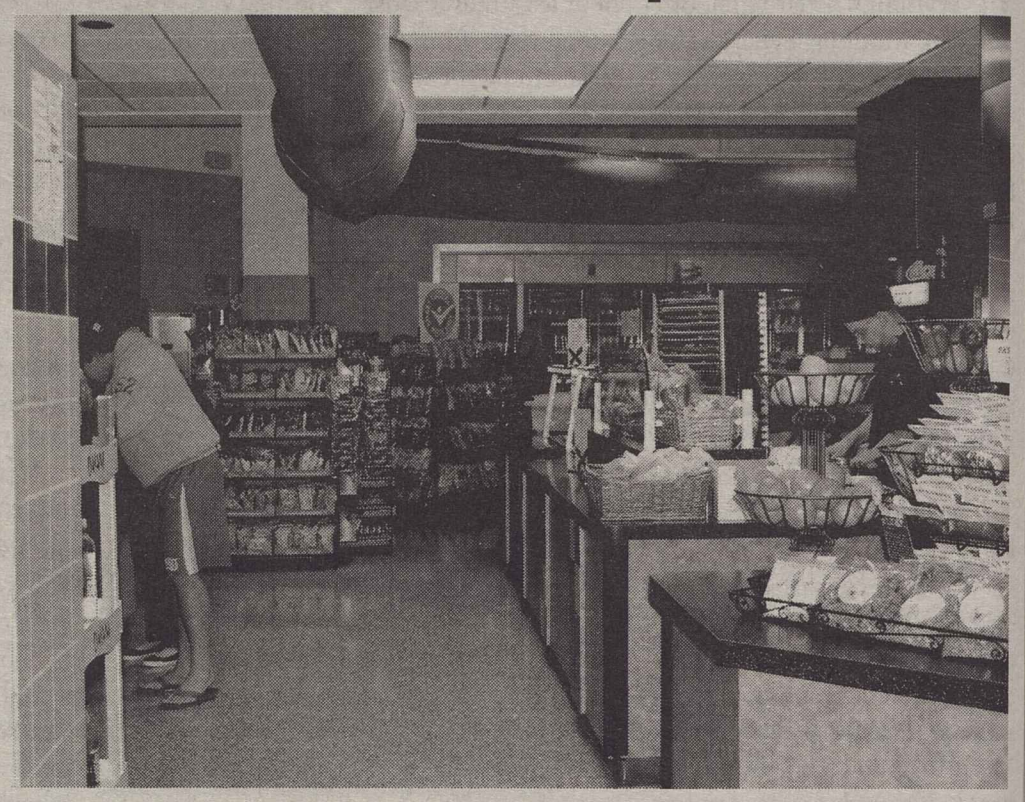

Photo: Amanda P. Calabrese
Students shop for food in the Jay's Nest due to a lack of other on-campus stores. Higher prices have greatly decreased student purchasing power.

There is no such thing as a free meal:" a phrase Etown students have come to learn and live by, but certainly not love. One of the biggest complaints circulating around campus is the rising prices in the Jay's Nest without an equivalent Jay Buck compensation.

Recently, the Jay's Nest has upped their prices to match Turkey Hill, the establishment where we buy a quantity of our products.

I think we can all agree that our wallets have suffered more blows than we care to divulge as of late and this is just one more example. However, why are we insisting that our campus convenience store be held to a different standard than the rest of the companies in the world?

I consider myself a frequenter of the Jay's Nest, mostly for convenience's sake, but also for their divine chicken ranch cheesesteaks.

I have personally felt the strain on my Jay Bucks balance, so I stopped making frivolous purchases.

I do not need to stock up on cheddar popcorn like there is an impending nuclear holocaust. I do not need to go out and purchase a pint of Ben & Jerry's every time I'm feeling a little blue.

In the long run, maybe this price hike will be beneficial for the eating habits of the campus as a whole. Since I know this is a situation I cannot do anything to impact, I am just looking to find the silver lining.

The world around us is changing, and every business is doing what it has to do to try and stay afloat. While I agree it is a hugely unwelcome change for us as a college, I understand it is what has to be done.

Frankly, we are talking minor price changes here. It is not as if all of a sudden a pack of gum went from a quarter to costing $18 plus a limb.

These are not financial changes that will break the bank; they are just going to institute a reality check when it comes to spending.

As the semester comes to a close, it looks as though there will be no extra Jay Bucks given to even out the price raise. If it is truly an issue of such contention among students, who is to say the issue will not be addressed in the future? I feel that before we band together with pitchforks and start arranging sit-ins around the grill, we need to remind ourselves that we are only talking about Jay Bucks.

At its very core, the Jay's Nest *is* a business. In order to succeed as such, it must remain on the same financial playing field as its competitors.

As consumers, we carry the fiscal burden. I think we can agree this is not fair, but the harsh reality is that life is not fair.

We are in the throws of a struggling economy and everything is going to be affected, from the mom-and-pop store to the friendly campus eatery.

For now, it is an unfortunate fact of our college lives, so my advice to you is learn to utilize your meal swipes.

on campus

Rapid decline in face-to-face interaction

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Opinion Editor

How often have you really wanted to tell someone something, but didn't have the nerve to say it out loud?

If you've had this problem, you know that all you need to do is send that person a text message, and suddenly a weight has been lifted off of your shoulders – until you see that person again.

Technology has helped introduce our generation to a new form of talking. No longer is it necessary for people to be standing face to face to speak, or even to hear each other's voices. For that matter, we don't even need to speak correct English!

All we need to do is push a couple buttons, and a message we know to be inappropriate is conveyed to another person — a message we never would have dared speak to them in person.

It goes even further beyond this. Many teens and preteens report cases of Internet bullying.

Two-thirds of children who report being bullied online claim they were never bullied in person. Why is that?

Technology has allowed us to hide behind a façade, whether it's anonymous or not, and not take full responsibility for our words.

Many of us have seen the Youtube video "Text Message Break-up." While this provides an amusing view of a couple breaking up through text messages, there is a chilling reality beneath it all.

It has even become commonplace for us to speak to girlfriends or boyfriends through instant messages or text messages to discuss relationship problems, rather than talking about them face to face.

Students have asked each other on dates, or even broken up with each other through texting or instant messages.

While all of this may seem relatively trivial in a college setting, it has implications in life after college.

Many students in college cannot effectively communicate in an interview due to their lack of interpersonal skills. Other students cannot handle conflict in appropriate ways, and cannot present a logical argument for debate.

Still more students cannot even hold an intelligent, decent-length conversation.

I have participated in several conversations in which people use "IM slang" to talk. Really, guys?

Some people do it as a joke to make fun of others, but some students actually use these abbreviations during a conversation and think nothing of it. I have heard "LOL," "btw," "jk," "probs" and "idk" more times than I can count. Is it too much to ask that a peer use correct English?

If I'm being unreasonable, then by all means let me know. I would just like to have one whole day where I can hold a decent conversation with other students and not have to worry about technology ruining their ability to speak.

in the nation

Gov't actions justified in rescue

Laura E. Kuserk
Staff Writer

According to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "throughout the nation men and women, forgotten in the political philosophy of the government, look to us here for guidance and for a more equitable opportunity to share in the distribution of national wealth ... I pledge myself to a new deal for the American people. This is more than a political campaign. It is a call to arms."

He spoke these words when he accepted the Democratic nomination for president in 1932. America was in the midst of the biggest economic slump it had ever seen.

After that fateful "Black Tuesday" when the stock market crashed, almost a quarter of all Americans found themselves unemployed and banks were quickly closing. America was in a Great Depression.

Roosevelt's New Deal included the Emergency Bank Act, which was passed in March 1933. This act closed down several insolvent banks and then reorganized and reopened the ones that were strong enough.

The bill also gave the Secretary of the Treasury the power to confiscate gold from private citizens who were then given the equivalent amount in paper money.

This act helped almost two-thirds of America's banks survive and along with other changes implemented as part of the New Deal, Americans were eventually freed of the Great Depression.

But what does that history lesson have to do with what is currently going on in our world? Unless you have been living under a rock for the past few months, we are currently in the midst of our own recession.

Due to high oil prices and inflation, millions of Americans are becoming painfully familiar with the word "foreclosure." According to the International Labour Organization, by the end of 2009, almost 20 million jobs will be lost worldwide due to the crisis.

Several major businesses have suffered including mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy, AIG received funding from the Federal Reserve, and Bank of America bought out Merrill Lynch.

Sept. 20, President Bush asked Congress to pass the now infamous 700 billion-dollar-bailout plan to purchase troubled mortgage assets and curb this financial crisis. The House rejected the bill and the stock market plummeted 777 points that same day. Though the Senate has passed a revised version of the bill, the stock market has yet to be stabilized.

But the real question here is whether or not the U.S., as a capitalist society, should allow the government to bail out banks or whether the free market should have the chance to correct itself. It really is a Catch-22 for any president. Do too much and you get labeled a Socialist. Do too little and the people complain that the government has abandoned them.

During a crisis like the one in which we currently find ourselves, the government needs to step in and try and resolve the economic issues. I realize not every American will agree with that statement. However, I do feel that it is the government's responsibility and duty to protect "We the people, in order to form a more perfect union, to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty."

Let our government come and help bail out the businesses that need it. I'm not advocating a "1984" world here or anything, nor am I suggesting that we move towards a Communist society, but rather that we admit that we need help and take the bailout plan without complaint and fear.

Another New Deal will come to America. Hopefully, it will not be too late.

staff column

Reducing pollution

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

From *Change.gov*, the hub of President-elect Obama's now-legitimized effort to modernize America's executive branch, there came a Youtube video. It reached us Nov. 15, informing America (or at least the bit of it with broadband internet) of the G-20's economic conference in Washington. It reiterated Obama's plan for immediate change: massive lifeboat financial handouts coupled with $150 billion toward a greener infrastructure.

It is profoundly obvious to me, as it is to Obama, that establishing an effective utilities structure is vital for survival. I played "Sim City" and "Oregon Trail;" I understand that you'll die of dysentery if you don't have enough clean water and bear meat. But I've also seen "WALL-E," which I understand is a terribly prophetic indictment of carbon emissions and morbid obesity, and the post-apocalyptic Earth resulted from neither zombie plagues nor pale horsemen nor rap music. It came from (spoiler warning) *us*.

The fact of the matter is that America consumes too much and throws away too much. It also drives too much. Obama's $150 billion could drop back into highway renewal; the smoke of our flaming cash could inflate the lungs of the ailing automotive industry. (Smoking kills, of course, so the metaphor at this stage breaks down somewhat.) But it would be far better invested in railways.

Every component of every economy in the history of the world is based on moving things, and America has a lot of things to move and a lot of space in which to move them. According to the Association of American Railroads, trains are four times more efficient than trucks.

"But I like my car," you say. Did you know that you don't have to actually *drive* a train? You can sit and work. Or talk. Or read a book! I *daresay* you could sleep. Since locomotives are attached to rails, it is very difficult for them to get lost. Trains last for a long time, and you do not need to buy a newer one when you experience a midlife crisis.

And trains kill only a thousand U.S. citizens every year; roads ruthlessly slaughter 40 times that number. (In the UK, where passenger transportation per capita is more common, there are 2000 automotive deaths and only 150 related to rails.)

Many trains have lavatories. Some even tow dining cars, in which you can, say, enjoy an orange Fanta while you read this newspaper!

I do hope that Obama makes our roads safer and more green. But as long as he's writing checks, I feel rather strongly that he should put a bit of *his* green into locomotives.

in the nation

Bush unlikely to fulfill promises

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As Bush ends the last 100 days of his eight-year run in the White House, I can't help but look back on some of the promises he made. He promised that by the time he was out of office there would be peace in the Middle East. Or at least negotiation. At least *something*. But what do we have? We have thousands of troops in Iraq, and, as far as Bush can say, no chance of bringing them home.

Bush also promised a resolution to the economic crisis. Although gas prices have decreased, which is a nice ease, there has been little more progress to indicate that we will soon emerge from this recession.

And now, as America looks ahead to Bush's last 100 days in office, we wonder about the promises he's making, the ones that he's made, and which, if any, he's going to keep.

Bush has stated that he will try to rid North Korea of its nuclear arms, and there has been progress on that front since the Bush administration removed Pyongyang from its nuclear blacklist. That aside, there are still large amounts of negotiation that must occur before the United States and this communist nation can be on remotely good terms.

But truthfully, most of America has its blinders on. The country is thinking about two things: the economic crisis and the war in Iraq. People are losing money and the DOW has dropped drastically. America is seeing their sons and daughters, their brothers and sisters, die in a war, and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. The promises they want Bush to cash in on don't seem to be the ones he is concerned with.

Of course he is concerned; at least, I would hope he is. But people want big action to accompany his previously big words, and he's not giving us what we want.

I would like to see Bush do something big with his last 100 days. These are the days to remember, and if he does something smart with them, maybe the bitter taste many people seem to be associating with his presidency will be slightly mollified. He owes the country to cash in on some of the promises that he has made.

These days could go fast or slow, depending on your opinion. If you're looking forward to the day Obama takes over, I am sure these days are a slow crawl. If you're dreading the day he takes over, the days are flying. Either way, keep an eye open, because even if Bush doesn't do what the nation might be calling out for him to do, he's going to do something.

I doubt Bush will leave his eight-year reign without some sort of bang. His is a presidency to be remembered, good or bad; take it as you will.

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etown cross country

Men and women finish seasons; Kulp makes nationals

Ross M. Benincasa
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Catching the spirit of a regular day at the Greene County Airport is much like describing that of any desolate place, as the runway rarely hums of its regulars' small, single-engine airplanes.

However, Nov. 17, the fields around the airport in Waynesburg roared with cheers and the clamoring of spikes digging into the soil below them, still soft and yet untouched by the cold spell that would hit later that night.

On this day, a field of 611 runners, 306 of them male and 305 females competed for the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional crown, and a spot in this Saturday's NCAA Division III Championships.

Etown's two cross country teams this year have thrown their hearts out onto the paths and hills they ran.

The men brought forth a competitive spirit that was unrivaled by the other 42 schools in the race, a spirit of youth that resonated through all their runners.

"The men's team had their best race of the season on Saturday when it mattered most," men's head coach Christopher Straub said.

"We achieved our goal of finishing fifth out of the 43 teams."

Unfortunately, fifth was not good enough, at least not to the NCAA Selection Committee.

"The kiss of death with the NCAA Selection Committee was the point gap between us and fourth-place Haverford. They had 106 points and we had 214 points. The 108 points was a larger margin than I had hoped for," Straub said.

However, even though the men's team didn't make it to the NCAA Championships, the real positive element of the race was the performance of the first-years in such a high-pressure environment, especially the performance of first-year sensation Eric Reichert.

"Eric becomes only the seventh freshman in Elizabethtown College men's cross country history to achieve All-Mideast Region honors," Straub said.

"I believe Eric could have finished in 20th place (instead of 26th) if I had given him a different race strategy. Together, he and I accept responsibility for him giving up a very realistic opportunity to compete at the NCAA [Championships] as an individual to help the team."

The women also displayed great poise during the race, finishing fourth out of 44 teams running. The turnaround the girls displayed this season, from the beginning uneasiness to such an impressive finish at Regionals, is something that many critics never saw as a possibility.

"We always plan training with a focus on staying healthy and running well late in the season, and we were successful in doing that," women's head coach Brian Falk said.

"We also were a better team each time we competed, because the women were very patient and disciplined and had two great captains in Tiffany Kulp and Megan VanDen-Hengel."

Photos: Drac William
At the NCAA Division III Regionals in Waynesburg, Pa, the men's and women's cross country teams celebrate after a successful competition.

Senior Kulp also captured Etown's only qualification bid into the NCAA Championships with a very impressive individual run and a sixth place finish. She became the first Etown women's runner named to the All-Region team for four consecutive years.

"At the beginning of the year, I wrote down a top five finish on my foal sheet," Kulp said.

"As the season went on, more and more people were getting better, and I was suffering from random but annoying injuries."

Going into the week of Regionals, I refocused myself and decided that a top ten finish would be awesome, so I'm pumped about sixth place."

Overall, the men's and women's teams both came through with very impressive runs when it mattered the most, but unfortunately were met by a field of schools in top-notch form and were kept out of the National Championships.

However, with an impressive caliber of runners coming back for the women, and a noteworthy first-year class in the Mideast Region for the men, look for both the men's and women's teams to compete in Nationals next year, where they look for the opportunity to compete and hold up a National Championship trophy of their own.

abbey's blitz

Fantasy football provides both enjoyement and dispair

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Sports Editor

It's Sunday afternoon, and, like millions of other Americans, I am glued to my television watching NFL. My beloved Eagles are getting beat by a team that has one win so far this season, yet for some reason I'm not raging with anger. Live updates appear on my computer for all the games around the league, and a calculator sits beside me.

As my Eagles slowly fall on the field, my attention falls to how Eli Manning and the New York Giants are playing. Despite my hatred for Manning and the Giants, his success Sunday earned me 10 fantasy points. It's a win-lose situation that I'm in, but that's just a typical Sunday for a fantasy football enthusiast.

According to *The Washington Post*, about 10 million people partake in fantasy football competitions every Sunday, and that number grows yearly. There is no age requirement, and competitors can choose how involved they want to be. It doesn't take much to participate, making it the ideal game for any football fan.

I first started playing fantasy football five years ago in a public league on Yahoo Sports. It was a basic automated draft league that didn't require much participation. But I craved more. Every new season, I increased the competition by joining private leagues with my friends, and I would start researching months in advance. This past August, I had about five magazines scattered around my desk and the cheat sheet I'd made in front of me just so my live draft could go as smoothly as possible.

Why do I spend so much energy on an online game? It's hard to say. I can't say it's for money, because I don't participate any any money leagues, and it's not always that exciting, especially when one of my players gets points because they beat the Eagles. But in spite of that, fantasy football posses a lure that's hard to explain.

Sure, it's annoying to rearrange my roster every Sunday, but I feel rewarded when I check the official score Tuesday morning and I see my team with another "W" in the win column. When I all but lose faith in the Eagles, my fantasy team keeps me excited about what's going on.

I take pride in having the Bear's rising superstar running back Matt Forte, and I'll even admit that I named my fish after Colt's receiver Reggie Wayne in hopes that it would help Wayne have a record breaking season. My fantasy team gives me hope and something to look forward to.

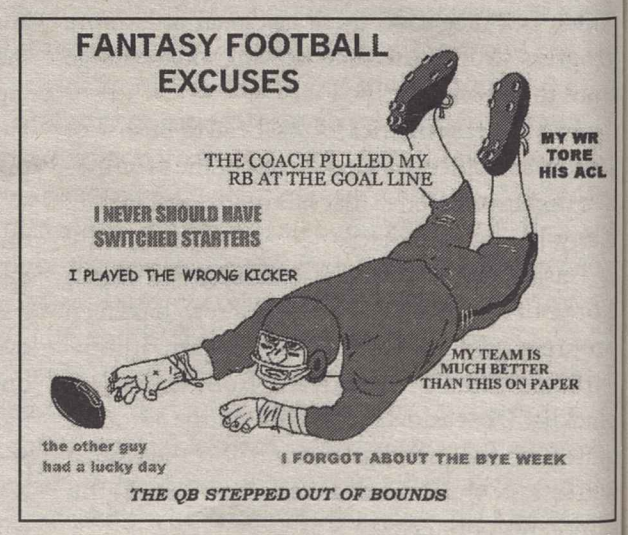
However, there is a dark side to this madness. While it's exciting to see my players do well, it sometimes rips my heart. Every time the Giants prevail, my fantasy team thrives, but it is just another setback for the Eagles.

This puts me in a sticky situation: do I root for my fantasy team or my beloved Eagles? The answer, for me, is always to go with the Eagles, but it's still nerve-wracking. Take week two, for instance. The Eagles were playing Dallas, the team that i despise the most. Even though I have Cowboy's running back Felix Jones on my team, I was desperately rooting against him in this game. Instead, Jones got me 32.2 fantasy points.

My Eagles were demolished, yet the Cowboy's success advanced my fantasy team to another bittersweet win. I would much rather have had the Eagles win and my fantasy team go downhill, but, in sports, does anything ever go the way we want?

There are five weeks left in my season, and as of now I'm tied for third in a league of 14. The Eagles are on track to miss the playoffs this year. My fantasy team, on the other hand, is in full swing. It'll be a rough road to the finale, but I have faith in my team, even if it does mean having to possibly root for Eli Manning.

It's not something I'm proud of doing, but that's just how fantasy football is played. In a perfect fantasy world, I'd love to see Manning get me 20 points and have the Giants still lose, but that may be asking for too much. After all, fantasy football is far from being a fantasy.



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etown swimming

FDU-Florham, LVC next obstacles for swimming Jays

Ben G. Brewer
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown men's and women's swim teams celebrated their first win of the season Wednesday, Nov. 12 against Kings College. The win also marks a first for new coach Dan DeHass.

"Our entire team has been improving greatly with the guidance of our new coach, DeHass," junior Kara Geiger said.

The Lady Jays won their first 11 events against Kings College to help solidify the win early. Earning a pair of victories in the matchup was senior Jenny Brizek in the 50-meter freestyle, recording a time of 26.92 seconds. She followed her win with another in the 1000-meter freestyle at 11:56.02. Junior Lindsay Riley recorded her own pair of wins in the matchup, wining in both the 100-meter backstroke and 100-meter freestyle. Junior Danielle Hopkins and first-year student Emily Robinson recorded two wins in the matchup as well to solidify the win for the lady Blue Jays.

The men's team also defeated the Monarchs 130-99 with key wins from juniors Matt Drob and Dan Provence. Sophomore captain Tom Hagerty praised their performance:

"We lost our breaststroker and our butterflyer last year due to graduation, but Dan Provence has stepped up to fill the void in the breaststroke, as he won the 200-meter breast just Wednesday evening, and Matt Drob has been willing to swim some butterfly for us. Both guys have been doing really well so far this season."

Next up was a challenging tri-meet between Elizabethtown, Messiah and Susquehanna Saturday. Despite their best efforts, they lost to both Messiah and Susquehanna in the tri-meet, which was hosted at Etown.

However, the women's team did well, defeating both Susquehanna and Messiah at scores of 117-70 and 116-71.

First-year student Emily Robinson continued her dominance of the distance events, capturing the 1000-meter free in a time of 11:39.60 and the 500-meter free in 5:42.23. While junior Lindsay Riley was victorious in the 50-meter freestyle, touching in a time of 26.27.

Sophomore Courtney Kelly managed to out touch her opponents in the 200-meter freestyle, with a time of 2:07.93, and senior Jenny Brizek won the 200-meter individual medley in an impressive 2:23.50.

The men's team did not have as much luck, losing to both teams in the meet despite a strong effort from senior Chris Miller, who won a trio of events. Miller captured the 200-meter freestyle in a time of 1:52.71, and the 100-meter backstroke at 58.20. Finally, he finished the meet by winning the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:06.00.

Despite the tough losses, the Blue Jays are looking forward to next week, remaining optimistic that they can pull away with a win at Farleigh Dickinson University this Saturday. After that, they look forward to a tough matchup with Lebanon Valley, who always presents a big challenge to Etown.

"They are always tough competitors, so that one [win] may could come down to the last relay," junior Kara Geiger said.

The team will build and become more competitive as the season continues and into next year's season.

They will travel to Florida in January for training, where they hope to experience some quality team building and practice for the future.

Photo: Jodi Crimmel
Sophomore Becca Rose talks to Coach DeHass about a race in a meet against Susquehanna and Messiah this past weekend.

etown women's basketball

Jays looking to prove themselves

Abbey B. Anderson
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team is gearing up for another season of jump shots, foul shots and man-to-man defense. They began the season a little shakily with losses to Randolph-Macon and Lychburg.

However, for the Lady Jays, the main focus is on the match up against Messiah College and another attempt at making it to the post-season playoffs.

"Messiah will be our biggest challenge in the conference. They are Division III runner up from last year, and in my three previous years here, we have never beaten them," senior co-captain Megan Quinn said

The team will work hard at each practice and game to get ready for another challenging match up against the Falcons. The women's team has set their goals for the season and is prepared to do whatever it takes.

With additions of first-years Stephanie Ellwood, Emily Mullen, Kelly Sauerzopf and Teanna Zeigler, the team will regain depth after losing three graduates after last season.

"I believe our team is very close. We share amazing friendships both on and off the court," Quinn said. "The first-years will be a good addition to help us have a more solid team."

Quinn, Jennifer Montague and Megan Romano are the three seniors who will put in their last season with the Blue Jays this year. They will lead the team in what they hope will be a very successful season.

Aside from the Messiah games Jan. 10 and Feb. 3, the focus for the women will be on the playoffs.

"Our goals are to make it to post season play. We want to get better every game and prove ourselves as a team," sophomore Megan Strohman said.

"I'd say we are a team that people take for granted. We don't necessarily look intimidating, but we are aggressive and pretty talented when we play together."

The Blue Jays are ready to prove themselves to the conference, to their fans and to themselves.

In past years, the team has not been able to extend their season into the playoffs, but they never take their eyes off their goal

"I'd say our focus for the next game is to regroup and come out fighting. We learned a lot from our tip off tournament in Virginia," Strohman said.

The women competed in Ashland, Va. this past weekend, at the Tip-Off Classic, where they faced Lynchburg and Randolph-Macon. The team has learned a lot from these two games that will only help them improve their play.

Etown took on Moravian college yesterday but wasn't able to come up with a win. They lost the battle by a score of 69-65. Quinn lead the game with 18 points and a career-high of 14 rebounds. Montague finished the game with 10 point.

Their season will continue over the next three months, where the Blue Jays will set out to take on Messiah College and earn a spot in the post-season playoff bracket.

etown wrestling

Men start strong with early wins

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College wrestling team is 1-0 after posting their first win of the season last Wednesday.

The Blue Jays won nine out of 10 bouts in their non-conference matchup against Johns Hopkins. "It was great to win so many of the individual matches," junior Eric Rhoads said.

First -year Tyler Erdman started the match by earning a technical foul in the second period in the 125-pound weight class. Sophomore Bill Meaney picked up a first period fall in the 197-weight class, and junior Tim Katzaman won the 285-weight class by forefeit.

Decision wins came to the Blue Jays' advantage, as six of the remaining seven bouts went their way. Sophomore Marty Harnish won at 133 pounds; Rhoads won at 141; first-year Ronnie Cuff won at 149; junior Mike Lussier won at 157; senior Jereme Heisey won at 165; and junior Paul Connor won at 174.

Saturday, the Jays competed in the Ursinus Fall Brawl. While there was no team finishes for the event, five of the Blue Jays were individual place winners. "We were disappointed," Rhoads said. "I think we could've done better."

Katzman finished second in the 285-pound weight class, but made two pins and won a decision to make it to the finals.

Erdman was third in the 125-pound weight class, receiving his first loss of the year from Thiel College's ninth-ranked and eventual winner Rob Miller, but had four wins on the day.

Heisey was third in the 165-pound weight class, receiving his loss from TCNJ's sixth-ranked Justin Bonitatus, but was 4-1 on that day.

Harnish was fourth in the 133-pound weight class, but picked up three wins.

Sophomore Brian Keyser was fourth in the 285 pound weight class, but won twice. He pinned Washington & Lee University's John Christopher only 2:02 into the match.

This Saturday, the Blue Jays will compete at the Messiah Duals against Messiah, Lycoming, Kutztown and Wheaton. The team seems particularly excited to face Kutztown, who, unlike the other teams, is Division II. "I think we have a pretty good shot to knock off a high ranking Division II team," Rhoads said.

Correction

In last week's article titled "Men launch new season with high hopes and expectations," junior Bud Croswell was incorrectly quoted as saying, "This year we have the experience and maturity to be able to compete." This statement was actually made by Coach Walker. *The Etownian* apologizes for the mistake.

etown men's basketball

Men look to continue hot start to season

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

The 2008-2009 Elizabethtown men's basketball season kicked off Saturday with a showdown against Alvernia University at Thompson Gymnasium.

As the Blue Jays started the new season, many questions arose. How will the young Jays respond to the pressure of an opening game in front of a big home crowd? Will Etown have enough depth to fill the spots left from the departure of last year's seniors? Most importantly, who will carry the scoring load for the team?

With the graduated Mike Schatzmann and Chad Piersol, Etown loses two players who averaged a combined 37 points a game last season.

"Last year, we relied exclusively on two guys to do all of our scoring," head coach Bob Schlosser said.

"This year, we're hoping it is more by committee, with four or five guys."

The Jays will rely on juniors Mike Church, Chris Fairbanks, and Josh Houseal as well as sophomores Keith Fogel and Joe Flanagan to score a majority of their points. Point guard Phil Schaffer, the lone senior on the roster, will be called upon to run the show and lead the inexperienced Blue Jays.

Early in Saturday's game, Etown made it clear that nothing would come easy for Alvernia. Even getting the ball over half court was a task for Alvernia because of the Blue Jays' swarming full court pressure defense.

The visiting Crusaders seemed uncomfortable in their offensive sets as the Jays turned defense into offense, claiming a three-point lead seven minutes into the game.

"That's our game right there," Flanagan said. "That's how we thrive, we get stops on defense and that gets us easy buckets."

The Blue Jays had a 15-11 lead with 6:30 remaining in the first half when they turned up the heat on defense. Over a two-minute stretch, Etown caused three turnovers leading to a Church layup, followed by a three-pointer and layup courtesy of Flanagan. This gave the Jays an 11-point lead. Flanagan scored a team high of 17 points.

Etown forced 11 first-half turnovers and had a comfortable 31-21 halftime lead.

Church finished a layup on the Blue Jay's first possession of the second half as the home team hit the ground running. He outdid himself the next trip down the floor with an emphatic dunk that electrified the crowd and extended Etown's lead to 14 points. Church finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

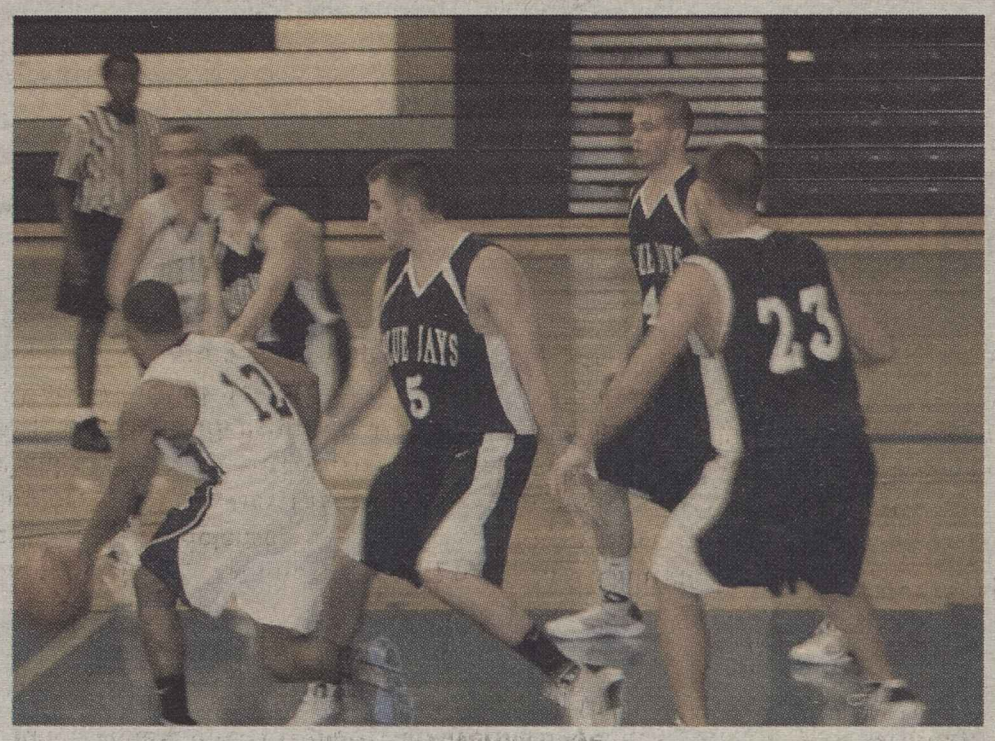
Alvernia refused to go away, and began chipping away at the Blue Jays' lead. A game that once looked like a joke became no laughing matter when Etown's lead was trimmed to just three points with 8:16 remaining in the game.

With the game still in question in the final minute, some clutch free throw shooting by Chris Fairbanks put the game out of reach. Etown was able to hold on and take the 68-63 victory.

The Blue Jays got the win despite turning the ball over 22 times in the game. The win is an encouraging step in the right direction towards a successful season.

"It's always good to be 1-0, and get your confidence going," Flanagan said. "We've got to learn from it, and we'll play better next time."

The men's next task will be to take on Gettysburg in their first away game Saturday.



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Junior Mike Church (5) guards an Alvernia player in a game this past Saturday. The Jays won the game 68-63. Etown travels to Gettysburg College for their first away game of the season.

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Athlete of the Week

Mike Church

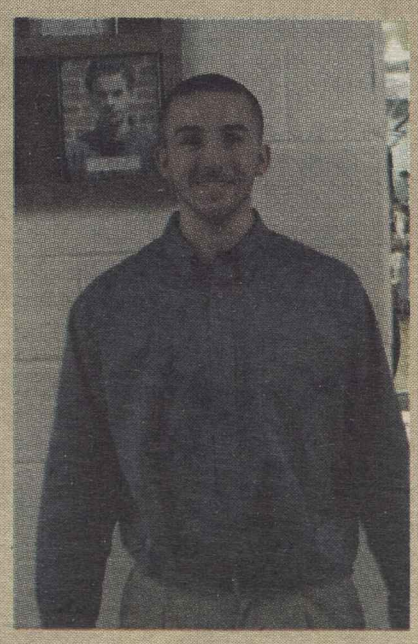
Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is stoked to name junior center Mike Church as Athlete of the Week.

In the season opener against Alvernia, Church scored 11 points and grabbed a game high 10 rebounds before fouling out with only 3:40 left to play. He also tallied one block and one steal in his 27 minutes of play.

Church had another great game Tuesday against Lancaster Bible College leading the team with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks in his 34 minutes on the court, including going 3-4 on the line.

So far this season Church, has had 28 points with 21 rebounds and five blocks in a total of 61 minutes.



Church has helped the Jay's to a 2-0 record and will lead them into tournament play tomorrow and Saturday at Gettysburg. Action for the Jays starts at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow against the Bullets of Gettysburg.

If you can't make the trip to Gettysburg this weekend come to Thompson Gym at 9:00 p.m. this Tuesday, Nov. 25, when the Jays hope to remain undefeated at home against Marymount University.

Congratulations to Mike Church and good luck to all the members of our men's basketball team.

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Chicken Ranch Cheesesteak

Something not many people know about me ...
As a kid I played Ninja Turtles and ended up only two tests from a black belt

Favorite TV Show:
Family guy

When I leave college I want to ...
Become a CPA, get married and live happily ever after

Blue Jay Sports

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Basketball (M) (2-0, 0-0):
Etown 68, Alvernia 63
Etown 73, Lancaster Bible College 62

Basketball (W) (0-3, 0-0):
Randolph-Macon 71, Etown 48
Lynchburg 67, Etown 49
Moravian 69, Etown 65

Wrestling (1-0, 0-0):
No team scoring @ Ursinus fall Brawl

Schedule of Sports

Basketball (M):
Nov. 21: @ Gettysburg, 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 22: vs Rowan or SUNY Geneseo @ Gettysburg, 2:00/4:00 p.m.
Nov. 25: vs Marymount 9:00 pm
Nov. 29: vs. Neumann, 3:00 p.m.
Dec. 3: @ Millersville, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball (W):
Nov. 22: vs Manhattanville @ F&M
Nov. 23: vs F&M or Shenandoah @ F&M
Nov. 25: vs Swarthmore 7:00 pm
Dec. 3: @ Marywood, 6:00 p.m.

Swimming:
Nov. 22: @ FDU-Florham
Nov. 25: @ Lebanon Valley

Wrestling:
Nov. 22: @ Messiah Duals
Nov. 26: vs Delaware Valley and Kutztown, 12:00 p.m.

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on campus

Quads keycard access protects, inconveniences residents

Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

About three weeks ago, Campus Security finally completed one of its bigger projects of the semester: card swipes have been added to the Schreiber Quadrangle.

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Residents of the Schreiber Quadrangle no longer worry about losing their quad keys. Campus Security personnel fitted each quad with its own ID-swipe lock earlier this semester.

Each card access system allows only its four residents to enter. Assistant Director of Campus Security Dale Boyer said that it took about a month and a half to outfit all of the locks for the doors. Because each lock needed to be individually programmed, Security officers could only install three or four locks each day. In response to much speculation, Boyer dismissed rumors that security issues (namely, controlling parties) stood behind the implementation of the new locks.

"The biggest reason for the new systems was the locks were so old that it was hard to get replacement parts," Boyer said. Additionally, the College wanted to get the latest technology.

Senior Quads resident Elyse Venturella feels that the new system is a "huge inconvenience" because she cannot just leave her quad unlocked for fellow residents and friends to stop by. She wishes that students' voices would have been heard before the system was put into place.

"We are the students and the ones that live there," she said.

Students have also expressed confusion as to why the Quads were given the new card swipe systems while four dormitories on campus wait to have this system put into place. "As residence halls come up for renovation, card access will be put in," Boyer said.

Ober was up for renovation this academic year, but with the current financial crisis and the economic state of the College, the renovation was put on hold.

Other buildings that currently have the advanced system include Founders, Brinser and the Hackman Apartments. That leaves Schlosser, Royer, Ober and Myer — the four dorms that are closest to the road — without keycard access.

According to Boyer, the Apartments were the first to gain keycard access when they were built in 1992. Brinser and Founders underwent renovations fairly recently and gained swipe machines at their entrances then. Boyer did mention that the College should think about implementing keycard access before renovations begin in the other dorms.

"From a safety and security standpoint, it is a much better option," he said.

Overwhelmingly, Quads residents would like the system improved to include an option for leaving the door unlocked while quadmates are home.

"It took a little while to get used to," senior Sarah Deysher said. "The door is always locked [so] it gets annoying to always be letting friends in."

"I think I like it better than the keys system, [but] it's kind of annoying to not be able to set the door to unlocked," junior Jen Knapp said. "If I know someone is coming over, I can't just unlock the door and let them come in; I have to go downstairs and open it when they knock."

Senior Kristen Ebersole agrees.

"Call me lazy, but when I am upstairs doing homework, the last thing I want to do is run downstairs to let someone into my quad," she said.

Ebersole also reported the occasional malfunction with the new, technologically-advanced system.

"Sometimes my card will not unlock my door if I swipe it too fast, and sometimes it just plain doesn't work," she said. "When it is raining or sub-zero temperatures outside, this is not a game I like to play."

on campus

New scholarship

Elyse R. Carabello
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown College recently received $1 million from the Stabler Scholarship Fund in order to provide for student financial aid.

Beginning the 2009-2010 academic year, Stabler Scholarships will be awarded to students who are motivated and eager to receive a college education.

Financial needs will be the primary concern when awarding the scholarships. High academic performance will be another consideration for the scholarship, but it is not a requirement.

Unfortunately, the College cannot yet disclose the exact amount or distribution of the awards.

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on campus

Madden named to newly revised marketing position

Jamie L. Bartolino
Assistant Editor

Tuesday, President Long announced Claire Madden as the new Executive Director of Marketing and Communication for Elizabethtown College.

This addition is a final step in the renovation of the College's marketing initiatives. The movement toward reform began almost two years ago at the request of the board of trustees.

Madden received her B.A. in English from the College of New Rochelle and her M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her master's thesis designed a Marketing Segmentation Map.

She holds extensive corporate experience, including the implementation of the very first marketing and communications plan at SUNY's Farmingdale campus in Long Island.

Elizabethtown interviewed three individuals for the position out of a pool of over 100 applicants. Madden will begin working with the College at the start of the spring semester.

The previously separate offices of Marketing and Media Relations (part of Enrollment) and College Communications (under Institutional Advancement) have merged, and the new department will oversee aspects of both marketing and communication for the College. Mary Dolheimer, who resigned earlier this year, precedes Madden as the former director of marketing and media relations.

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Black Friday buy-in?

One student discusses the merits of the Black Friday shopping frenzy.
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news in brief

After the massacre in Mumbai that left 179 people dead (including six Americans), the rest of the world wanted to know why security measures weren't taken. U.S. intelligence warned Indian government officials that there would be a possible attack, by sea, in mid-October on seaside hotels and businesses. Security was tightened immediately after the suspicion, but this only lasted a week or so.

Not long after the warning, Indian security intercepted a call from Pakistan threatening water-born attacks. Wednesday, before the violent outbreak, locals saw gunmen dock at a Mumbai fishing dock. Officials also found an abandoned boat full of phones and navigational devices.

Earlier this week, U.S. automaker representatives tried to redeem themselves and work out turnaround plans to save the auto empires.

Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford, was the first to step up, offering to undergo an enormous salary drop from the $21.6 million that he earned in 2007 to $1 a year if the government cooperates with a $9 billion bailout.

With this loan, Ford will refocus on accelerating the construction of more fuel-efficient vehicles, Mulally said. General Motors CEO Rick Wagner and Chrysler LLC CEO Robert Nardelli also agreed to the $1-per-year salary.

President-elect Barack Obama announced his politically diverse national security team Monday. The most buzz-worthy nomination is his former rival Hillary Clinton as secretary of state.

Obama will also be surrounded by some familiar faces, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who was appointed by President George W. Bush.

The soon-to-be president also nominated one of Sen. John McCain's old friends, retired Marine General Jim Jones, as national security advisor.

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on campus

Music pirates incur organized crackdown

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant Features Editor

Piracy is alive and well both on the high seas and here at Elizabethtown College. Recently, three individuals were caught distributing copyrighted material — namely movies. Since the College provides Internet access for the students and faculty, any illegal file sharing ultimately falls under the responsibility of the College. The three offenders will be charged $50 as part of the College's policy toward those who illegally download protected material. However, this puts the College in a compromising position, as organizations like the RIAA or the MPAA can force Etown to turn over the names of any people who have been pirating material, lest the College face a lawsuit of its own. The pirates can be sued for a fee of up to $150,000.

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Students on the Etown network continue to utilize peer-to-peer file sharing programs, despite numerous warnings from ITS.

This situation has some students in a state of uproar, as they feel as though they have been singled out.

"I think the amounts that they fine people for are ridiculous," junior Suzanne Harris said.

It is true that being charged $150,000 for a three minute piece of music seems to be a little on the side of overkill, but the RIAA finds this justified because they need to cover profit losses for the companies and artists they represent. Despite this, the attempts of the RIAA and other organizations to sue people for sharing things like songs and movies haven't been met with much success. Most people sued by the RIAA opt to settle out of court. However, a very good portion of the people who decide to fight the accusations are exonerated. The tactics used by these organizations are simply not good enough to convince judges that accused law-breakers should pay the $150,000 fine.

Despite all this, students at Etown can still get into trouble with the College if they are repeatedly caught sharing files like movies or songs. It is therefore highly advisable that students avoid file sharing programs like Limewire and Kazaa, if only to dodge Etown's disciplinary measures. There are plenty of wonderful alternative ways to get music and movies for free that are perfectly legal. First of all, both the High Library and the public library have a huge collection of movies that can be rented for free. Public library membership is also without cost, as are the services of the High Library.

Things get even better on the music front, as there are a plethora of Web sites that offer access to huge libraries of free music for people's listening pleasure. Chief among these services is Pandora Radio *(http://www.pandora.com)*. This site asks for a song or band the user likes, then automatically creates an endless playlist of songs that it finds to be similar to that song or artist. The service is completely free and a great way to discover new music.

Additionally, blogs like the Hype Machine post new music and rare tracks every single day that people can listen to for free. Also, sites exclusively for college students, such as Ruckus, permit users to create an account. Subsequently, users are allowed to download huge amounts of music for free. The only requirement is a valid school email address.

All in all, illegal downloading puts the College in a very bad position, but there are plenty of ways to avoid it.

on campus

Long participates in Leadership Symposium

Sean A. Burrows
Staff Writer

Monday, Nov. 10 and Tuesday, Nov. 11, College President Theodore E. Long attended a symposium of 45 college presidents in Washington, D.C. They convened to discuss methods of improving education "for the whole person," including not only the traditionally-stressed area of academics, but also civic engagement and personal social development.

Presidents of eight institutions — including Elizabethtown, Franklin & Marshall, Lebanon Valley and Dickinson — represented Pennsylvania. These Pa. schools stood among the 45 out of approximately 170 who were selected following a submission of total student development proposals.

The symposium was hosted by former Bates College President Donald Harward and sponsored by the Charles Engelhard Foundation, the Christian Johnson Endeavor, and the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

The first day involved a 30-minute introduction by Harward, followed by presentations by each of the college presidents regarding the initiatives their schools are taking to promote total student education. The attendees then divided into focus groups to discuss the measures that each college was taking to promote purposeful life work education. They highlighted the obstacles to the development of "education for the whole person" before proceeding to discuss methods of promoting civic service education and student social development.

President Long mentioned that his presentation garnered a good deal of interest from the audience, as several other presidents questioned him on Etown's initiatives.

"Elizabethtown's approach is to develop a total career development program amongst the students, faculty and staff," he said. This includes the Career Services department, and also involves a complete initiative to ensure that Etown students are set for a meaningful career after graduation.

Since being named president of the College in the fall of 1996, Long has realized many accomplishments.

"Our faculty members have become more innovative in scholarship and contribution," Long said.

The College has transitioned to more four-credit classes (rather than three-credit courses) to promote more focused learning. He stressed that one of his foremost objectives was to "zero in on programs that are a strong expression of Elizabethtown." He also explained that when he came to the College, only about 30 students traveled abroad to study each year. This school year, approximately 250 students plan to study abroad, whether through full-semester programs or shorter sessions directed by a faculty member.

While Long's symposium meetings are over for at least a year, he mentioned that members of the Life Work Team of faculty, staff and students which has been developed at Etown will travel to D.C. in April to discuss its developments. The presidents will convene again in the fall 2009 semester to finalize their ideas prior to publishing a comprehensive book on the symposium in 2010.

Long explained that the ultimate outcome of the symposium will be presented in the book which will "be a great example for other institutions of model — or even the best — ideas for these areas of education." He mentioned that he has already brought some noble ideas for comprehensive education back to Etown through discussions with University of Maryland professor, author and former political advisor Benjamin R. Barber.

Additionally, Long has held separate meetings with other college presidents, including a dinner meeting with the president of a local college the Sunday before Thanksgiving. He mentioned that the entire process "has been a wonderful learning experience for me, because as college presidents you tend to work in your own area, and [when you learn from other academics] you realize how little you actually know."

Long is determined to promote not only the academic progress, but also the civic and social development of all Etown students, and the symposium in Washington, D.C., represents a ground-breaking endeavor toward this outcome. Future Etown students will have excellent opportunities to experience the new comprehensive career development program and purposeful life work education.

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Stablers reward students

"At this stage, the specifics of the scholarship awards have not been determined," David Broderic, the administrator who landed the grant, said. "The College received notice of the award just over a month ago and is still working to put the rules governing the scholarships it will support in place."

According to Elizabethtown College President Theodore Long, recipients are highly encouraged to repay the Stabler Scholarship after they graduate.

"No one knows better what an impact scholarship aid can have than students who have benefitted from scholarships themselves," Long said.

The reimbursed money would be put back into the fund to provide for future Etown students.

Although there is no legal obligation to repay the fund, the Stabler Foundation encourages students to do so, calling it a "debt of conscience."

Many students at Etown think that this is a good idea because, unlike a loan, they would have more time to accumulate a salary in order to pay it back.

"This scholarship works with your career timeline," sophomore Kaitlyn Walsh said. "You don't have to worry about not having enough money to pay it back before you're ready."

Etown isn't the only college benefitting from the Stablers, either. Lehigh University received its biggest donation ever from the Stablers, according to *http://www.lehigh.edu*.

The scholarship has been in operation since 1965 and has aided roughly 250 students.

The Stabler Foundation, created by Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler, is based in Harrisburg and was founded in 1966.

The Stablers believed that education is extremely important and understood that many intelligent young men and women may need more financial assistance than others.

Many of these types of scholarships and donations are an effect of the eroding economy.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, "Colleges and universities are actively encouraging donors to contribute directly to education rather than asking for big gifts toward buildings and programs."

The current downward state of the economy is causing colleges and universities to focus their fund raising efforts more specifically on financial aid and scholarships.

Bobbi Mark, the vice president of institutional advancement at Barnard College, said, "Given what's happening to the economy, we can delay building that new building, but we can't say to the sophomore class: 'Why don't you take a year off?'"

Long said, "Thanks to the Stabler Foundation, the Stabler Scholarship will help highly motivated students benefit from the education that Elizabethtown College offers for generations to come."

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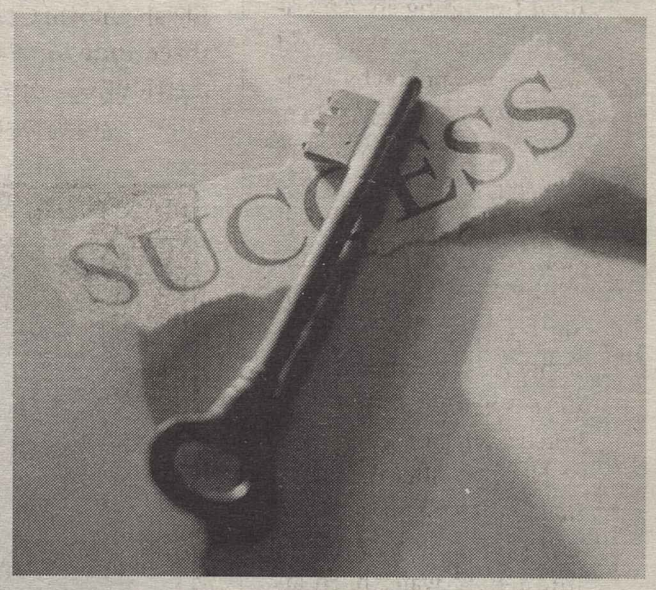
New marketing initiatives

In her newly-established position, Madden will be responsible for the oversight of the marketing of the College. She will oversee both Admissions and Alumni relations, and ensure that they are consistent with the College's marketing plan.

"[Madden] will make sure that all departments are saying the same thing about Elizabethtown," Paul Cramer, vice president for Enrollment, said. "That way, the Elizabethtown message will be consistent."

Cramer summarizes a marketing plan as a representation of what the brand of Elizabethtown is, and how we can best communicate that brand to varying audiences.

Prospective students, alumni, potential donors, potential faculty members and people at other institutions will, ideally, gather the same impression of the College as a result of a solid marketing initiative. Madden will revise and oversee these efforts.



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A solid marketing initiative is the key to successful enrollment rates for colleges and universities.

"A marketing plan is sort of a living document," Cramer said. "She needs to manage that document so that as Elizabethtown changes, we are all saying the same thing about it."

Madden will also oversee day-to-day marketing and communications, including press releases, communication to alumni, the school Web site and daily on-campus news.

Cramer is confident in the College's selection because of Madden's achievement with previous marketing initiatives.

"I'm sure President Long would echo my feelings," Cramer said. "We're very pleased that Claire will be joining us, and we're very confident that she will be able to lead this new initiative given her experience and given her personality. Her personality does match Elizabethtown very well, and that will make a huge difference."

Your support makes the difference!

I would like to recognize the many faculty, staff and College retirees who generously supported this year's campus United Way campaign.

The United Way of Lancaster County provides services to thousands of people by funding more than 100 programs and initiatives through more than 40 partner agencies and services, many of which serve the Elizabethtown area directly. The programs help the people of our community who need it most: our children, the homeless and struggling families, victims of rape and abuse, people with disabilities, the elderly and many others.

The people whose names are listed on the right donated $17,279.00. Please join me in acknowledging these good Samaritans among us, who have embraced the service heritage of the College and demonstrated through their generosity that it is possible to positively respond to the needs of others when we "Live United."

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on campus

Christmas Tree lighting ceremony revives tradition

Catherine M. Duckworth
Staff Writer

Holidays are often dedicated to traditions that unite family and friends, and spread good wishes and cheer. Unfortunately, some wonderful traditions are lost or forgotten in the hustle and bustle of the holidays. But fortunately for Etown, a lost tradition has been revived.

The Christmas tree ceremony had been an Etown tradition since the 1960s, but along the way the tradition started to disappear. Barry Freidly, Director of alumni relations, described what prompted the Tree Lighting Ceremony at a Senate meeting. "I filled in for trustee David Sykes '70, who wanted to address the Senate about reviving some old traditions and perhaps beginning new ones," Freidly said.

During the Senate meeting, a motion was passed to establish a traditions committee. The Traditions Committee spotted a picture of Freidly in an old yearbook decorating a Christmas tree. This photo became the inspiration behind the renewal of the ceremony.

Leah Shenk, chair of the traditions committee, thought this would be a great place to start for the newly founded committee. "We could accomplish two goals," Shenk said. "[We could] establish a tradition, but we could also foster a community relationship by making the event a student, faculty, and staff and community event."

After the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, most of the Etown student body braved the cold to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony last Wednesday, Nov. 19, in front of the High Library.

It was heartwarming to see excited students flocking the steps of the High Library in preparation for the ceremony. Voices of students, faculty, staff and community members could be heard greeting each other. Everyone huddled together and kept warm with their hot cocoa and cookies, provided by Dining Services.

The ceremony opened with a prayer given by the Reverend Tracy Sadd. President Long gave a warm and welcoming introduction. Next carols were sung by Vocalign. The a cappella group sang "Deck the Halls," "O Christmas Tree" and "Jingle Bell Rock" to get everyone into the holiday spirit. Mr. Freidly gave the history of the tradition and Mr. Robert Brain, mayor of Elizabethtown, spoke about the history of the Christmas tree.

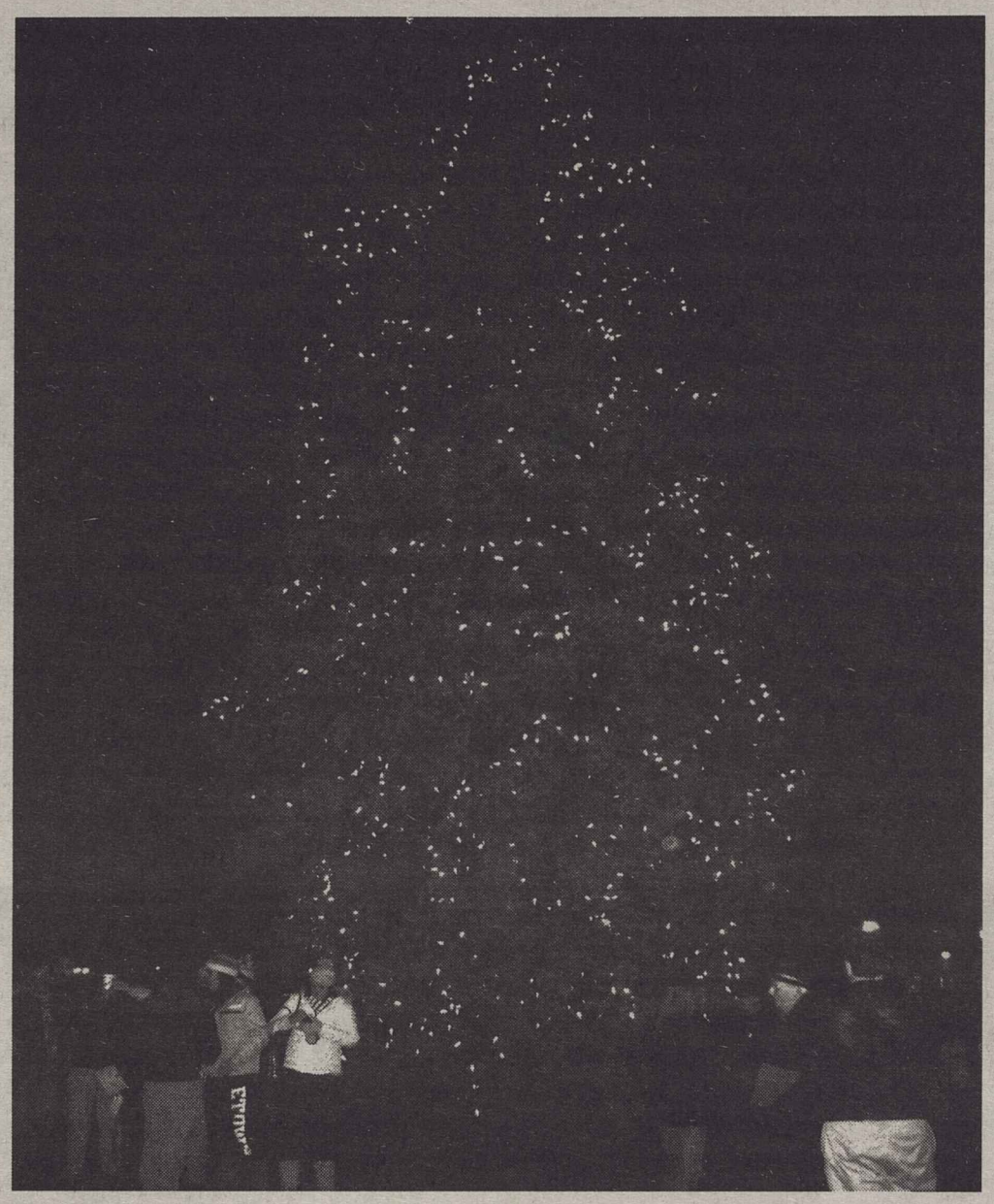

Photo: Catherine M. Duckworth

The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony that was commonplace since the 1960s was revived this year. The tree, pictured here, is located outside the High Library.

Then finally came the event everyone had been waiting for — the lighting of the tree. President Long, Mayor Brain, and Carl Marrara, Student Senate President, did the honors of lighting the 60-foot tree.

Students, faculty, staff and community members alike erupted with applause, camera flashes and awestruck comments as 2,000 lights set the tree aglow.

Not only was Etown ushering in the friendly spirit of the holidays, but they welcomed a planet friendly idea too.

The lights used to decorate the 60 foot tree were LED lights and only used a fraction of the electricity that runs out to the tree. Since the LED lights were tinted blue, the color scheme worked out perfectly as the evergreen tree glowed in Etown colors.

With the tree finally lit, a sense of camaraderie had befallen the crowd as everyone joined in to sing "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Although the ceremony had reached its end, the tradition left everyone in the holiday spirit. "It was great to see so many students come out for the event," junior major Emily Fritchman said. "You could almost feel the holiday excitement building in everyone."

"We really just wanted to foster a bonding experience between students, faculty and staff, and the community in welcoming the holiday season," Shenk said. "We figured that everyone comes together for the holidays and what's a better way than to have an event that symbolizes [that unity]."

on campus

Meditation experience provides relaxation for students

Lauren N. Thim
Staff Writer

A sense of serenity permeated the Bucher Meetinghouse as Dr. Jeffery Long held a meditation session Nov. 24.

At the beginning of the session, a peaceful gesture to the participants captivated the bustling room, silencing students till the end of the session.

"What we're doing when we're meditating is going consciously into a sleep," Dr. Jeffery Long, chair of the religious studies department, said. "You want to see reality how it is. We're all about experiencing a deeper reality."

Meditation originated in India around 2600 BCE. While each form of meditation has the same origin, different religions vary in their meditation methods. In Hindu tradition, the person meditating focuses on their third eye, right between their two eyes. In Buddhist meditation, however, the person focuses on their center.

Meditation is very similar to Dhyana, which is equivalent to the Japanese word "Zen."

"It's more of a linguistic difference," Long said. "Dhyana is an experience of mind experiencing itself."

The practice dates back to religious tradition, and several religions have adapted meditative methods. Dr. Long said, however, that a person does not need to be religious to meditate.

Before the meditation began, Long explained the procedure for meditating on your own. "Find a place that's quiet," Long said, "where no one's going to disturb you." Being comfortable and maintaining one's posture is important. "Breathing is absolutely essential to meditation. In most meditation sessions, we breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth," Long said.

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The "ohm" sign that is key to meditation. It is known as the "hum of the universe."

While meditating, the students repeated a short verse in their heads called a mantra. The phrase students focused on was "Ohm shanti."

"Ohm" is a sound that is considered "the hum of the universe," Long said, whereas the Sanskrit word 'shanti' means peace. Saying the phrase becomes a way to focus on the meditation in case one's mind begins to drift.

"Generally, the mind speaks to you through images or dreams", Dr. Long said. For this reason, he told students to imagine a pure white light. After the visualization process was complete, students were able to focus on breathing and meditating on their own.

Participant Katarina Eller, a sophomore in Dr. Long's Hinduism class, said, "Meditation is important to me because if you have a clear and calm mind, it helps you to keep life in perspective, and helps you to stay mentally in control of whatever situation you find yourself in. On a spiritual level, it is a way to reflect on, and listen to God."

Dr. Long had similar thoughts. He said meditation itself is "a restful process that's good for your mental health."

"For me this is a part of my religious practice daily," Long said. Meditation "has made it easier to me to respond to my emotions. It's almost as if time slows down. I choose to respond in a different way."

Overall the students seemed to be open to trying and experiencing meditation.

Eller said, "I thought Dr. Long's meditation session was an excellent stress-reliever! I think also that he taught us a valuable skill that, if practiced regularly, will help us stay focused and calm through whatever life throws at us."

profiles

Mapp and Behrens' project featuring music for healing

Joseph R. Cooper
Staff Writer

Imagine an 8-year-old boy witnessing a grown man shot and killed through a windowpane.

Experiencing trauma such as this affects children for a lifetime. Dr. Susan Mapp of the Elizabethtown College social work department and Dr. Gene Behrens of the fine and performing arts department at the College have been working to help Palestinian children become more resilient to better cope with the on-going war trauma by developing their emotional coping skills through music therapy.

They, along with two students, graduate Kerri Socha and senior Lori Herzer, developed a program through CISP Grant funds.

"The Collaborative Interdisciplinary Scholarship Program (CISP) Grant is given to projects amongst multiple college departments looking to benefit the College and the community in research and service," Mapp said.

A panel of faculty and administration awarded the grants. Each project was allotted a certain amount of money. In this project, "the grant funded the trip to Bethlehem, Palestine as well as Brazil to present the results," Behrens said.

The project developed by this team of faculty and students included assessments, interviews as well as an improvisational music therapy protocol developed by Dr. Gene Behrens.

This protocol utilized improvised singing and playing of musical instruments to help the children learn to use emotional skills to better cope with the trauma.

The project first started with her traveling to the country with all of her equipment and instruments. "There was only the initial e-mail contacts before I traveled into the country," Behrens said.

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Mapp and Behrens help Palestinian children in the Middle East heal through music. They received funding through the CISP grant.

She was not sure if she would even get her instruments through the checkpoints at the Separation Wall. Behrens described this wall as "larger and longer than the Berlin Wall.

There is graffiti everywhere on it." The Separation Wall is a very controversial structure in Palestine.

It was built to keep the Palestinians inside their "country" and prohibit people from moving outside or bringing in supplies. Behrens was the only one of the four involved with this project to actually go to Palestine.

"I wasn't scared but it was an intense time. I was involved in so many different experiences.

Every time I turned around someone was telling me their story, I listened and felt I had a responsibility to bring those stories back," Behrens said.

Behrens said the music therapy protocol involved seven components; she worked with a translator during the sessions."

Behrens began by helping the children become aware of different kinds of nontraditional instruments such as the cabasa so they could later use them to express their emotions.

After introducing the children to these instruments, she would introduce and rehearse feeling words with them through music.

"Many children as young as five said men don't get scared, so they didn't recognize fear or sadness," Mapp said.

"Helping the children to use their bodies, such as facial expressions or hand gestures while singing to express their emotions was another component," Behrens said.

Using a frame drum and then the nontraditional instruments, also helped the children to play their feelings, like a slow rhythm for when they would sing "I am Sad."

"Music parallels our speech with all the acoustical parameters. By learning how to play and sing them, the children will be better able to talk about their feelings using words," Behrens said.

One additional component was assisting the children to relate the emotions to experiences.

Behrens also interviewed parents and social workers about how the children have changed or reacted due to the trauma they have experienced.

Mapp took the responses and analyzed them with the help of the students.

"The results have been very accepted at our various presentations," Mapp said.

"There was a significant statistical increase in the children's emotional coping skills as a result of the music therapy. It appears to be a very effective tool to help the children cope and identify with their emotions," Mapp said.

"The parents are trying to find healthier and safer activities for their children like scouts or music activities that involve more emotional contact. My one Palestinian friend has thanked me many times for doing this project because she feels it helped the kids tremendously. Now, someone just needs to continue our work."

"I am going to be processing this for awhile. I knew I would come back changed like no other trip; I saw a responsibility with this trip to continue to support the work in Bethlehem and the people I met," Behrens said when asked what she cherished most from this project.

"I saw how the music made a difference during the time we spent together."

on campus

Professor Harman publishes new book "Amerika"

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Elizabethtown College is proud to announce that one of our very own faculty members, Professor Mark Harman, released a new publication and translation titled "Amerika: The Missing Person." Professor Harman, a native of Dublin, Ireland, is currently the Chair of the department of modern languages and professor of German and English here at Etown. Professor Harman completed his doctoral work at Yale University. In addition to teaching at Etown, he has taught at Dartmouth College, Oberlin College, Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor Harman has already been recognized and praised for his edition of Franz Kafka's masterpiece "Das Schloss" ("The Castle"). His newest translation is of Kafka's novel, "Der Verschollene" ("The Missing Person"). This translation was published by Random House's Schocken Books. It is based on the restored text of the German-language critical edition.

"The Missing Person" tells the story of a young man named Karl Rossmann. He is banished by his parents to America due to an incident involving a housemaid.

During his time in America he finds himself diving into a series of adventures with two interesting and comedic companions. Together they eventually head toward Oklahoma, where he begins his career in theater. Professor Harman's translation is said to leave the audience with a deep appreciation for what Kafka originally committed to the page.

Professor Harman said "in rendering 'The Missing Person,' I've sought to do justice to the qualities that I most admire in Kafka's first novel: its lightness of touch, emotional and intellectual range, and revelation of the very different kinds of writer Kafka could be."

"Kafka's first novel is very different from 'The Castle,' and as a result my task as a translator was correspondingly different," Professor Harman continued. "In translating 'The Castle' I sought to mimic Kafka's obsessive thinking."

Professor Harman's translation of "The Castle" was nominated for the PEN/Book-of-the-Month Club prize, selected as a best book of the year by the *Los Angeles Times*, and won the first Lois Roth Award of the Modern Language Association of America.

Other recent publications Professor Harman has written include essays on Kafka's "The Castle" in *A Companion to the Works of Franz Kafka*, on Swiss writer Robert Walser in *Sewanee Review*, on the Gaelic tradition (also in the *Sewanee Review*), "Kafka and Berlin" in the *New England Review*, and on Bertolt Brecht's "Galileo" in *Sinn und Form* (Berlin).

He also has been featured in many different international journals and American newspapers, such as *the Philadelphia Inquirer*, *the Los Angeles Times*, and *the Washington Post*.

"Translation is a species of performing art, and, as in a musical performance, the choices of the performer inevitably become a part of the work itself, at least for the duration of the performance," Professor Harman said.

The German majors and minors have several of Kafka's works incorporated into their curriculum. Students have stated they appreciate the contribution Professor Harman's translations have brought to their studies and understanding of the language.

"Amerika: The Missing Person" is now available online and was released at book stores across the nation Nov. 18.

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The Jayd-ed edge

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"God told me to ..."

A man who rammed his truck into a woman's vehicle on a highway early Friday told authorities he crashed into her while going more than 100 mph because God told him "she needed to be taken off the road."

The truck rear-ended the car on U.S. Highway 281. Both vehicles spun across a median then came to a stop along a barrier in the opposite lanes. Both drivers suffered only minor injuries.

"He just said God said she wasn't driving right, and she needed to be taken off the road," Bexar County Sheriff's Office spokesman Kyle Coleman said in the *San Antonio Express-News*. "God must have been with them, 'cause any other time, the severity of this crash, it would have been a fatal."

The pickup driver did not tell police how the woman was driving. Police did not find alcohol or drugs in either driver.

A psychiatric evaluation has been ordered for the man.

Creative Holiday Ornaments

The Christmas ornaments for sale at the Miller Park Zoo's gift shop are partly manufactured by reindeer. Honest!

Staffers make decorations out of droppings from the zoo's two reindeer. The droppings are dried, then clear-coated and either painted or rolled in glitter.

Zoo marketing director Susie Ohley has named the products "magical reindeer gem ornaments," and each comes with a label of authenticity. They cost $5 at the zoo gift shop.

Some folks are surprised at the size of the "gems," which are only about as big as marbles. "Reindeer are so big," zoo maintenance worker Sheldon Williams said. But the droppings are "just a big pile of small items."

Message in a Bottle

A message in a bottle tossed into the ocean off Barnegat Bay has turned up in North Carolina — 39 years later. The note was sealed in a Schaefer beer bottle. It was dated Aug. 17, 1969 and read: "If found notify the North Haledon Fire Co. 2."

Mark Ciarmello and his 3-year-old daughter found the bottle along a beach in Corolla, N.C., in October. That's about 400 miles from where it was released.

The Pennsylvania resident called North Haledon and e-mailed photos of the bottle to the firefighters.

No one is sure who tossed the bottle, but firefighters suspect it was during one of the many fishing trips they used to take years ago.

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in the nation

Leadership conference held in capitol

Lindsay D. Goldsmith
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Friday Nov. 14, seven Etown students piled themselves and their luggage into a school van and headed to Washington, D.C. for the weekend.

They were going to D.C. for a business conference for FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and PBL (Phi Beta Lamda) members. PBL, a club that has been present on campus for four years, is the college level equivalent of FBLA.

Photo: Lauren DeMezza

Elizabethtown students participated in the Future Business Leaders of American conference in Washington, D.C. in November. Lindsay Goldsmith, Devon Favinger and Liz Vinciguerra (in the back row) Colin Obetz, Lauren Demezza, Sara Gerhart and Chelsea Kempchinsky (in the front row) are students who attended.

"FBLA-PBL is the largest business career student organization in the world," explained club president Chelsea Kempchinsky "Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association with a quarter million students preparing for careers." There are a few conferences held each year that students can attend for two days of networking and session on how to succeed in the business world.

"There are many things involved with a PBL conference," Kempchinsky continued, "There is an opening session which gets all the chapters from that state to gather and show their pride for their state. It also offers great networking opportunities with many CEOs and other business leaders within the professional market."

This year, Kempchinsky, accompanied by sophomores club members Lauren DeMezza, Lindsay Goldsmith junior Sara Gerhart and first-years Devon Favinger, Colin Obetz and Liz Vinciguerra ,spent their weekend at the Marriot Hotel.

The next morning students listened to speeches from various successful business leaders. Possibly the most exciting guest speaker was Winston Churchill's great-grandson, Jonathan Sandys.

After introducing himself and his topic, how to give effective and strong speeches, Sandys gave the audience an assignment. Each person had to write a few sentences on how ping-pong balls were going to take over the world.

Following Sandy's presentation was another speech on "Working in Washington" given by Brad Howard, who works in Public Relations on Capitol Hill. Howard discussed how he got his job and the knowledge and experience he has gained while working there.

The afternoon was filled with panel discussions and a closing ceremony where comedian Grant Baldwin kept conference attendees laughing for the whole hour of his presentation.

Afterward, awards were presented to various chapters of FBLA and PBL for accomplishments such as "most new members" and "greatest chapter growth."

Five members took the metro from the hotel to Metro Center in the heart of D.C. Etown students walked around the city.

They first went to the White House and then explored some more of the area including the Washington Monument, Treasury Department, and other parks and buildings.

"Students got to see the Nation's capitol. We traveled to the Washington Monument and Lincoln's Memorial," Kempchinsky said.

The next morning, Etown PBL members rose early again to cram in some sightseeing before having to head back to campus.

With the weekend being such a success, FBLA-PBL members are excited for the next conference. Students can contact PHIBETALAMBDA@etown.edu to get involved with Elizabethtown's chapter.

on campus

Hall program Trading Bathrooms success

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Last week, Founders floor A1 recreated the television show "Trading Spaces." The only difference was that instead of using houses as the bases of change, A1 decided to use their bathrooms as the rooms that others would decorate. Founders Residence Life Area Coordinator Joe Allen come up with the idea as a way to have some fun on a Friday and night and exercise creativity. Not only did they have fun, but now all residents of A1 have a nicely decorated bathroom to wake up to in the morning.

"We were looking for a creative social program for the floor," Allen said. "We got the idea for trading bathrooms from the television show "Trading Spaces." We came up with a good competition, and some good creativity came out of it."

The first floor of Founders A is occupied by members of the global awareness community "Gla-ction." They are a group on campus who focuses on alerting the college of injustices around the world. Some examples would be the Nike sweat shops, global hunger, poverty and the genocide in Darfur. "We work hard to raise awareness around campus, and also sell items to promote awareness. We sold t-shirts that said "slavery" and the V in the slavery was the Nike symbol, and the project was in conjunction with the speaker who came to campus and talked about sweatshops, and we also sell postcards," sophomore Jen Melnick said. "Basically were just trying to get things out there that are going to make people stop and think for a minute about what is going in the world."

"I love living on this floor because it gives us a good sense of community, and it's always fun to do things together," sophomore Sarah Behounek said.

The trading bathrooms experiments was arranged with each corner of floor A1 decorating the bathroom diagonally across from theirs. Each team was unaware of the theme the opposite side was choosing to decorate their bathroom, although a Christmas theme seemed to be the most common. Each team had six members, and was allotted $15 to decorate their floor mates bathroom. With a small budget, each team made a trip to the dollar to stretch their dollar as far as possible. The event took place on Friday the 21st from 7 - 9 p.m. Allen was the judge of the competition.

Resident of A1 Andrea Lynch said, "It was kind of hard with only $15, so we had to be really creative. We only had two hours to decorate the whole bathroom, but it was exciting working under pressure."

The competition was judged in two categories. They were most creative and best design overall. The corner of Andrea Lynch, Kelly Lurz, Rachel Marsteller, Felicia Bonvicino and Beth Corrigan took the prize for the best overall design. For most creative it was, Joann Potter, Katie Alleman, Monica, Natividad, Melissa Ruoff, Ally Gower and Sam Alleman. Everyone who participated in the competition had a great time, and enjoyed spending time with their floormates on Friday night.

Photo: Rachel A. Marsteller

Residents of Founders A1 participated in the Trading Bathrooms hall program.

off-campus events

Hershey offers holiday fun to all visitors

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Students at Etown sometimes have a difficult time finding interesting events going on outside of campus. Luckily, Etown is located very close to Hersheypark.

Hershey is currently offering events called Christmas Candylane and Hershey Sweet Lights, where all holiday celebrants can find something exciting and spirited to enjoy.

At Christmas Candylane, Hersheypark decorates for the season with attractions like their large "Kissmas" tree that performs light shows throughout the evening and by re-opening select rides for guests to enjoy. Open Friday through Sunday until the end of December, Christmas Candylane provides weeks of opportunities for Christmas-lovers to clear out a night in their festive schedules to come out and enjoy the fun.

Junior Stephen Juliano, Hersheypark enthusiast and employee said, "Christmas Candylane is a lot of fun, and even though there are no roller coasters open, there are a lot of rides that can appeal to college students; including the *heated* Reeses Xtreme Cup Challenge ride, a shoot-the-target ride/game with computerized scoring so you can compete against your friends."

Christmas music can be heard around the park; even the carousel's organ plays Christmas tunes.

There are also entertainment options available at the park, including the new Christmas show at the Chevy Music Box Theatre, *Home Sweet Home for Christmas*. In addition to the show, traveling bands wander the park performing Christmas tunes.

For a ticket costing only $9.95, each visitor will witness the Christmas spirit come to life in a park full of the unlimited enjoyment of rides, shows, light ensembles, and, of course, a real-life meeting with Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Sweet Lights provides just as much excitement, celebration and good tidings.

Located off of Boathouse Road on the property of Hotel Hershey, the Lights show allows you to view nearly 600 illuminated, animated displays from the comfort of your car as you drive through two miles of wooded trails, according to *www.christmasinhershey.com*.

There are sections of Sweet Lights to drive through, each with different themes: "Enchanted Forest," "12 Days of Christmas," "Your favorite fairytales," and "Victorian Christmas."

Visitors can tune into the Hershey radio station to be serenaded by all of their favorite Christmas tunes as they enjoy the lights. Juliano said he definitely encourages Elizabethtown students to check out the Sweet Lights, which are conveniently open every day this year, because they "really put you in the Christmas spirit!"

The cost is $20 per car, so if five people come along each would only have to pay $4.

Both of these once-a-year events are something fun for students looking to get in the holiday spirit to take part in. For event times and more information, check out *www.christmasinhershey.com*.

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Xmas 'round the world

Hope R. Salisbury
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Stockings hung by the fireplace, red candles in windows, Christmas logs, the arrival of Sinterklaas, dancing to the Jota and baking Pierniki are all sure signs that Christmas is just around the corner. These varying traditions can be found all over the world, and although they are all different, they all carry the same holiday cheer.

Joyeux Noël is France's way of saying Merry Christmas. France has many religious traditions in the holiday season. It is very common to see re-enactments of Jesus' birth outside cathedrals and to see mini nativity scenes or crèche displayed in homes. On Christmas Eve, children leave their shoes by the fireplace for Père Noël to fill with candy and gifts, much like how stockings are hung by the fireplace in many American homes. Also on Christmas Eve, families attend mass, then eat a large meal called le Réveillon accompanied by the famous dessert, la buche de Noël, which means Christmas log.

Christmas desserts are a popular tradition in Poland during Christmas. A special honey cake, Pierniki, is made in many shapes and forms. Common shapes include hearts, stars and St. Nicholas figures. Another well-known Christmas food is Oplatek, a homemade bread with holy figures pressed onto the top. These are often baked and carried to neighbors' homes to wish them a Boże Narodzenie, or Merry Christmas. Large Christmas trees are placed in public areas and decorated with apples, walnuts, chocolate and handmade decorations topped off with a bright and shining star to create a holiday atmosphere in the towns.

The holiday atmosphere in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve until Jan. 6 or "Little Christmas." On Christmas Eve red candles are lit and placed in windows so Joseph and Mary can follow them to shelter. Many homes also leave bread and milk outside their door at night after Christmas dinner as a way of saying Nodlaig mhaith chugnat, Merry Christmas, and spreading kindness to others.

Generosity during the holidays is also practiced in Spain. On Christmas Eve, children fill their shoes with straw or barley for the camels that have carried passengers long distances. When the children awake in the morning, their shoes are filled with gifts. Not only do they leave shoes out on Christmas Eve, but after midnight Mass, performers and dancers fill the streets for a special dance called the Jota. In the weeks before Christmas, families gather together to sing and dance around mangers to spread the holiday spirit and say Feliz Navidad, or Merry Christmas.

Holland begins celebrating Christmas during the month of November, when St. Nicholas arrives with his helper, Black Peter, by boat. The gift-bearing pair are usually greeted by many onlookers at the docks in Amsterdam. St. Nicholas then rides through the town on horseback to various parades and celebrations. Presents are exchanged on Dec. 5, or Sinterlkaas Eve. Christmas Day is spent in church and visiting family, extending Zalig Kerstfeast or Merry Christmas to others.

The Christmas season is celebrated different ways all around the world, but all traditions have the central theme of family and friends coming together for the holiday season. So any way you say it — Joyeux Noël, Boze Narodzenie, Nodlaig mhaith chugnat, Feliz Navidad or Zalig Kerstfeast — have a Merry Christmas.

Holidays in America: A regional assortment of Chris

Brielle E. Parady
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Thanksgiving is over. Next comes the Christmas holiday season, filled with laughter, presents and quality time with family.

Everyone remembers building snowmen, making hot cocoa and decorating the house with lights and stockings.

The United States is filled with traditions throughout this time as well. Families across the country will be lighting and decorating their trees, setting up the manger and watching the Yule log burn. Couples will kiss under the mistletoe and children will hang their stockings. But where did these traditions originate? And how have they impacted families during Christmas?

The tradition of the Christmas tree originated in Germany back in the 16th century, when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. If wood was scarce during Christmastime, some Christians built pyramids made of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles. It is believed that Martin Luther, a Protestant reformer, was the first to add lit candles to his tree.

In the 19th century, there were few Americans that had Christmas trees in their homes. The first tree on record was in a Pennsylvania home owned by German settlers in the 1830s. The settlers would normally have a community tree, a tradition which started as early as 1747. Americans viewed Christmas trees as pagan symbols and did not widely accept them, however, until the 1840s.

The nativity scene, which is set up throughout churches and in the homes of religious families, was started by St. Francis of Assisi. He cre-

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followers. Now, this is a primary devotion in N
as well as southern European countries.

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Holidays

Global holiday traditions

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Staff Writer

Decorations, family parties, gift exchanges and baking are all part of holiday traditions in the United States. But have you ever thought to venture outside of our own little world and see what other holiday traditions are out there? Hanukkah, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, winter solstice and Diwali are just some of the different seasonal holidays celebrated around the world, as well as here in the United States.

The annual Jewish festival, Hanukkah, is celebrated on eight successive nights beginning on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar (which corresponds roughly to the month of December). People who celebrate Hanukkah light a candle on a menorah each night and for most families, gifts are usually given on each of the nights.

Boxing Day is celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Greece. It is sometimes called the "Canadian Christmas" and is usually celebrated on Dec. 26. It comes from the tradition of giving gifts to the less fortunate members of society.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious black holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is celebrated for seven days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, including singing songs and performing dances, playing African drums, storytelling, reading poetry and sharing a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of candles on the Kinara, the candelabra, to keep track of the days of the holiday.

The cliché that it's always darkest before the dawn has its roots in both ancient religion and modern science. It's based upon the tradition of celebrating the winter solstice. The ancient Chinese celebrate Dong Zhi as the second most important festival of the Chinese calendar. The first day of winter is seen as powerful and a turning point that gave way to the light and warmth of yang.

Diwali is the most recognized Hindu festival. The "Festival of Lights" symbolizes good overcoming evil and the victory over dharma. It is celebrated on Oct. 28, and Hindus place rows of earthen lamps around their homes. They believe the light from these lamps symbolizes the illumination within the individual that overwhelms ignorance, represented by darkness.

Professor Jeffery Long sent a special Diwali greeting out to everyone: "A Happy Diwali, and a blessed and prosperous year to all who read this message!"

With the lighting of the Diwali lamps, Hindus celebrate the victory of good over evil, as represented by Rama's victorious return from his battle with Ravana, and honor Goddess Lakshmi, the embodiment and personification of all that is good and auspicious. For many Hindus, Diwali also marks the beginning of a new year.

We pray that the year to come brings more light and less darkness, more peace and prosperity and less conflict and poverty, not only for Hindus, but for all of humanity and for all living beings. In the words of the ancient universal prayer of the Upanishads: "Lead us from the unreal to the real, from darkness to light, and from death to immortality."

Traditions are celebrated all throughout the world; maybe even today someone is celebrating a holiday tradition.

ristmas traditions and their origins in the United States

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year, but also generation to generation.

Mistletoe, usually hung at the top of a door frame, is set up so that couples who pass beneath it must kiss each other.

The Celtic and Teutonic people considered the mistletoe to have magical powers.

It was said to have the ability to heal wounds and increase fertility. The Celts hung mistletoe in their homes each year to bring good luck and fight off evil spirits.

The tradition of stockings started in Scandinavia, where children would leave their shoes out in the hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with treats.

Sophomore Jessica Roberts said, "Christmas has been the same for me throughout the years. My family's traditions include setting up a Christmas tree and decorating the house with lights. This hasn't changed, and I don't expect it to this year. Traditions are what make the holidays."

Elizabethtown students are excited to go home and celebrate the holidays with their families, but many are bringing their traditions from home to their dorms.

Sophomore Patricia Cangelosi commented, "My dorm is decorated with lights, and it has a mini Christmas tree inside. Christmas music plays throughout the halls at any time during the day, and we have a Secret Santa going on between my group of friends.

Since we can't be home now, my friends and I brought Christmas here," she said. "Traditions aren't just made with your family; they are made with friends, too."

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campus issues

Controversial Web site JuicyCampus gains mixed reviews

Kevin J. Smith
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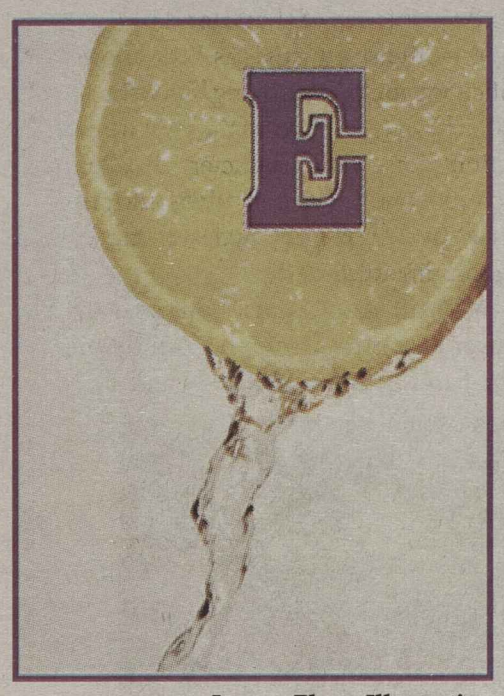
College students have a lot of time outside of the classroom. We usually like to use it to surf the World Wide Web. First, there was MySpace. Then, Facebook. Now, *JuicyCampus.com*. All of these Web sites have one thing in common: the ability to distract users for countless hours of time.

MySpace and Facebook allow users to customize personal profiles reflecting the users' likes, preferences and people he or she would like to meet. Each user has a definite identity on these Web sites.



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JuicyCampus challenges this concept of "owning" part of a social website by keeping all users anonymous.

JuicyCampus was created in August of 2007 as a virtual bathroom wall for college students to discuss campus events, people or policies. The Web site is seen as a place for students to discuss particular topics anonymously. The concept of the site's anonymity policy is a touchy subject and certainly has students and college officials across the United States up in arms.

Any Internet user can log onto the website and check out the "hot topics" at 500 college and university campuses across the nation. Topics range from who posters think the hottest frat guy is to a discussion about what was being served for lunch that day. Postings started out being harmless, but have recently gotten personal.

One of the first comments on the Elizabethtown College thread of *JuicyCampus.com* was about Sam S. and Kyle A. At the time that this story was written, the thread received 285 views with six replies since it was posted Oct. 19. The thread simply reads "Sam S. and Kyle A. are adorable together. Much Love." With a campus of less than 2,000 students, Etown can certainly put together who the two students mentioned in the post are, junior Samantha Schneider and sophomore Kyle Ashe.

Schneider and Ashe said they are amused that computer users want to discuss their relationship.

"I found out about JuicyCampus after my name was mentioned on it. I think that the anonymity is simply a way to hide yet be vindictive at the same time," Ashe said.

Image: *patriotmissive.com*

Since we spend our lives living, working, and learning together, we like to know what is going on in each other's lives. Facebook gave us the opportunity to view what others want us to see, but JuicyCampus airs out the dirty laundry and current rumors.

Here at Etown, JuicyCampus hasn't taken off like it has at other campuses. Etown only has two pages of posts while other institutions have up to 80.

Some colleges have tried to ban the Web site while only two have been successful: Hampton University and Tennesse State University. The latter did so just last week.

Michael A. Freeman, vice president for student affairs at Tennessee State University, cited student safety as the main reason for blocking the website from the university computer network.

The creator of JuicyCampus, Duke graduate Matt Ivestor, released a statement a day after the TSU ban was announced relating it to the Chinese government's censorship of Internet use.

Regarding a band here at Etown, Ashe added, "I don't like the Web site and I don't condone gossip, especially when it is open for anyone to see. I think [Etown] would be better off if [Information and Technology Services (ITS)] did ban the site, but I think that may be seen as irrational. The world would be a lot better without sites like this."

First-year Alexandra Reardon said, "I don't think the site has any actual impact on the campus because I believe more than half [of the campus community] doesn't know about it, doesn't use it or doesn't bother to waste their time with it."

The Elizabethtown College campus community hasn't joined the ranks of other colleges by posting extreme amounts of gossip or rumors. Only time will tell if this Gossip Girl-esque website will take off.

advice

Creative, original gift ideas for the holiday season

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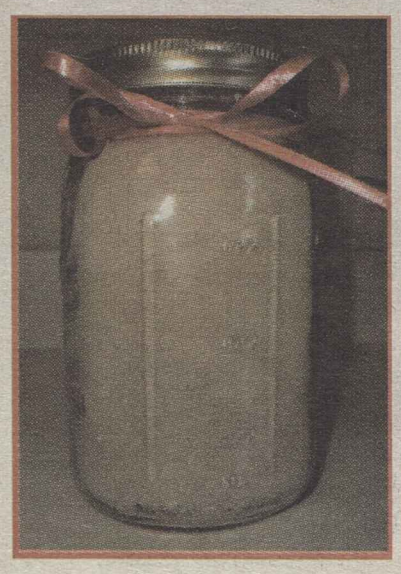
It's that time of year again: a time for gift giving and gift receiving. But most people are getting sick of giving the same predictable and traditional gifts year in and year out.

What most people don't know is that there are a number of creative and inexpensive gift ideas floating around. No matter what holiday you celebrate, be it Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, these gift ideas will leave friends and family impressed.

Sophomore Lauren Thim had a great holiday gift idea to share; she creates cocoa jars. Simply go to any local craft store and purchase a mason jar with a lid. Get hot chocolate mix and marshmallows. Fill the jar with the coco mix and put a layer of marshmallows on top. Screw on the lid and cut a circular piece of fabric and place it over the lid. Tie a ribbon around the lid to keep the fabric in place.



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As a nice finishing touch, attach a little note with instructions on how to make the best hot chocolate with the fixings in the jar. Not only is this a great gift, but it will certainly keep the recipient warm on those cold winter nights.

This cocoa jar idea can also work with chocolate chip cookies. Fill the mason jar with 2.25 cups of all-purpose flour, one teaspoon baking soda, one teaspoon salt, three-quarter cup of packed brown sugar, three-quarter cup of granulated sugar, and two cups of chocolate chips.

Since the jar is clear, you can see all the layers of the ingredients, adding to the aesthetic appeal of this gift. Finish the jar the same way as the coco jar by adding fabric and a note. Now all the recipient has to do is pour the contents of the jar into a bowl, add a cup of butter, two eggs, and a teaspoon of vanilla extract, bake, and they will have a great treat.

MyM&Ms.com also had a great holiday gift idea. They offer personalized M&Ms through their website that can contain a picture of a family member or friend and a personalized message from you. Simply go to any local craft store and purchase a clear acrylic globe ornament to fill with your M&Ms.

Image: *mms.com*

Open the ornament and fill the globe with the personalized M&Ms. Seal the ornament shut with double sided tape. Cut a piece of ribbon long enough to cover the seam around the globe. Attach a plastic hook to the ornament and thread a piece of ribbon through it and tie it in a knot. Decorate the top of the globe with a bow and the ornament is complete. The ornament becomes a personalized keepsake.

Kodak has great photo-related gift ideas for any holiday. If you go to any Kodak kiosk, there are tons of options for uploaded pictures. Depending upon your budget, you can design picture collages of your favorite memories with a certain special someone or make a calendar to usher in the New Year with favorite photos from previous years.

Kodak also makes great holiday cards with pictures of your choice. Another great idea is to purchase a beautiful photo frame from a craft or department store. Enlarge a picture and place it in the frame. This is a cool way to capture a particular memory for someone special.

Going along with the photo idea, many craft stores have blank wooden frames. These frames can then be decorated with paint, ribbon, buttons, and any other sort of embellishment. The frame then becomes a personalized keepsake as well.

For any social gathering, glass charm identifiers are another cool gift idea. When at a gathering with a ton of family and friends, it's always troublesome to identify which drink is yours when you set it down on a table.

Glass charm identifiers are all unique and can help distinguish your drink from someone else's when attached around the stem of the glass.

These make a great hostess gift around the holidays as parties are often the popular form of celebration. These charm identifiers are easy to make with materials found in a craft store. Simply cut thin gauge wire 1.5 inches in length.

Thread a unique charm onto the wire using a jump ring to hold the charm in place. On either side of the charm, add beads at random or in a pattern.

Make sure the ring is completely filled with beads. With pliers, make 90 degree angles at the ends of the wires.

These angles form hooks to link the ends of the wire together. Place the glass charm identifiers in a box and tie with a ribbon. And there you have it — a perfect gift for any holiday party!

Before you think of going for that boring neck tie or the ugly holiday sweater, remember, there are more creative and unique holiday gift ideas out there. Leave family and friends reminiscing about the artistic and innovative gift that they receive from you this holiday season.

student opportunities

Milkboy Recording promotes bands

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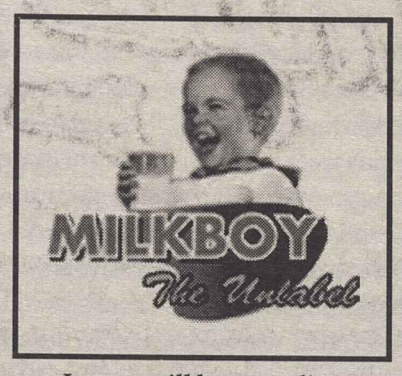
Staff Writer

In case of you haven't removed your headphones since the 90s, the music and recording industry has changed. iTunes sales now determine the Billboard charts. This year, the cover of Rolling Stone featured the cast of "The Hills" in their underwear. The centerpiece for MTV's winter season is a dating show starring twin bisexuals. For independent artists, accumulating a million hits on MySpace and YouTube is now the equivalent of hearing their song on the radio for the first time.

Record companies used to be the invisible bridge that connected the record store with the band. Now, because of online music services and other variables, the label only serves as an automated teller machine.

To combat and evolve with this veer in the music and recording industry, music retailers have adopted download purchase capabilities and record companies now market their artists on all mediums available, including cell phones and video games. However, Milkboy Recording Facilities has launched the first "label" as an ally for unsigned artists hoping to adapt to and conquer the transforming music and recording industry.

The Unlabel, founded and developed by Milkboy Recording in Ardmore, Pa. is a service that provides recording, marketing,



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production, design, distribution and management expertise for unsigned independent artists or bands without a contract.

The Unlabel serves as and provides all the services that a professional record label can offer without commitment or dictating the band's musical direction and image.

Although Milkboy Recordings has long been regarded as one of Philadelphia's premier recording studios, their staff was highly aware of the changing nature of the recording industry. After two years of modifying and perfecting the service, The Unlabel was unveiled Nov. 14. With the inspiration of once being a young struggling musician himself, the Unlabel director Tom Laskas's goal was to direct and educate Milkboy's current clientele.

"We saw the bands that recorded with us didn't have a place to go and didn't know what to do after we gave them their finished product [a CD]," Laskas said in *The Miami Student*, the Miami University newspaper. "The idea for the Unlabel started out informally to help out our clients. Bands wouldn't do anything with (their new record) and it would fall apart. So we decided to make it a more formal process."

The first artist that "signed" to The Unlabel was Sleeping Naked. The duo is the collaboration between high school friends who now attend UCLA and Vanderbilt.

With the combination of dedication to academics and participating in varsity sports, both members' schedules leave little time for touring and promoting their band. However, by trusting in The Unlabel, Sleeping Naked has over 5,000 friends on MySpace and has sold hundreds of downloads on iTunes in only a few months. The Unlabel delivered these quick results by developing a campaign with a custom template and goal that suited Sleeping Naked.

Besides MySpace and Facebook, the marketing team at The Unlabel posted Sleeping Naked songs, videos and even interactive contests on ten other social networking systems in order to extend the band's reach.

In addition to Sleeping Naked, The Unlabel serves between 25 to 30 bands, all of whom receive equal focus and are assigned an individual campaign to meet their needs.

While the music and recording industry is still in the process of a digital shift, The Unlabel's mission statement is established according to Milkboy and The Unlabel partner, Jamie Lokoff. "Most young bands don't know what they're doing. They know how to make music, not how to promote themselves. They do the music and we do the rest."

venue review

Etown offers wide selection of coffee

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Between the impending cold weather and studying for finals, it is that time of year again! The few weeks that students dread all semester are upon us. But while students are bundled up and crowded in a corner in the library, take a break! Enjoy time with fellow students, and head over to a local coffee shop to relish the last few minutes with friends you may not be seen for a month.

There are several local coffee shops within the area that are a quick drive, or, in some cases, just a short walk. The closest is Conewago Coffee Shop. Both Friday and Saturday, it is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on all other days from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This quaint little shop is located on Market Street at the intersection of College Avenue, and also functions as an art gallery. Its Web site states, "We are known as Elizabethtown's Community Arts Center. Customers enjoy wireless internet. Sit and relax while you enjoy art and music." They not only have coffee, but also pastries and snacks, so students can enjoy a nice afternoon out in the midst of reading and writing.

The next closest coffee shop is located in the Elizabethtown Public Library. This unique shop goes by the name "Elizabethtown Coffee Company," and is located just a little further along on Market Street. This is within walking distance of the College and is open during the operating hours of the library. Their web site advertises that not only do they have coffee, teas, beverages and snacks, but also Wi-Fi and the convenience of a library right next door!

Although the Cocoa Perk Café is a bit of a drive, this Hershey eatery not only has coffee brewing in holiday flavors, but is also a full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu includes bagels, salads, wraps, panini and quesadillas. Chill out and read a book with a smoothie or a milkshake, or warm up with a chai tea or a hot chocolate. It is the perfect little getaway for a study-filled weekend.

Bucks County Coffee Company's coffee is seen throughout the area, but it is right around the corner in Lancaster. There is also a kiosk located much closer in the Etown Giant. Found on the left side of the store near the produce, this small location is full service, and is a must to warm up during a weekend Giant run.

If all else fails, there are two good standbys, Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks. The closest Dunkin Donuts is located right here in Mount Joy on Main Street, and is about five miles from campus. Their hot chocolate is delicious, and their donuts never fail to brighten someone's day after studying for hours.

Starbucks is a bit of a further drive out: in Lancaster by the Park City Mall, or slightly closer in Hershey. It is more expensive, of course, but with the studious atmosphere and the smell of freshly-ground beans wafting through the air, everyone can find a treat that will make them feel warm and cozy on a cold day.

These are just a few of the places throughout the area that make a delicious treat. While studying for finals and writing last minute papers, gear up with some caffeine and remember that break is coming soon!

video game review

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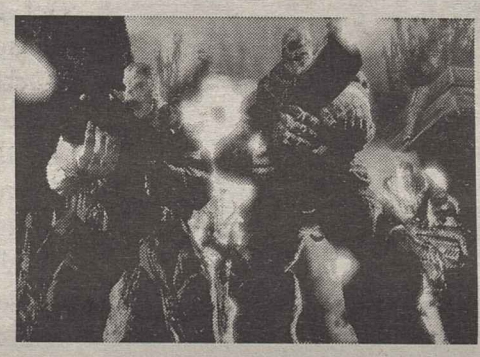
Copy Editor

Epic Studios' "Gears of War 2," released in November for Xbox 360, is noteworthy both for its extreme violence and for its sales — two million units sold on opening weekend, the vast majority to students ages 18-21. In 2007, the first game in the series was the second-most-played through Xbox Live, Microsoft's premium online multiplayer service. The tremendously successful franchise continues to sell itself with mood and mayhem.

Marcus and Dominic, two grizzled veterans in a war-torn future, slaughter hundreds of savage aliens and search for lost family. "Gears" possesses little in the way of character development or plot — the story exists as little more than a justification for the stultifying bloodshed. Key emotional points emerge, as they are wont to do in action films, when characters die. But Epic Studios consistently stresses war's horrors over its glories, and the important deaths are all depressing and dreadful.

Gameplay in the first "Gears" consisted of hugging cover — usually decrepit Corinthian columns or flaming automobiles — and occasionally exchanging machine-gun fire with bloated adversaries, then storming out to carve enemies up with bayonets. This sequel contains multiple vehicle sequences, all of which proceed remarkably smoothly (given the genre). The environments are significantly more diverse — where the first game focused on a single ruined city and the surrounding countryside, this directs players into subterranean palaces, across enormous mountain chains, and through claustrophobic laboratories.



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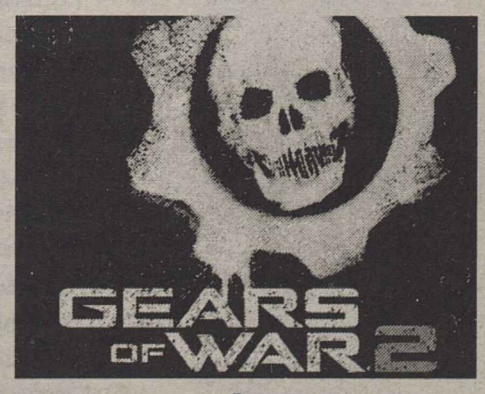
What "Gears" lacks in narrative, it makes up for in mood. Exaggerated violence (curb-stomping, chainsaw dueling, mortar fire) is standard fare, and gruesome villains fill every magnificent, flame-blackened set piece. Players can cooperate to dispatch flying squids, giant crab-spiders and shrieking, psychotic wretches. Alternatively, up to 10 players at a time can cut each other to ribbons in the bloodily satisfying competitive modes.

Particularly fastidious or squeamish individuals should absolutely avoid "Gears of War 2." Shooter fans looking for a change from "Call of Duty 4" and "Halo 3," however, would do well to try it. Epic Studios' visual style has already defined this console generation, and "Gears of War 2" has secured the franchise's place as a video game icon.



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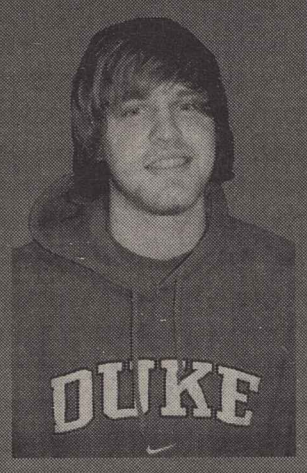
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAY THE COLLEGE HANDLES FILE SHARING?

by Jamie L. Bartolino



Derek Baumgardner
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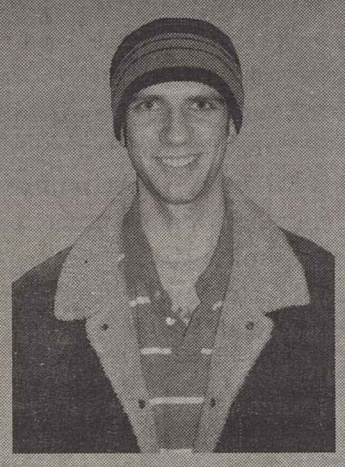
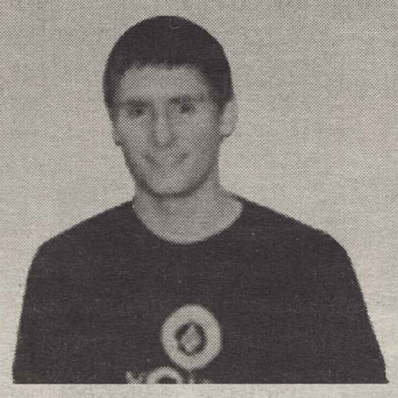
"Some people do not realize what they are doing by sharing files. They are taking away money that could be going back into the economy. Etown should restrict file sharing to help reduce the amount of pirating."



Jason Glogau
Class of 2009

"I think they should do what they're required by law — nothing more. They shouldn't be seeking us out — we're poor enough."



Russel Speiden
Class of 2012

"They're doing a pretty darn good job."

in the nation

Choices no longer available to consumers

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There are apparently a multitude of choices available to those searching for an informative news outlet, a way to keep abreast of the latest trends in music and fashion, and those searching for a unique local radio station. However, one's elation with the 100+ TV channels on some basic cable packages may be reduced upon learning that five large multimedia conglomerates control the majority of your viewing choices. They are Viacom, Walt Disney Inc., Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, Time Warner and Bertelsmann AG of Germany. They also maintain ownership of many regional newspapers and radio stations, particularly in large metropolitan areas, in addition to movie studios, printing presses, and record companies. While each station may maintain its unique flavor, it is obvious that cross-promotion of media, such as praise for a movie produced by Viacom's Paramount on Viacom's MTV Networks, is widespread, an underlying marketing ploy to attract your consumer loyalty.

Consumer choices have also dwindled over the past decade due to a series of retail bankruptcies and corporate mergers. Whereas a slew of local and national retailers used to be available for your convenience, many of these have been acquired by large nationwide and international juggernauts such as the newly-formed Macy's, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. With the proliferation of nationwide retailers, the character of each storied company has also vanished. In 2006, Federated Department Stores, which had previously acquired Macy's Department Stores, purchased May Department Stores and converted several of that company's holdings to Macy's locations. This conversion was the subject of an ill-fated yet well-organized protest and petition in Chicago, where many were insulted by their takeover of the longstanding Marshall Field's chain. While the former store locations remained in existence, several of their locally-supported traditions ceased to exist. In the past several decades, regional culture has been phased out in favor of the hypothetical "McDonaldization" of business, a concept coined by sociologist George Ritzer in a 1995 book describing the progressively increasing homogenization of society with the apparent objective of enhancing "efficiency." This is socially degrading, as it erodes the local fabric while undermining regional identity, although it is apparent that many prefer profit maximization over culture.

While the consolidation of brands may be part of a national marketing ploy to promote universal branding, there is ample potential for such strategies to backfire. Macy's Inc. posted a third quarter 2008 sales decline of 7 percent, a reflection of continued lackluster sales at the converted stores as well as the dwindling consumer economy. While many consumer product producers, including Procter & Gamble and Unilever, refrain from broadcasting their production of diverse product lines (i.e. Procter & Gamble produces Tide laundry detergent in addition to Folger's coffee) to avoid mixed consumer images, consumers may shy away from purchasing these products upon learning that they are produced by a mammoth corporation. Acquisition of a prominent local company by a large conglomerate often has the same culturally erosive effect as the aforementioned department store takeover, as seen when Unilever acquired Vermont-based Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream in 2001, altering many long-standing traditions and eliminating the popular Rainforest Crunch flavor.

Until economic conditions improve, new entries into any of these industries within the United States appear unlikely. What is alarming is that only within the past decade, many storied cornerstones of regional American society have vanished due to acquisitions and bankruptcies caused by mismanagement. Ultimately, the gavel judging the composition of the consumer marketplace rests squarely in the hands of the consumer, who must decide with their dollar votes whether or not the humongous media and retailing oligopolists' actions are acceptable.

on campus

Be wary of traditions

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When walking on campus, the average observer can look up and see the Elizabethtown "holiday tree" covered in lights, shining day and night. The holiday tree was lit at a formal ceremony to which all Elizabethtown students and faculty were invited Nov. 19. Everyone stood and watched as speakers spoke, carols were sung, hot chocolate was drunk and the tree was lit. It was all very "Charlie Brown Christmas Special." Precious.

The lighting of the tree is not a new tradition. In fact, it is an old tradition that is being brought back onto Elizabethtown's campus. Although the lighting ceremony is being celebrated as the first annual ceremony, it has been done before.

I'm all about traditions. I love them; I think they're something to look forward to, unless you count my annual trip to the dentist.

Generally, traditions are things you enjoy, which is why you do them every year. So, I have no problem with the institution of this "brand new tradition." It established a decided start to the holiday season, especially for college students who generally break up celebration of the holiday season between school and home.

I will say, for the sake of being snarky, that I would not want Elizabethtown to go overboard with the whole tradition thing. Traditions have a place, and the college already has so many, like the First-year Walk, Thanksgiving Dinner, providing carrot cake on all tours, etc. These traditions are wonderful, and make the college what it is, and feed into all the things that are valuable about the college. However, the more traditions the college adds, the less important established ones become. If we have a tradition for every occasion, what makes that particular tradition special? Students should look forward to traditions because of the memories they create, and that is why they should be established. We should not get into the habit of having traditions for tradition's sake, because that takes away the significance.

I'm not saying the college is on that road. Far from it. I think the incorporation of this "holiday tree" is a lovely way to welcome in the holiday season, especially onto the college campus. I'm just saying we don't need a campus egg hunt to mark Easter season (although I would not be opposed if there was an edible prize …).

letter to the editor

It's *Christmas* tree

I am writing this letter in part to reassure the campus community that there is, at least in my opinion, nothing religiously offensive about the beautiful Christmas tree that has been lit in front of the High Library.

I cannot speak for all practitioners of minority religions in the community, or for people who are not religious, but, as a Hindu, I have no objection to public celebrations and acknowledgements of all religiously important events. As long as we are all free to do the same–as long as the Jewish members of our community are free, for example, to put up a menorah; or as long as our Muslim students and faculty are free to celebrate Eid; or as long as my wife and I are free to perform a Lakshmi Puja for Diwali for Hindu students and faculty, as we have done in the past–why should the Christians, who make up the majority of our community, not feel free to put up a Christmas tree? And, in my opinion, there is no need to water down its significance: for example, to call it a "holiday tree." It's a Christmas tree! It's certainly not a Diwali tree. (We don't have Diwali trees in Hinduism, and Diwali was over a month ago anyway.)

Those of us who practice minority religions risk antagonizing the majority if we insist upon freedom of religious expression for ourselves, but deny it to them. This is precisely what has happened in India, where the majority Hindu community has come to feel aggrieved by what it sees as preferential treatment for religious minorities. In some cases this has resulted in tragic violence directed against those minorities. Let all communities celebrate and publicly acknowledge their holy days and beliefs in all their richness and particularity.

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in the nation

Holiday marred by Black Friday

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There are not many things in this world that get me up and out of bed at four in the morning. The occasional flight departure, an early-morning swim practice or some sort of astronomical event, like a meteor shower, or far-off planet sighting: those events warrant an early rising. Shopping does not. Black Friday is one of the worst American traditions because it allows retailers to usurp control of our time and money.

Thanksgiving is one of the greatest days of the year. It is a time for family, football and feasting. By nightfall, family time is interrupted, however, by all of the early-to-bed mothers, daughters and sisters who retire prematurely to prepare for their morning madness. One of the greatest days all year is cut short by shopping. Not only does Black Friday intrude upon a Thursday night meant for family, it takes away a Friday night that was meant for friends. College students are all home for Thanksgiving break and hope to spend some quality time with their old high school friends. This great reunion is often denied on Friday night by the drowsiness of the early-morning spenders. "I was up early this morning" and "I'm just too tired right now" were two of the responses I got.

Another thing I just do not understand: what great benefit comes from shopping so early in the morning? Can't the same great deals be offered at, I don't know, normal hours of operation? Businesses opening so early in the morning is just silly. By the time five in the afternoon rolls around, all the shoppers have quit anyway. It seems to make more sense to be open for usual business hours, still offering the great sales.

Along with the pilfering of precious time, Black Friday also hits the wallets hard. I know all anyone talks about is the great deals, but the truth is people are out there spending money. I know that giving gifts to others is a great feeling, but there are great ways to find, make or give inexpensive gifts that may well be even more meaningful. And we all know that the economy is really, really horrible right now. Even the name "Black Friday" just sounds terrible to me. Watching the news last week, I saw that a Wal-Mart employee was trampled to death on the morning of Black Friday while opening the doors for the huge line of people waiting outside. This is what Black Friday does to people. A crowd of regular, everyday shoppers became a violent killing stampede when the maddened frenzy of shoppers killed the innocent Wal-Mart employee. Opening the doors for business has never been a dangerous job before.

I know for certain that next year, when Nov. 26 and 27 roll around, I'll be staying home with family, spending time with friends and keeping my money in my pocket.

in the nation

Spread joy this holiday season

Jason P. Glogau
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If you listen to the radio this time of year, you will hear Christmas songs about bringing good tidings, peace on Earth and good will towards men. If you drive around or visit the malls, you are apt to see the opposite. Something about the holiday season brings out the best in some — and the worst in others.

As a child, the holiday season truly seemed like the most wonderful time of the year. Time was spent with loved ones over a warm meal followed by the exchanging of gifts. Parents smooched under the mistletoe. School hallways echoed with the sounds of children singing Christmas carols.

Then I turned 16. I got a job in retail to make some money to buy Christmas gifts for my family (as well as the car I wanted once I got my license). I began to see the holiday season a little differently that year, and going into my sixth season working retail, I have found people are not quite so jolly this time of year.

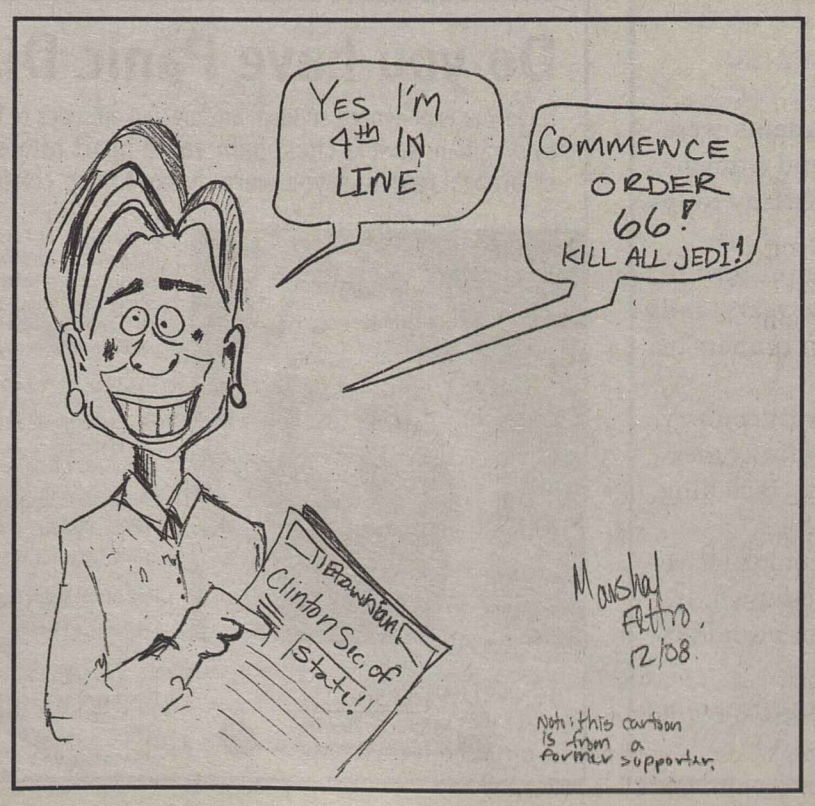
Now, do not get me wrong; I still believe in the spirit of Christmas. But it's a lot less prominent than it ever used to be, or so it seems. Customers fight with store employees if they are out of a product or if their credit card is declined because it is maxed out. Couples argue over visiting their in-laws or why they spent so much on gifts. People fight over parking spaces, trample Wal-Mart employees on Black Friday, and flip each other off on the highways.

I have to wonder why there is such hatred and selfishness at such a special time of year.

Putting aside political correctness — though I don't care what you say, it's a Christmas Tree and a Menorah, not a Holiday Tree and Lamp — this is a special time of year for all. However, we should be sharing this joy with everyone we meet. Instead of yelling at someone over a parking space, let them have it and walk the extra few yards. Rather than arguing with your significant other over trivial matters, make them a cup of hot chocolate, sit down, and cuddle for a while.

Even if you are not a Scrooge during the holidays, take the extra step to try and keep others from shouting "bah humbug" from the rooftops. If you are working in retail over the holidays like me, smile and extend a holiday greeting to your customers. If you have elderly neighbors, go over and shovel their driveway if it snows. Hold doors for other people. Offer to let the person behind you in line go ahead of you. Bring your co-worker a cup of coffee in the morning.

These little things will help spread the spirit and joy of the holidays to all those you meet no matter what they believe. A smile is contagious, and during the holidays, we should all be trying to spread cheer to those around us.



in the world

Closing argument

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In September, following the illegal Georgian firebombing and subsequent Russian invasion of South Ossetia, my little column was born. The events of 2008's second half have given us a great deal to consider. America's beleaguered economy has all but collapsed, returning gas prices to mythical lows. Naval piracy has returned to the headlines: the term no longer only practically applies to those who steal music off of the Internet, and has birthed fantastic headlines (such as the Times' "Indian Navy sinks pirate mothership"). A black man was elected president of the United States of America. Terrorists with guns and bombs killed 172 in Mumbai, prompting the Indian prime minister to consider the creation of a dedicated anti-terrorism force. We also had some Olympics, over in China yonder.

Make no mistake: the United States' wealth relative to that of the rest of the world will continue to decrease. Our tremendous waste has cut the lifestyle that our average citizen can expect, perhaps permanently. Inevitable globalization is perhaps not being taken as seriously as it should — Americans still operate under the mistaken view that they are entitled to good wages, suburban homes and multiple automobiles. When their markets tumble, or when their houses are reclaimed, they cling to a dated memory of smiling families and picket fences, outraged at the unfairness of it all.

But the rest of the world has been starving for some time now, and the gross shortsightedness of our population has finally brought the beginnings of famine back to the U.S. Threatened by Somalian piracy, much of the traffic formally bound for the Suez Canal has instead turned south to the Cape of Good Hope. Europe will notice a shortage of both fuel and toys this holiday season — starvation in Africa has provoked the capture of larger and larger ships, more than a dozen of which are still being held hostage.

As nations like China, Indonesia and India continue to develop, more and more of the day-to-day habits of Americans will be affected by international crises. Our old beliefs, routines and securities will deteriorate. But Americans are hard workers and steadfast idealists. Eventually, U.S. citizens will become cognizant of their international neighbors — perhaps in 2009, perhaps later. Survival is as predictable as globalization. *La civilization est morte. Vive la civilization!* If you are reading this, then you are alive.

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etown indoor track

Teams hope to start off right at Ursinus Invitational

Kaitlin A. McCaffrey
Staff Writer

As winter weather pushes most of us indoors to relax for the season, the men and women of the track team are coming indoors to win.

Dec. 6 marks the first meet of the indoor track season, and both teams have been working hard to come out strong. Sophomore Sarah DeGeorge explains the difference in training for the winter seasons opposed to spring, noting "It's a lot of technical work-building endurance, keeping up muscle strength, just preparing us overall for the whole season."

In order to make the impression they hope to this year, DeGeorge and senior captain Jason Mastroianni agree the key is to gradually build a base for the athletes so they will be more proficient at their events as the season goes on and the expectations are set higher.

With only one meet for the indoor season, it acts as a practice run for the impending spring season which will essentially bring a meet a week.

DeGeorge speaks for the thrower's winter workout regimen, saying, "We work on a lot of endurance buildup and leg and arm exercises, so when it's time for spring training, the body isn't as strained and you're just working on tweaking your technique."

Team members have been training since the beginning of school, first starting with captain's practices and then moving on to training by the coaches.

The captains leading the men's team are seniors Phil Alder, Jason Mastroianni, Jeremy Matula, Dylan Rulander and junior Mike Mauger.

The women's side is led by seniors Chelsea Miles, Tiffany Kulp, juniors Sarah Merusi and Megan VanDenHengle and sophomores Sarah DeGeorge and Allie Gold.

The captains have done their part in keeping their team in shape and remaining focused on the team as a unit.

"Personal goals are important but I think they're overshadowed by team goals which always come first in my mind," Mastroianni said.

This outlook shows the captains' dedication to the team and their overall mindset for the season.

The team is always working to build themselves as a cohesive unit and this is evident even outside the realm of track and field. Athletes are required to attend study hours monitored by the captains during the week to ensure they are remaining academically sound.

This way, team members are encouraged to seek help from their built-in support system, their team, if they are struggling in their school work.

Assistant coach Eric Bennett displays a lot of confidence in the ability of the team this year especially with the level of skill that has become synonymous with the relay team.

"We always have really good relay teams. We're known for winning our conference in most of the relays so that's something we always look forward to and we have a lot of depth this year," Bennett said.

Expectations for the team this year are set very high. An addition to the usual circuit of events this year is the indoor pentathlon for men and women for the indoor championship.

Alder will be looking to compete and qualify for the MACs in the event. With a number of first year students new to the team, this is their opportunity to make a name for themselves and show the level of their athletic prowess.

The team of throwers is one Bennett said they "never had anything like before" and this will hopefully be a year for them to declare their skill.

The cross-country teams return to the track after ranking first and second in the MAC, and their presence will be integral to once again garnering multiple points in the MAC Championships.

We wish the Blue Jays' indoor track team the best of luck as they open their season on Dec. 6.

etown swimming

Swimming looks toward F&M Invitational this weekend

Samantha M. Alleman
Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's swim teams have been very busy over the last two weeks with meets at Messiah, Susquehanna, FDU-Florham and Lebanon Valley. Though the season has been tough for the men's team, which consists only of five guys, both the men's and the women's teams agree that all the hard practice has paid off.

"There's no way to compare this year's season to last year's," junior Sara Crimmel said. "People have already swam times better than they ever have before. We're working harder, and it's paying off."

Sophomore captain Tom Hagerty agreed. "We work hard in practice and trust that the sets we do will get us best prepared for the meets," Hagerty said.

The results show the fruit of that preparation. The women's team won the last four meets, and the men's team brought home a win at FDU-Florham Sat., Nov. 22.

The FDU-Florham event was a dual meet against a MAC opponent, but the Blue Jays "had a lot of confidence going into the FDU meet," Crimmel said.

That confidence earned the men a 70-41 win and the women a 119-71 win. Seniors Jenny Brizek and Sarah Berry, junior Lindsay Riley, sophomores Courtney Kelly and Stepahnie Hellman, and first-year Emily Robinson picked up wins in six individual events. The 400-yard medley team of Riley, Brizek, Hellman and senior Gretchen Geiger also grabbed first place.

For the men's team, it was senior Chris Miller and juniors Dan Provence and Matt Drob who received two wins each, while Hagerty earned a win for capturing the 200 butterfly in a time of 2:24.94.

Because the men's team only consists of five swimmers this year, "we've got the speed, but no depth," Hagerty said.

But both teams are working hard for their next invitational at Franklin and Marshall College this weekend. Under the direction of Coach Dan DeHass, the swim teams have been performing with better times.

"It's not possible to turn a swim program around in one year, but Coach DeHass is doing a great job," Crimmel said. The swimmers' times have greatly improved, "and that's halfway through the season, without even being shaved down and tapered," or rested, Crimmel noted.

During their most recent meet at Lebanon Valley College Nov. 25, the women came away with a 112-87 lead, making that their fifth straight win this season. Riley swam the 50 freestyle in under 29 seconds (28.97 seconds) and the 100 backstroke in 1:12.93, while first-year Emily Robinson won the 400 freestyle in 4:57.76 and the 800 freestyle in 10:12.41. Brizek, Kelly and Hellman also claimed victory in the 200 individual medley, the 200 freestyle, and the 100 freestyle, respectively.

The men claimed wins in seven of the 11 events, with Miller, Drob and Hagerty winning twice each. The 200-meter medley relay team of Miller, Provence, Drob and Hagerty also won their event with a time of 2:02.13.

"It was really exciting to see everybody swim well and have it pay off," Crimmel said. "We aren't just better in the water, but I feel like we're much closer as a team this year than we have been before."

The Blue Jays will take it easy after the F&M invitational until January 2, when they leave for Florida for their week-long training session.

The next home meet for the swimmers will be January 10, over winter break.

etown cross country

Kulp finishes in the top half of DIII Nationals

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Saturday, Nov. 22, while most Elizabethtown College students were preparing for the upcoming holiday weekend, the men's and women's cross country teams were in Hanover, Ind., watching senior Tiffany Kulp race in the NCAA Division III National Championships.

Kulp was the first women's cross country runner in Etown history to compete in the National Championships for four consecutive years, and this year she finished in 109th place in a field of 279 of the top runners in the country.

Congratulations go out to Tiffany and the entire women's cross country team for their achievements this season in taking the Mid-Atlantic Conference crown and Kulp's personal achievements on the racing paths, including earning All-Region honors for her fourth consecutive year.

When asked about her Etown experience, Tiffany replied, "I couldn't have asked for better teammates and coaches in my time at Elizabethtown. It's something you can't truly understand unless you're part of it, but I wouldn't trade them for anything."

Congratulations again on a great season, a great future for the program and to Tiffany both personally and athletically.

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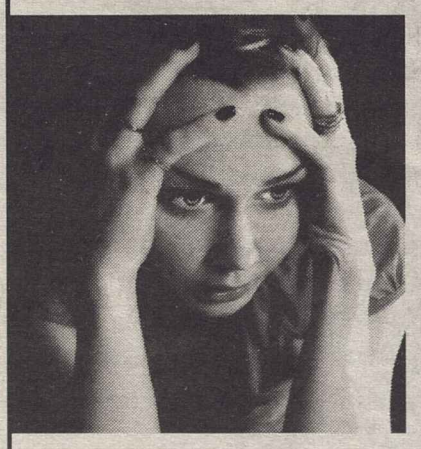

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etown mascot

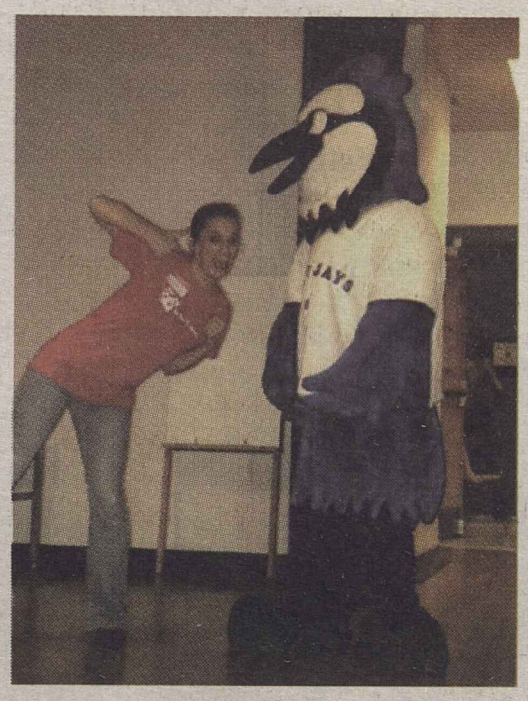
Blue Jay works hard for his college and community

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

For many years now, the Blue Jay at Elizabethtown College has been an important fixture at athletic events and community activities around the area. Although it may only see him at the major games, the Blue Jay's life is much more than cheering and photo opportunities.

It is a life like that of any other typical college student, even if he has been here for decades. For example, fans of the Blue Jay can become friends with him on Facebook, as like many other Etown students, "Facebook stalking" has become a daily habit for the big bird.

When he's not in class, he tends to try and get to the Body Shop as much as possible, as too many cheese quesadillas (he's a vegetarian, go figure!) will pack on the pounds really quickly.



Photos: Courtesy Photo, Kathy Staib
Junior Laura Kuserk pokes fun with the mascot during Into the Streets this year. (Right) the mascot enjoys a soccer game.

"The best thing so far this year at Etown has been Into the Streets, as I got to entertain all the little kids, and they seemed to really like me," the Blue Jay said, nursing a Gatorade after a long practice with the cheerleaders. On that note, the cheerleaders have been the major enthusists of the Blue Jay's performance on and off the field so far this semester, and it shows in their preparation before game time.

"The Blue Jay gets the crowd pumped, which makes it easier for us to interact with the fans," first-year cheerleader Kassandra Snook said. And why wouldn't it? The energy the Blue Jay repeatedly injects into the crowd is contagious, and there was no better example of that than at the Homecoming Game, when he was one of the three guests flown down by helicopter onto the center of the field.

"The helicopter ride was awesome!" the Blue Jay said with a smile. "Even though it was windy, it got the fans and the players real pumped, and I think I even got a few satisfactory winks from the cheerleaders."

Although being the mascot may seem like an easy task on such a small campus, the Blue Jay's engineering has been known to cause a few complications.

"Well, the fan is messed up, simply put," the Blue Jay said. "I don't know what it is, I think its got a bad connection or something." Although his mechanical fans may frequently break, his true fans, the Etown students, never seem to let him down. In fact, the Blue Jay even has international support:

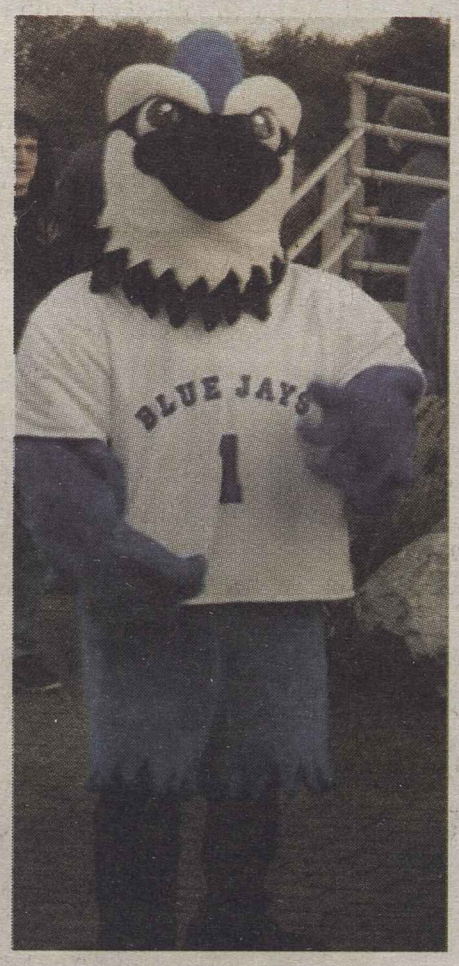
"Beautiful charisma, beautiful bird. He loves blue and grey. With him you always win the award," first-year student from the Netherlands Jonathan van den Ende said.

"I believe he is a vital tradition of the college that should never be forgotten." junior Sam Carmel said.

Overall, the Blue Jay is a revered part of the Etown community, and will be for many years to come. His love and energy for the program bring out the best in the athletes and fans and the overall college atmosphere.

All of us that take him for granted should rethink how lucky we are to have him here on campus.

If you would like to get in contact with the Blue Jay, you can friend him on Facebook. He is up to 51 friends as of Dec.3, and that number is ont he rise! He added 14 friends in two days!



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etown men's basketball

Men improve record with win against Millersville

Sara E. Crimmel
Staff Writer

Six games into its busy season, the men's basketball team is 4-2 overall and will not face their first Commonwealth Conference opponent until January.

Since their last coverage in *the Etownian*, the Blue Jays have fallen to Gettysburg College and Rowan University, beating Marymount University in overtime and defeating Neumann College.

Nov. 21 11-ranked Gettysburg defeated Etown 71-56 in the Jays' first away game in the first round of the Gettysburg Days Inn Tip-Off Tournament. Junior Mike Church led the Jays with 17 points and five rebounds, while sophomore Joe Flanagan came off the bench to score 11 points. However, the Jays were unsuccessful on 22 Gettysburg turnovers and connected on only 19 of 60 from the field.

Nov. 22, Rowan defeated Etown 63-56 in the consolation game of the Gettysburg Days Inn Tip-Off Tournament. The Profs outscored the Jays 17-6 in the last nine minutes of the game to take the win, forcing 23 turnovers on the Jays. Flanagan had 15 points on the day and was named to the All-tournament team in his first career start for Etown. Church scored nine points for the Blue Jays and junior Josh Houseal had eight rebounds, the most of any Etown players. Sophomore Chris Hill came off the bench to score four points and make seven rebounds.

Nov. 25, the Blue Jays defeated the Saints of Marymount University in overtime by a score of 88-78. Senior Phil Schaffer and sophomore Keith Fogel earned 11 of the 14 points that locked in the overtime win.

Schaffer, Fogel and Flanagan had career high-scoring games; Schaffer scored 12 points (making six in overtime), Fogel scored 21 points (making five in overtime), and Flanagan led the team with 22 points. Church made 14 points along with five steals, five rebounds and four blocked shots. Houseal added seven rebounds to lead the Jays and added five points.

Nov. 29, the Jays defeated the Knights of Neumann College 82-75 by seven points. Church led the team with a career high-scoring performance with 27 points for the day.

Flanagan added 19 points, while Fogel had 12 points. Junior Chris Fairbanks led the Blue Jays with seven rebounds.

Last night, Etown defeated the Division II Millersville Maurauders for the second year in a row by a score of 70-65. Fogel had a game-high of 18 points, Flanagan added 11 points and Church and first-year kyle McConnel added nine points. Chris Fairbanks had 10 points and seven rebounds in his 28 minutes of play.

Millersville lead for most of the game until Hill made a basket with 13 minute left and the Jays took the lead for good.

etown wrestling

Wrestlers seek to improve record at York Invitational

Laura E. Kuserk
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 22, the Elizabethtown College wrestling team competed at the Messiah Duels. The Blue Jays were defeated 28-10 by Shippensburg University, 27-18 by Waynesburg College and 19-13 by Seton Hill University.

First-year Tyler Erdman led the Blue Jays with the most wins in the dual. He had three victories overall. Tim Katzaman, a junior, had two wins overall. Senior Jereme Heisey, juniors Mike Lussier, Eric Rhoads, Deron Sharp, sophomore Bill Meaney and first-year Kyle Deeds each had one win.

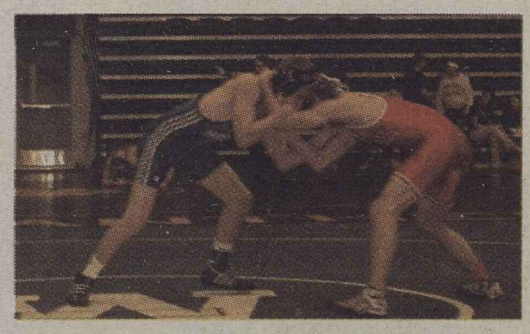
"It's frustrating because we have a great team-experienced upperclassmen, tough freshman who have stepped up, and just an overall great team, but we've had to wrestle a few tough matches," Kataman said. "Three of our losses are to Division II teams and another loss to the 4th ranked team in the nation."

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, the college had a home match with Delaware Valley College and Kutztown University. They were defeated by Delaware Valley 29-16. Erdman had a 7-3 win, Heisey got an 11-1 win, and Paul Connor, a junior, got a 5-3 win. They were also defeated by Kutztown 26-15. Erdman had a 10-3 win, Heisey had a 3-2 win, and Katzaman had a 4-2 win. Delaware Valley and Kutztown tied each other 19-19 when they competed.

Kataman is hopeful that the Blue Jays' luck will change. "Lately, we've just been trying to find our groove to try and get on a roll. It's still pretty early in the season, and we just need a big match or two to turn everything around.

We've got a huge tournament coming up at York College, and we're expecting it to be a big turnaround for the team, and we should have a bunch of positive results come Saturday."

The men will next travel to the York Invitational Saturday.



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In a match last year, Martin Harnish takes on his opponent.

women's basketball

Ladies defeat Marywood in fourth straight win

Caitlin R. Koller
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College women's basketball team hosted the Swarthmore College Garnet women's basketball team in a non-conference game Tuesday, Nov. 25. This was the Jays' first game against the Garnet this season. The game was held in Thompson Gymnasium and had over 100 attendees. The score was close throughout the entire game and was tied only one time in both halves.

Fifteen seconds into the game, first-year Stephanie Ellwood made a steal and a jump shot to start the game off 2-0. She was assisted in the first basket of the night by senior Jenn Montague. Ellwood then assisted junior Courtney Kofeldt for a three-point shot which brought the Jays up 5-0. Swarthmore sophomore Kathryn Stockbower made a layup two minutes into the game, which put Swarthmore on the board with two points.

Halfway through the first period, Stockbower made another layup which put Swarthmore in the lead 5-8. With 12 minutes left on the clock, Kofeldt shot a three-pointer and tied the game 10-10. Eight minutes left in the first period, sophomore Megan Strohman made two three-point shots in a row and gave the Jays their biggest lead in the first period with a score of 21-14. Senior Megan Quinn was fouled by Swarthmore first-year Brittany Schmelz with 11 seconds left in the first period. Quinn made one out of two free throws, which brought the score at the end of the first period to a total of 28-22.

Thirty seconds into the second half, both teams had scored two points each, bringing the score to 30-24. Kofeldt stole the ball with 17 minutes left and assisted Quinn in a layup which resulted in the Jays having an eight-point lead over Swarthmore. With four minutes left, the game was tied 49-49. Ellwood assisted by Strohman scored two more points. She was followed by two free throw shots by Montague. Ellwood then scored another three points. She was assisted by Kofeldt with three minutes left.

Photo: Benjamin G. Brewer
Senior Jenn Montague goes for a free throw in a game against Moravian on Nov. 19. The Ladies lost their first home game this season.

Quinn was named the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 23. At a tournament held at Franklin & Marshall College, Quinn was named most valuable player. She averaged 8.5 rebounds and 23.5 points. She contributed to the Jays' victory by scoring 13 points in the second half. Ellwood made five out of six attempted baskets, two out of three three-point shots, and scored a total of 12 points for the team. She also had six rebounds, five assists and four steals. Both Etown and Swarthmore scored 37 points each in the second half. Strohman scored a total of 10 points in 21 minutes of playing time. Kofeldt scored 14 points throughout the game, including four three-point shots.

During the first half, the Elizabethtown Blue Jays shot at a 33 percent and had a three-point shot at 32 percent. The team worked well together to score a total of 28 points by half time. During the second half, Etown shot at a 48 percent , had a 60 percent three-point rate and a 71 percent free throw rate. During the second half, Swarthmore shot at 37 percent, 20 percent for three-point shots and 67 percent for free throws.

The Jays ended the game with a total score of Etown 65, Swarthmore 59.

This game was the Jay's third win in a row.

Last night they defeated Marwood by a score of 62-53 and increaced their record to 4-2. Four players finished in double figures this game in the non-conference game.

The ladies will take on Haverford next on Saturday.

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Athlete of the Week

Megan Quinn

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is hype to name senior guard Megan Quinn as Athlete of the Week.

Quinn started her campaign for this prestigious award Sat., Nov. 22 when she dropped 26 points on Manhattanville in the first game of the Terry Greene Tip-Off Tournament at Franklin & Marshall. She also added five steals and one blocked shot in her 37 minutes on the hard wood.

In the championship game the next night against Shenandoah, Quinn scored a game-high 21 points, including a perfect 6-6 from the line. Quinn also came down with 12 rebounds and a career high of six steals which helped her gain recognition as Tournament MVP.

Most people would be happy enough winning two distinguished awards, but not Quinn. She was also named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week.

Let's do a quick recap on the season thus far. On Saturday she dropped 26 points, Sunday scored 21 and was named tournament MVP. Monday, she was named Commonwealth Player of the week.

I'd say thats pretty good. Quinn wanted more, scoring 16 points and grabbing five rebounds in the lady Jay's win over Swarthmore.

Quinn added nine points and eight rebounds to the Ladies 62-53 win over Marywood last night. It was the Ladies fourth straight win.

Congratulations to Megan Quinn and good luck to her and the rest of our Lady Jay's the rest of their season.

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me:
I was inducted into Penn Manor High School's hall of fame for soccer

Favorite Sports team:
76ers

I can't live without my:
Ketchup

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become a teacher and eventually coach

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in the nation

Obama's inauguration a triumph of "hope over fear"

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Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, was a cold, bright day in Washington, D.C. as uncountable masses of American citizens crowded the National Mall, trying their hardest to be close enough to be able to watch and listen to history being made.

People bundled in multiple layers arrived hours before sunrise, hoping for a spot just close enough that they would be able to see the top of the new president's head. History would be made that day, as Barack Hussein Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Nigeria, became the 44th president of the United States of America.

President-elect Obama and his family began the day early with a service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Attending church services on the morning of inauguration has been a tradition since Franklin D. Roosevelt's own Inauguration Day in 1933.

At 10:00 am, the Obama family and Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, were greeted at the the White House by president and first lady George W. and Laura Bush. Soon, the procession to the Capitol Building would begin.

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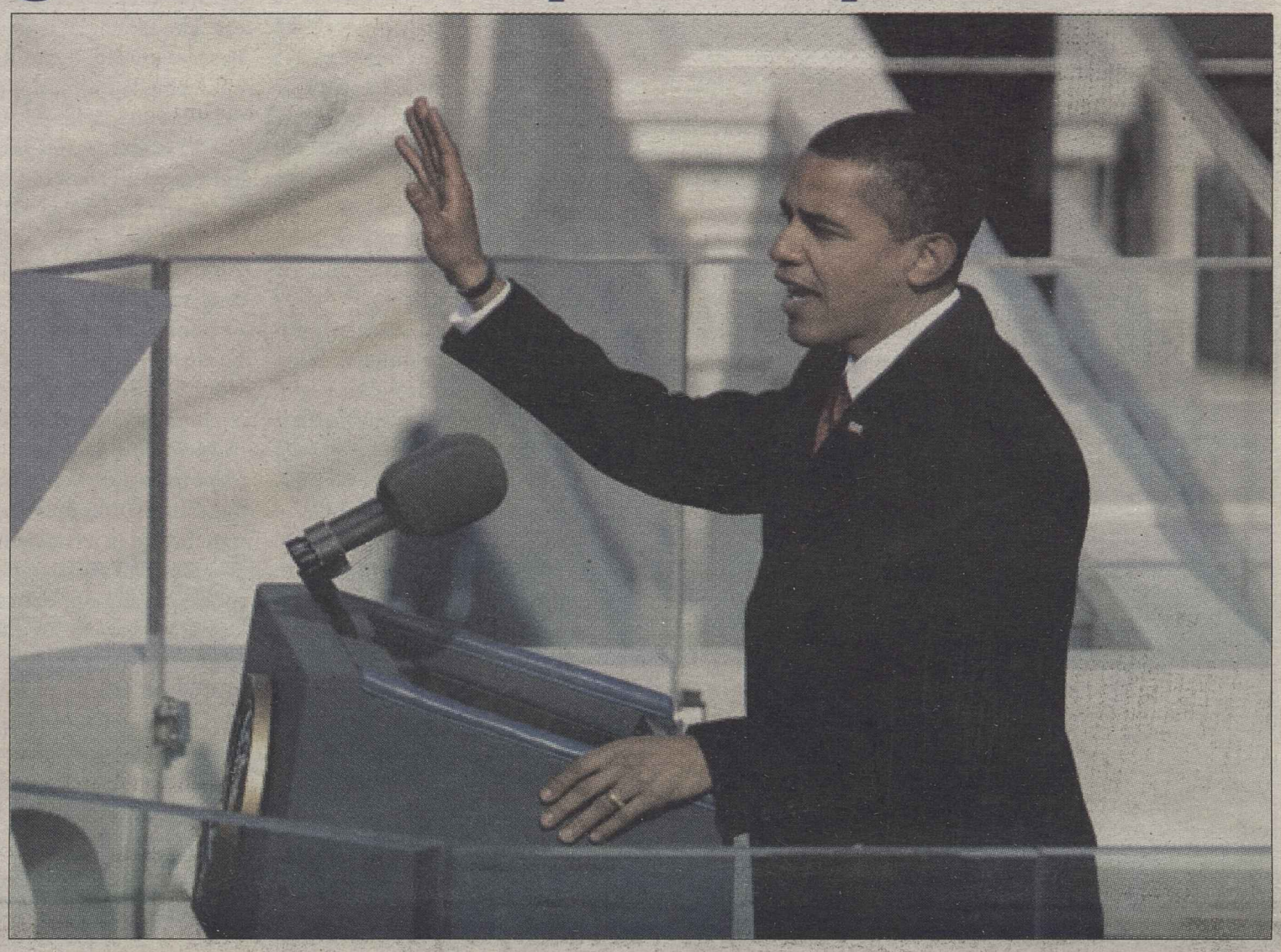

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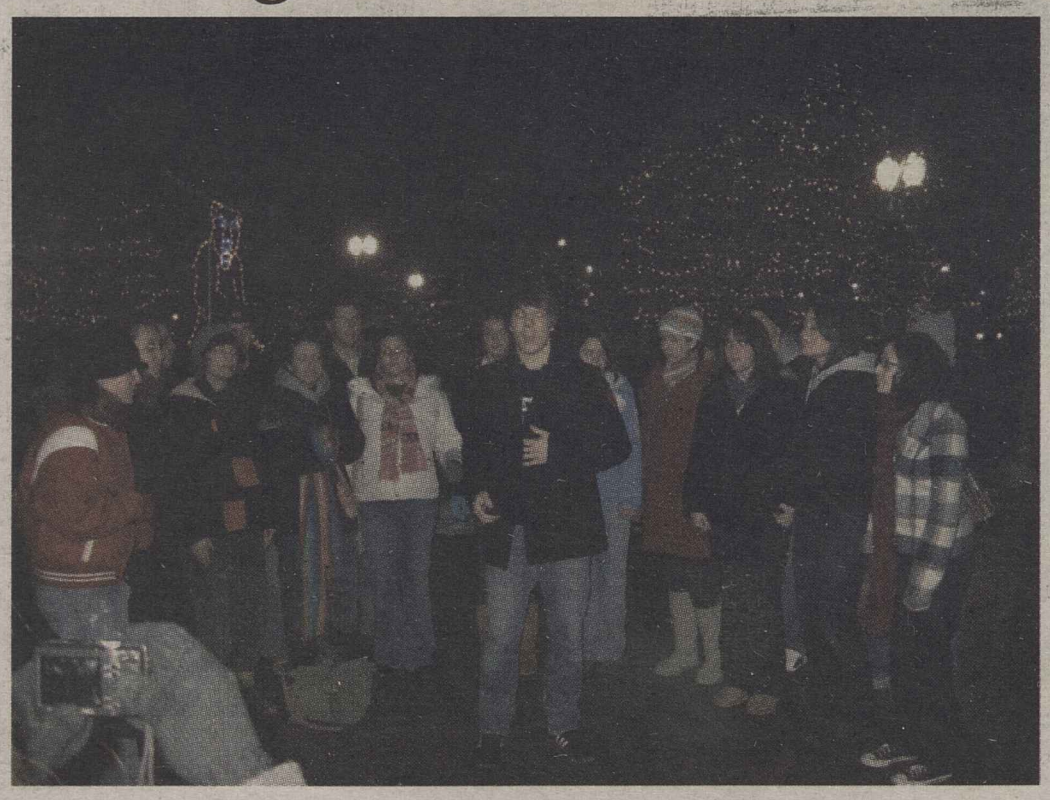
Tuesday, Jan. 20 Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States of America. He is now the first man of color ever to sit in the Oval Office as president.

on campus

Vocalign serenades audiences at Hershey Bears game



Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
News Editor

The Giant Center hosted a minor league hockey game Sunday as the local Hershey Bears team played against the Worcester Sharks. Vocalign, a vocal group from Elizabethtown College, was invited to sing the national anthem before the contest's outset. After their performance, the group members settled into the stands to watch the game.

The game was relatively well attended, with over 8,000 people in the stands. The Bears won in a shootout. After the game, Vocalign stood outside and serenaded the sports fans as they left the Giant Center.

"It was pretty rewarding singing up there in front of so many people with a group I've been with since it started," sophomore and Vocalign member Lauren Fairweather said.

Vocalign is a two year-old, coed a cappella group with 18 members. The group is student-run and they sing anything from country and rock, to original compositions. They intend to record their first CD later this year.

Curious listeners can look for Vocalign's channel on *youtube.com*.

Courtesy Photo

Vocalign sings outside of Hershey's Giant center as crowds leave the Hershey Bears hockey game Sunday.

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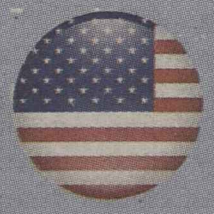
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news in brief

Writer Harry Nicolaides got a little more than he bargained for when he attempted to leave Thailand last August. As he prepared to board his plane, Thai police arrested him for an unexplained reason. Monday, he was charged with insulting the Thai monarchy. It turns out that Nicolaides had published a book in Thailand four years prior to his arrest. In the book — which only sold seven copies — Nicolaides wrote a very short section on a Thai prince. Because of this, and despite his apology, Nicolaides has been sentenced to three years in a Thai prison.

A harshly-enforced ban on preventing internationals from visiting Tokyo's renowned Tsukiji Fish Market was lifted last week after a month-long period. The block on tourists was first put into effect after a video surfaced of intoxicated English visitors licking a tuna valued at upwards of $10,000. The aforementioned market is one of the most famous places to buy quality fish in all of Tokyo, and shop owners were tired of visitors like this ruining their incredibly valuable goods. The ban was lifted after the government decided that travelers had learned their lesson.

Just in case you have not heard enough about the inauguration, a small wave of panic washed over Capitol Hill a few hours after President Obama's speech as Sen. Ted Kennedy collapsed and convlused during the Inaugural Luncheon. It was later revealed that Kennedy had suffered a seizure. Kennedy was said to have been conscious and coherent upon his arrival at the hospital, but this still hasn't alleviated concerns for the Massachusetts senator's health. Kennedy has been suffering from brain cancer since May.

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on campus

Additional financial aid needed, gathered

Samantha K. Quisgard
Staff Writer

As the economy consistently takes a turn for the worse, will the number of students attending college also plummet?

With each passing day, an increasing number of workers are being laid off and others' salaries are continuously dropping. Many families may be re-evaluating their expenses and determining whether or not an education at Elizabethtown College can remain in their son or daughter's future.

President Theodore Long and the Financial Aid office are working to ensure that a continued education at Etown is possible for everyone. In a letter sent out Dec. 17, 2008, President Long announced that an additional $500,000 is being set aside for need-based financial aid for the upcoming academic year.

"If we were going to have people continue their education we needed to do something to make that possible," Long said.

In order to produce this additional $500,000, several development plans have been put on hold until further notice, particularly the plans to renovate the Ober dormitories this summer.

Despite several projects being temporarily postponed, Long stressed that the College will not be reducing any student support services. Also, the teacher-to-student ratio will be maintained in order to provide students with the best college experience and with support both in and outside the classroom.

While the tuition amount has yet to be announced, Long predicted that the increase will be much more humble this year than in the past.

There are also other possible changes being made in terms of financial aid. For this current academic year, there was an additional $2,000 in place for unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and this amount will remain in place for the upcoming academic year. In addition to that money, there is a plan currently being reviewed by Congress that would add another $2,000 and would also include an increase in Pell Grants.

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The economic crisis might not affect all families, but it has already put a damper on the plans of others. The Financial Aid office has already aided families in obtaining loans for approximately 100 students.

"If students and their parents are experiencing changes in their financial situation right now," Elizabeth McCloud, Director of Financial Aid, said, "they need to come to our office and let us know, because many of those things wouldn't be picked up in the financial aid for this year."

McCloud also stressed the importance of being aware of deadlines and applying for financial aid in a timely manner so as not to miss out on any monetary aid opportunities.

With regards to the amount of students pursuing a college education in the near future, McCloud said, "My guess is that now more than ever both students and parents will realize how important it is for students to have that degree. To be out in the work force right now you need that degree, but it may be more challenging for some of the students and parents."

Despite the hardships facing many families right now, it seems like the college community will continue to grow as the interest in obtaining an Etown education still remains high for prospective students.

"Our application pool is running even with last year and the number of campus visits is up from last year," Long said. "What we don't know is what kind of choices people will make in the end and whether or not they will be willing and able to secure private credit."

in the world

Israel agrees to cease-fire with Hamas, Gaza

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

Yesterday, the bloody and almost month-long military conflict between Israel and the Palestinian-Islamist group Hamas finally came to a shaky close. Wednesday, Israel's army finished withdrawing its troops from the Gaza Strip. This came after a cease-fire was announced by Israel Saturday, and agreed upon by Hamas Sunday.

The skirmish began after a truce between Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, and Israel expired Dec. 19. Following this, rockets and mortar shells were launched at Israeli towns bordering Gaza. Israel demanded that they stop. When they didn't, a massive campaign was launched against the Gaza Strip on December 27.

Photo: Associated Press

Through a window pierced by a bullet-hole, smoke can be see rising from Gaza city during one of many rocket attacks. The violence that began in December has only just halted.

First, Israel initiated a series of air strikes against Hamas targets in Gaza, involving around 50 aircraft. Bases, training camps, offices and other military targets were hit along with schools, mosques and several civilian areas. Upwards of 250 Gazans were killed in these initial actions. Hamas responded by escalating its attacks on Israel's border towns.

The air strikes continued for a week until Jan. 3, when Israel upped the stakes by commencing a land invasion of Gaza. Israel's stated objective in the land invasion was to control of areas expelling rocket and mortar fire.

The international community reeled. The United Nations, European Union and Arab league all demanded a complete end to the violence. On the other hand, former President George W. Bush expressed Israel's right to defend itself.

The fighting reached new heights when the Israeli army entered Gaza City (the region's largest population center) Jan. 11. Several buildings were bombed and a high number of casualties were reported. Israel also destroyed two UN-controlled schools and huge amounts of food. Israel's goal was to gain control of Hamas' main security headquarters. When Israel's advance slowed, they resorted to bombing the city.

Finally, after three weeks of bitter fighting, Israel yielded to international pressure and announced their cease-fire Jan. 17. Hamas initially stated that it would continue fighting, despite Israel's intent, but then agreed to the cease-fire on the condition that it would last only seven days. At the end of this horrific quarrel, there were over 1,300 Gazans killed and 5,000 wounded. Israel only reported 13 deaths and 415 persons scathed or wounded.

Throughout this week, green Hamas flags have been flying at rallies all over Gaza as leaders of the extremist group declared victory over Israel. At the same time, Israeli commanders declared their own triumph, citing the apparent end to border attacks. At this point, there is no real clear winner among the combatants. Gaza has a long rebuilding period ahead of it, with over two billion dollars in damage during the three week long assault. It is unknown whether the cease-fire will last or not.

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Inaugural address urges patience, hard work, hope

events would follow the administration of the oaths, such as the Inaugural Luncheon, Inaugural Parade and several Inaugural Balls.

On the National Mall Tuesday morning, a lengthy procession of political figures, including former president and first lady Bill and Hillary Clinton; former Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Gore; and the Bush family, filed out of the Capitol and into special seats on the building's upper levels.

Obama's wife, Michelle, their daughters Malia and Sasha, and Obama's mother-in-law, Marian Shields Robinson, took their places just behind where the president-elect would be seated before taking the oath of office.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein served as the introductory speaker for the event, presenting speakers and musical acts and welcoming everyone present. Her first introduction after the official welcome was of the Rev. Rick Warren.

Obama's decision to have Warren deliver the invocation was met with disdain by some Americans who take offense from some of Warren's anti-homosexual sermons.

However, Warren's lengthy message was overall one of kindness and peace as he delivered the prayer Tuesday morning. For Obama, Warren asked that God provide the president-elect with "the wisdom to lead with humility, the courage to lead with integrity, and the compassion to lead with generosity."

As for the American people, Warren asked God to remind Americans that they are "united not by race, religion or blood, but by our commitment to freedom." He continued with The Lord's Prayer; as the cameras panned through the crowd, many could be seen mouthing the words themselves.

Next on the long list of events came a musical performance. Aretha Franklin, accompanied by an orchestra and the enormous bow on her hat, serenaded the audience with "My Country 'Tis of Thee." When she had finished, Feinstein introduced the Hon. Robert Bennett, who in turn introduced the Hon. John Paul Stevens, who would administer the oath of office to Biden.

Biden finished the oath with ease, and afterward was heard to graciously remark, "Thank you, Mister Justice."

The United States Constitution contains no oath specifically for the Vice President; Biden took the same oath of office that anyone joining the American government must take.

Following Biden's oath was another musical performance, though this one was instrumental. Arranged by composer John Williams, "Air and Simple Gifts" was played by a multi-cultural quartet: Chinese-American cellist Yo Yo Ma, Venezuelan-American pianist Gabriela Montero, African-American clarinetist Anthony McGill of the Metropolitan Opera orchestra and Israeli-American violinist Itzhak Perlman.

The main theme of the piece is based off of the mid-1800s Shaker tune "Simple Gifts," which was popularized in "Appalachian Spring," Aaron Copland's 1944 ballet. The music was still drifting from the stage when the clock struck noon, and, according to the Constitution, Obama officially became president of the United States.

After applause for the performers, Feinstein again took to the platform in order to introduce Chief Justice Hon. John G Roberts Jr., who would administer the oath of office to Obama. As Obama stood and took his place before Roberts, his wife and daughters also rose and surrounded him. Eldest daughter Malia, apparently unable to find another place to stand near her father, stepped behind the podium with a grin, the microphones partially obscuring her face.

Photo: Peter S. Northrop

Students and staff gather in the Event Space to watch Obama's inaugural address live. Those assembled applauded and cheered after the new president completed his oath and concluded his speech.

Obama appeared to flub the oath at first, but it was later revealed that Roberts had read some of the words out of order. (Obama later took the oath again in its correct form.) During the ceremony, thunderous applause rang from the crowd that was estimated to contain nearly two million people. When the applause passed and everyone was again seated, Obama took to the podium to deliver his much-anticipated first address as president of the United States. He began with the following line:

"My fellow citizens: I stand before you today humbled by the task, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, and mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

Obama's speech did not begin on an optimistic note; he spent the first few minutes recalling the grim situation in which Americans now find themselves, and enumerating the challenges that lie ahead. He cited the situation in the Middle East as well as the need for economic recovery and strides in alternate energy sources. However, Obama said, Americans have lately banded together to "proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises [...] that for far too long have strangled our politics."

The president went on to praise the ingenuity and hard work of past generations in the face of challenges no less than the ones the country currently faces. Americans now, he insisted, will do the same. "Everywhere we look, there is work to be done," Obama said. "All this we can do. All this we will do [...] what is required of us now is a new era of responsibility; this is the price and promise of citizenship."

In the next section of his address, it may seem as though Obama was simply praising the founding fathers; however, the statement may also be a nod to the previous administration. The founders of our country "understood that our power alone cannot protect us, nor does it entitle us to do as we please," Obama said. "Instead, they knew that our power grows through its prudent use; our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint."

Next in this somewhat sobering speech came Obama's pledge to change the way the rest of the world views America. He pledged an effort to aid poverty-stricken countries and to rebuild all alliances. "To all the governments and peoples watching today," he said, "we are ready to lead once more." To those societies or organizations that would do America harm, Obama declared that "we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your first."

The new president also embraced America's melting-pot history. "Our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness," he said. He then cited as an example his own family, made up of partially of African and Indonesian backgrounds.

Obama ended his address by again stressing the fact that Americans must be willing to work hard to relieve the pressure of the issues currently facing them. He again cited the founding fathers, who themselves had hope even in the bleakest of situations, in the dead of winter, and said that Americans now must do the same.

"With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come," he said. "Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested, we refused to let this journey end; that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations."

"Thank you," Obama declared humbly, signaling the end of his address. "God bless you. And God bless the United States of America."

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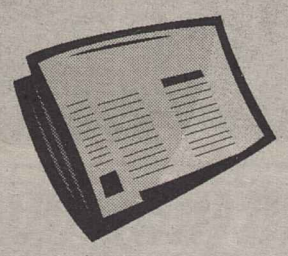

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on campus

"Clockworks" exhibit featuring Brooks' works in Zug

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Staff Writer

The start of a new semester here at Elizabethtown College brings about new schedules, new routines and new ways to manage time.

To help endlessly busy college students, there is a clock just outside the BSC and the world clocks inside the student center (although there still is no clock in the Marketplace).

On a more aesthetic level, there is a new art exhibit entitled "Clockworks" in Zug Memorial Hall's Hess Gallery.

Adjunct professor of fine and performing arts Aaron Brooks unveiled his new art exhibit Friday, Jan. 16, 2009. Make sure to get to Zug to see the exhibit themed around time.

There are more than 10 beautiful paintings on the walls of the elegant hall. Vibrant colors and the rough textures of oil on canvas bring the paintings right off of the walls.

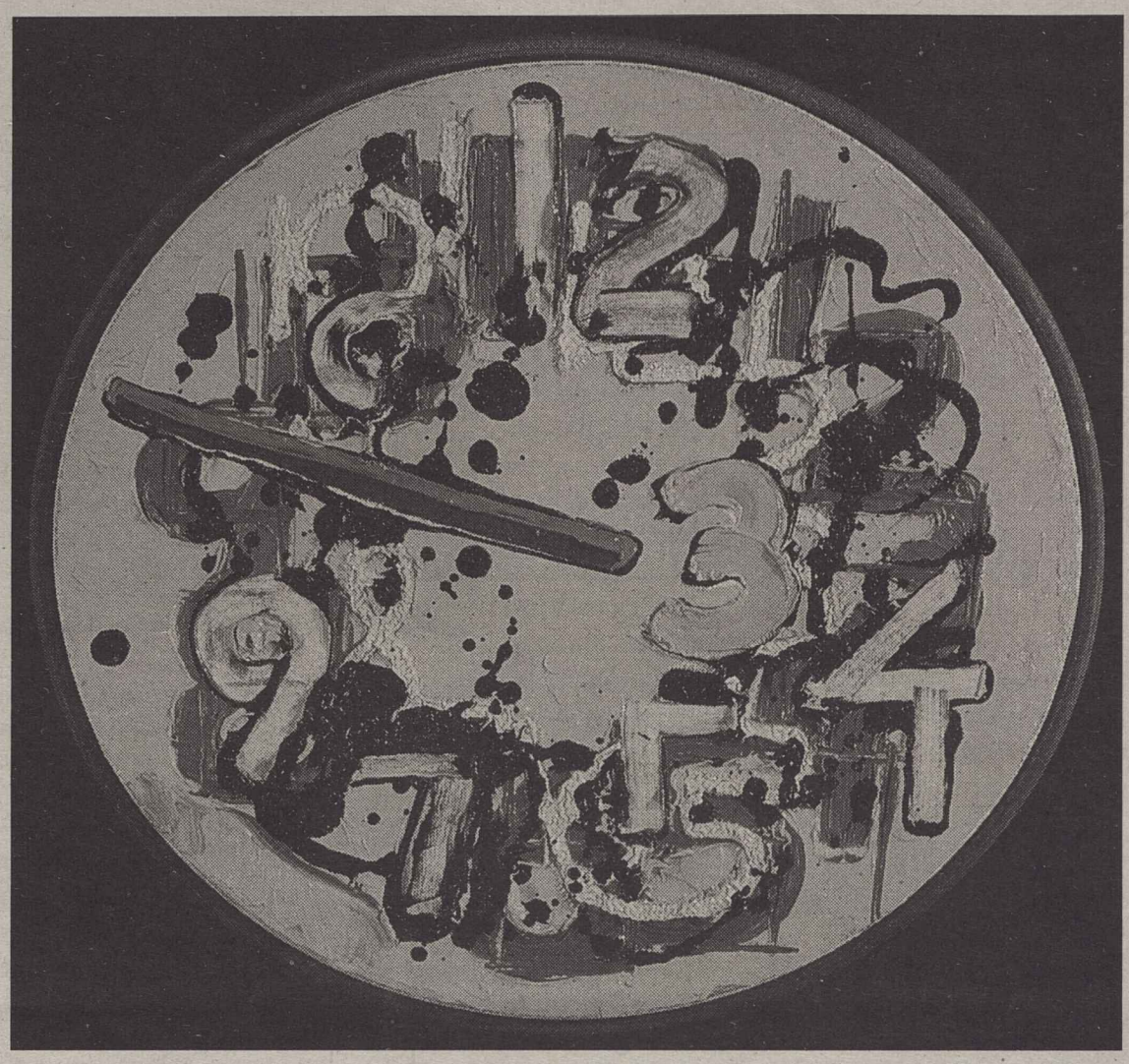
The frames of the clocks help to unify the pieces and were actually the inspiration of the exhibit.

"I found old institutional clocks, the sort of clocks one might see in a public school or police station from the 1950s," Brooks said.

"They are round or square and generally measure 12 inches across, housed in simple aluminum frames with a strictly utilitarian design. I imagined the spare, modernist frames surrounding small paintings I had yet to paint."

"Clockworks" might bring to mind a famous painting by Salvador Dali, "Persistence of Memory," in which several clocks are shown melting away.

Symbolism and meaning are a huge part of viewing the art, as a connection can be made between clocks and time as to what the artist is trying to portray.



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An example of Aaron Brooks' art that adorns the halls of Hess Gallery. This piece of work entitled "The Carousel" demonstrates the theme of the exhibit "Clockworks."

"Time may be considered a steady and reassuringly predictable dimension of our universe. My paintings, however, offer time as inconsistent, uncertain and enigmatic," Brooks said.

"Viewers will interpret these images according to their own chain of visual associations, leading down paths of metaphor and meaning. There is no wrong path of interpretation. It may be scientific, artistic, mystical, literary, historical, personal or any combination therein."

Brooks' statement that there is no wrong path of interpretation leaves infinite possibilities for those who view the art.

If the new semester begins to wear away at your patience, try taking a little time out of your day to stop by Zug and see "Clockworks."

The Hess Gallery is open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibit will run through Friday, Feb. 20.

If you find yourself in need of a short break from the daily time crunch, take time to visit Zug and to support the work of Etown faculty.

on campus

Theater students attend conference in Philadelphia

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Monday, Jan. 12, Elizabethtown theater students held a short performance for interested audience members in the Event Space at 6 p.m.

The show was a collection of scenes that previewed the performances that were done at a national competition at the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF).

The festival took place this past Tuesday through Sunday in Philadelphia, and the show helped defray the students' registration and travel costs for the festival.

ACTF is the theater festival comprised of multiple regions. Colleges from all across the country are asked or nominated to showcase their work.

At the festival, people can go and watch these plays and scenes. Attendees also have the opportunity to participate in multiple acting workshops, directing workshops, production workshops, dramaturgy and technical theatre workshops.

A performance of this magnitude takes great practice, and that's exactly what the students involved did.

"My partner and I practiced our scenes for the competition for probably around 12 total hours," senior Ezra Schatz said.

The practice certainly paid off for Schatz. The festival runs a competition for scholarship money called the Irene Ryan Scholarship.

Judges for this scholarship travel around the country viewing productions and nominate an actor from each production. Each actor subsequently travels to the festival and presents multiple scenes.

Three elimination rounds take place and one pair is chosen as a winner at the end of the festival.

Courtesy Photo

Elizabethtown students attended the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival this past weekend. This scholarship program offered different fields for the students to compete in, such as criticisms, set design and acting.

"This was my fourth year being nominated for the Irene Ryan Competition for acting," Schatz said.

"I got involved with this program back when I was a freshman — when I was nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship performance competition — and have been nominated every year since."

Juniors Emily Grove, Tammy Bateman and seniors Natasha Threatts, Elyse Venturella and Katelyn Howes are some of the others nominated for acting in the Irene Ryan competition.

Other competitions at the festival include those for directing, management and theater critics.

Sophomore Peter Northrop, Assistant News Editor for *the Etownian* and junior Tammy Bateman both competed in the theater critic competition.

"Senior Kristin Dougher actually won the theatre management competition which won her a summer internship at a theater in Maryland," Schatz said.

Elyse Venturella and Natasha Threatts also took their production of Weightless to the festival, edited it with a professional director/writer, and presented it.

"I strictly went to the festival as an actor, participating in multiple educational workshops and watching plays that were brought to the festival from colleges all over New England," Schatz replied.

"I am extremely glad I was invited to participate again for my fourth and final year. I have learned something new every time I go, and it is always a great experience to get the opportunity to see what kind of art other colleges across the country are producing."

on campus

CPR training seminar provided to Etown students

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Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, better known as CPR, is an important life-saving technique that everyone should know how to administer because it could mean the difference between life and death for an individual. This past Sunday, Jan. 18, Elizabethtown College students got the chance to attend a training course that taught them how to effectively administer CPR.

The American Red Cross sponsored course was held at 10 a.m. Sunday. Ten Etown students, many of which were occupational therapy students, participated in this course.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was preformed as far back as 1740, when it was used on drowning victims. The actual process of CPR was not perfected until 1960 by the American Heart Association. They first developed a course to teach physicians how to perform closed-chest cardiac resuscitation.

The Boy Scout Handbook in 1911 first illustrated the procedure. However, it was not until 1972 that the first large-scale CPR training course was held in Seattle, Wash. for average citizens to learn.

In the first two years, 100,000 people were taught. CPR was first deemed "too complicated" for civilians to learn, but it was soon recognized that more lives could be saved if more people knew how to administer CPR.

The course held in Nicarry Hall taught students just that. In conjunction with learning actual CPR, they also were taught how to properly put on, remove and dispose of gloves that are worn for the protection of both the victim and CPR administrator.

Knowing CPR can mean the difference between life and death. It is defined as the "practice of mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing and chest compression that keeps oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs until more definitive medical treatment can restore a normal heart rhythm," according to the American Heart Association.

Cardiac arrests, drowning, stokes, choking, excessive bleeding, allergic reactions, bad burns and severe electrical shocks can all be situations in which CPR would be needed.

Every 29 seconds, someone has a heart attack. Every minute, someone dies from a heart attack.

This CPR class is a valuable asset to Etown students. No one knows when these skills could be useful.

The students watched a video that guided the class throughout the session. First the class learned how to respond to an immediate situation. The three Cs were introduced: check, call, care.

Rescue breathing and the Heimlich maneuver for adults, children and infants were also introduced. This rescue movement is important when someone is choking or has something blocking their airway, such as food.

"That is the first step before CPR. Everything depends on the person's condition. When they have a pulse, but they are not breathing you perform rescue breathing. If there is no pulse and no breathing, you must perform CPR," sophomore Felicia Bonvicino, who participated in Sunday's course, said.

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The CPR training course was sponsored by the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross offers certification for emergency safety procedures.

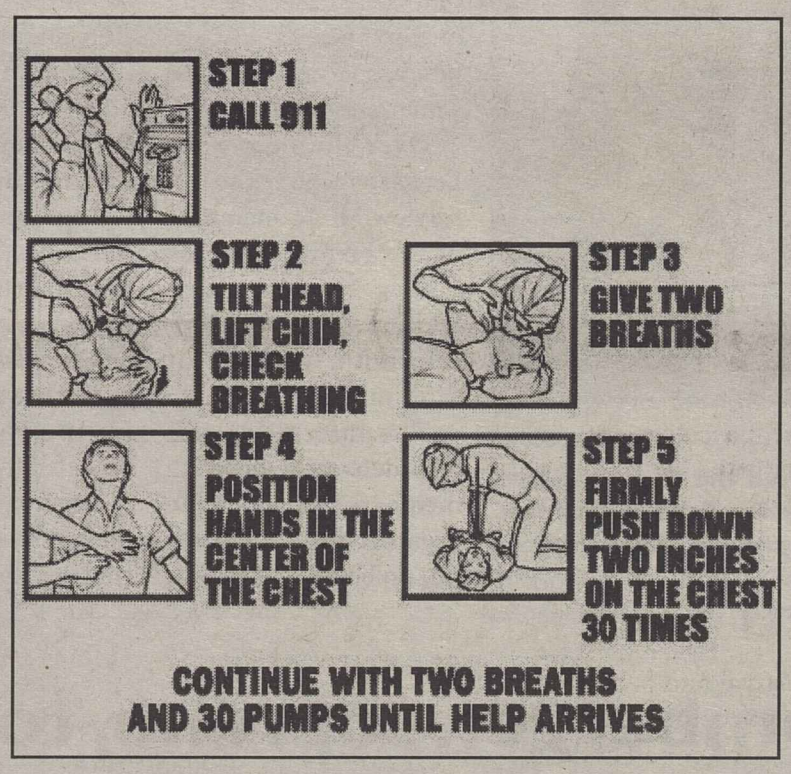

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Illustration of the proper technique that was taught to the students at the seminar Sunday morning.

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CPR was practiced on a medical dummy at the class.

"The chest inflated just as it would in a real situation, to show what it would look like and tell you if you are doing it correctly," Bonvicino said.

At the end of the course, all the participants had to take a test to measure the knowledge that they gained.

Situations were presented, and each of the students had to explain the steps they would take, such as rescue breathing, CPR or the Heimlich maneuver.

There was also a written portion to the test. Once the participants completed the course, they became CPR-certified. The official CPR certification will arrive in the form of a card in approximately three weeks. These certifications must be renewed, as they expire every year. A CPR course must be taken each year to renew certification.

"CPR certification is extremely valuable to have because it serves as a form of insurance if you ever have to perform any of the techniques taught," Bonvicino said. "It also shows people that you know what to do in those situations."

In the event of an emergency, assuming the person administering CPR does so correctly, there is no chance of them being sued for their actions or any resulting harm to the victim.

Not only may CPR save a life, but obtaining a certification will act as a shield against unwarranted legal action.

Correction

In last issue's article of the fall semester, "Hall program Trading Bathrooms success," when referring to the Glaction community, Joey Allen, the area coordinator for Founders and the Quads, was credited with the creation of "Trading Bathrooms." Stephen Juliano, the learning community assistant for Glaction, was the actual creator of the idea for the bathroom program. Allen was just a supporter and the judge for the program.

The Etownian apologizes for the mistake.

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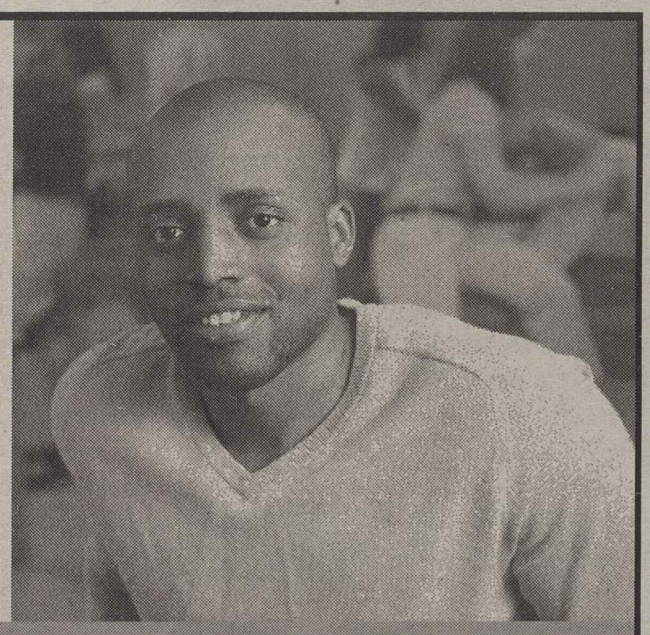

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The Jayd-ed edge

Rachel A. Marsteller
Features Editor

Goose-sickle!!

Sheriff's office divers have come to the rescue of a trapped goose that sat too long in frigid waters of a Detroit suburb.

Police responded Friday night after being told the goose was trapped.

Divers and a marine officer first tried putting warm water around the goose, which was frozen in the ice.

Macomb County sheriff's divers chipped away at the ice and freed the goose within an hour.

The bird then waddled to a group of geese sitting in open water nearby.

Sgt. Dan Willis says it honked, then "swam away with the rest of the pack."

Hide and go seek gone bad

A Fort Pierce woman ended up in jail because of a little girl with a big mouth.

Police went to the home of the 22-year-old woman Friday to serve warrants for assault, harassing phone calls and violation of probation carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Officers said two men and a woman at the house told officers that the woman had left, but then a 4-year-old child approached one of the officers and revealed that the woman was under a bed.

Officers found the woman exactly where the child said she would be.

She was arrested and is being held without bail.

"Send me back."

Police on Long Island arrested a man after he allegedly kicked a police car and asked to be deported back to his home country of Guatemala.

Police said the 27-year-old man called the Southold Police Department early Sunday and asked to be arrested so he could be deported.

Police said that when officers arrived at the scene, they told him he could not be arrested because he had not committed a crime.

That's when, according to police, the man kicked the driver's side door of their patrol car.

The man was arrested and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

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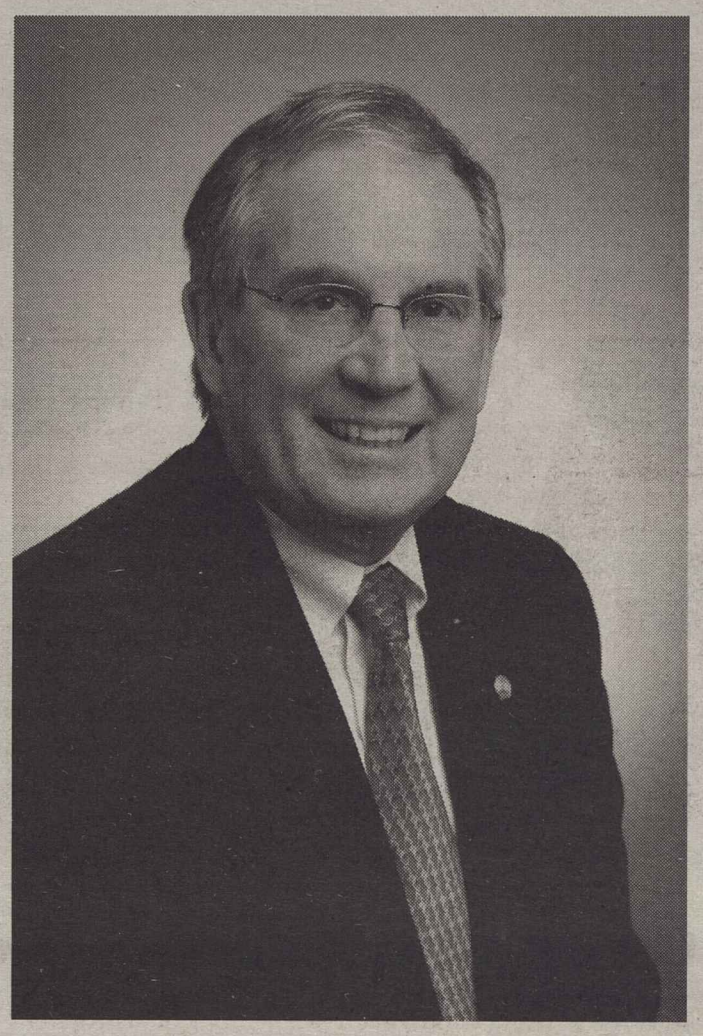
on campus

New executive-in-residence welcomed

Laura A. Farnish
Staff Writer

I've got enough, if not more, on my plate," Walt Legenstein, the chairman and CEO of Certified Carpet, said. He recently had been appointed as the 2009 executive-in-residence of the South Dale High Center for Family Business. The executive-in-residence is a volunteer position that Legenstein took at the request of the school board.

"I consider it a great honor," Legenstein said. "Our company — and our family — have benefited from the programs at the center." This is my opportunity to give something back to family businesses in our region. I'm excited about what we can do here at the center, especially in these economic times."



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Walt Legenstein was appointed the new executive-in-residence in the Center for Family Business. The position is designed to provide leadership and expertise to family programs.

The executive-in-residence program is designed to bring a senior family business executive to the Center to provide new expertise and leadership for its various programs.

As executive-in-residence, Legenstein hopes to accomplish various tasks for the Family Business Center. Legenstein will work with the Center to strengthen programs that better meet family business needs, involve new businesses, and head a membership drive.

Over the next year, Legenstein hopes to interview all 44 members of the Family Business Center. These 44 members are businesses with minimum revenue of three million dollars.

The interviews will help determine how the members feel about the organization, how they can do better and how to increase membership.

"No one wants to pay $1,500 a year just for the sake of paying it," Legenstein said.

However, membership comes with many benefits. Five meetings per year are held in Myer Hall, where speakers talk about succession planning. These half-day seminars provide information and resources.

Establishing peer groups that meet every month, member-to-member consultations and private mentoring are more benefits of the membership.

"I hope to be able to help our members," Legenstein said.

In the near future, Legenstein hopes to offering all of the services sought in the interviews. Through his interview, he will hopefully gain names of businesses who may be interested in obtaining membership.

Within the upcoming 12 to 24 months, Legenstein wants to double the present membership.

Outside of the South Dale High Center for Family Business, Legenstein has three sons who work with succession planning and will be purchasing Certified Carpet from him in June of 2009. He will continue his obligations as chairman of the board, as well as his community involvement.

Legenstein has served as the chair of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the board of United Way of Lancaster, and chairman of the board of Lancaster Catholic High School.

He has also received awards including the Business of the Year and Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Legenstein said he will have plenty on his plate to keep busy, but his experience sets him in good stead.

on campus

Teresa Bomberger, soprano, to perform

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Assistant Features Editor

Monday, Jan. 26, soprano Teresa Bomberger will perform a guest recital in Zug Memorial Hall. A family affair, the vocalist will be accompanied on piano by her husband E. Douglas Bomberger, who is the chair of the department of fine and performing Arts and a professor of music.

The soprano performed the opera "Las Madres de la Plaza" here at Elizabethtown in a 2005 recital and has earned recognition in a number of other recitals and operas. Bomberger specializes in American art songs, and also in music by women composers.

Throughout her career, she has held leading roles with the Hawaii Opera Theatre, the Maryland Lyric Opera, the Durham Savoyards and Cornell Savoyards. Additionally, she has won a number of awards, including the Lotte Lehman Art Song Competition and the Montpelier Recital Competition.

The Montpelier Arts Center, located in Northern Prince George's County, Md, provides performing arts programs while also hosting recitals and competitions. The biennial recital competition offers performance opportunities for the winners. Meanwhile, the Lotte Lehman Art Song Competition recognizes gifted individuals who compose for voice.

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Teresa Bomberger is set to perform on Jan. 26. She is a very accomplished soprano.

Aside from her musical accomplishments, Bomberger has also taught voice at the University of Hawaii alongside her husband, who taught music history. Her favorite opera, according to her husband, is "Cosi Fan Tutte" by Mozart. She will perform a piece from the opera titled "In uomini, in soldati" Monday.

Bomberger's husband has accompanied her in many prior performances. The two met at Summer Stock Theater and moved from theatrical performances to recital and opera.

"I always enjoy performing with my wife; it is very rewarding," Professor Bomberger said.

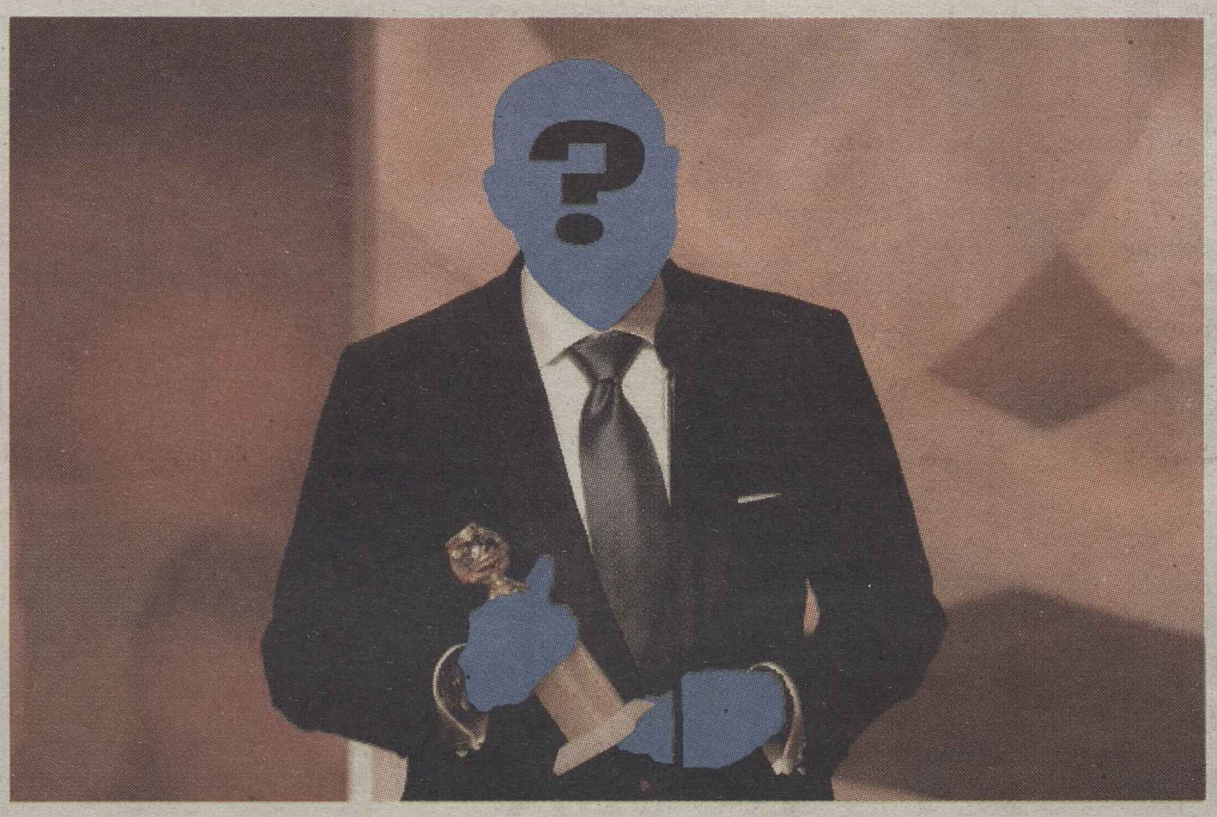
"Some of these pieces are new for us, and some of them we have been doing for a long time. It is really a nice combination."

The featured pieces will provide an appropriate mixture of classical composers.

The performance, which was originally scheduled for Dec. 1, was prolonged due to the vocalist's illness. At that time, the performance was scheduled to contain Christmas music.

Monday's performance will instead feature some songs that are humorous and others that are in foreign languages. It will also include classical pieces composed by American greats like Samuel Barber and Aaron Copland, as well as works by more popular classical musicians like Mozart and Bach.

Presented by the Elizabethtown College department of fine and performing arts, the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., and is free of charge.



entertainment

Golden Globes shock, astound

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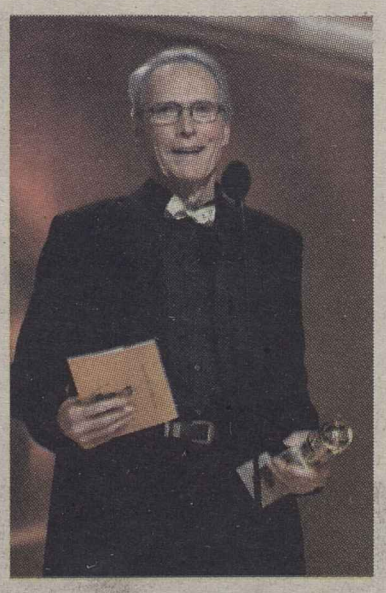
It was a time for beautiful people, beautiful places, and, for the winners, beautiful smiles.

Jan. 11, the 66th Annual Golden Globes was held in California. This ceremony, which recognizes the best in film and television, was hosted by the one and only Queen Latifah.



Celebrities paraded on the red carpet before the show began. Selma Hayak, Kate Winslet and Eva Longoria were considered best dressed, while actresses Renee Zellweger, Cameron Diaz and Drew Berrymore showed off poor fashion sense and were deemed high on the worst dressed list by fashion gurus.

The winners of this year's ceremony were, in some cases, as to be expected, and in others a pleasant surprise.

Heath Ledger won a posthumous award for his role as The Joker in "The Dark Knight", which many considered a much deserved honor to the late actor's memory.

A surprise that swept the award ceremony was "Slumdog Millionaire," which won best motion picture, best director and best screenplay.

Kate Winslet won both best leading actress and best supporting actress for her roles in "Revolutionary Road" and "The Reader," respectively. Another expected win was "30 Rock," which won best television series — musical or comedy.

Some particular highlights of the evening were moments like the one where Jennifer Lopez, when presenting the award for best supporting actress, told the crowd to quiet down by saying "Hello, hello, mamma's talking."

The director of "Dark Knight", Christopher Nolan, accepted on behalf of the late actor, and said that Ledger would be dearly missed.

Also memorable were Kate Winslet's double wins at the Golden Globes, especially since she had not previously been awarded a Golden Globe.

There was even some good-humored picking of Hollywood's elite. "Borat" actor Sasha Cohen roasted Golden Globe attendees by making jokes that clearly peeved the A-list audience and undoubtedly amused viewers.

Although this year of the Golden Globes had the lowest amount of viewers and the lowest viewer rating, it still had a good showing.

Everyone who earned an award, got it, and every good piece of film and television was acknowledged and celebrated.

Next, the Oscars!

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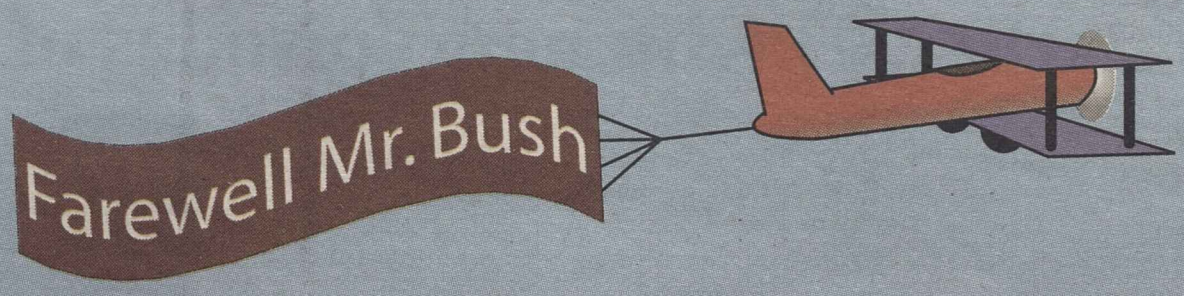

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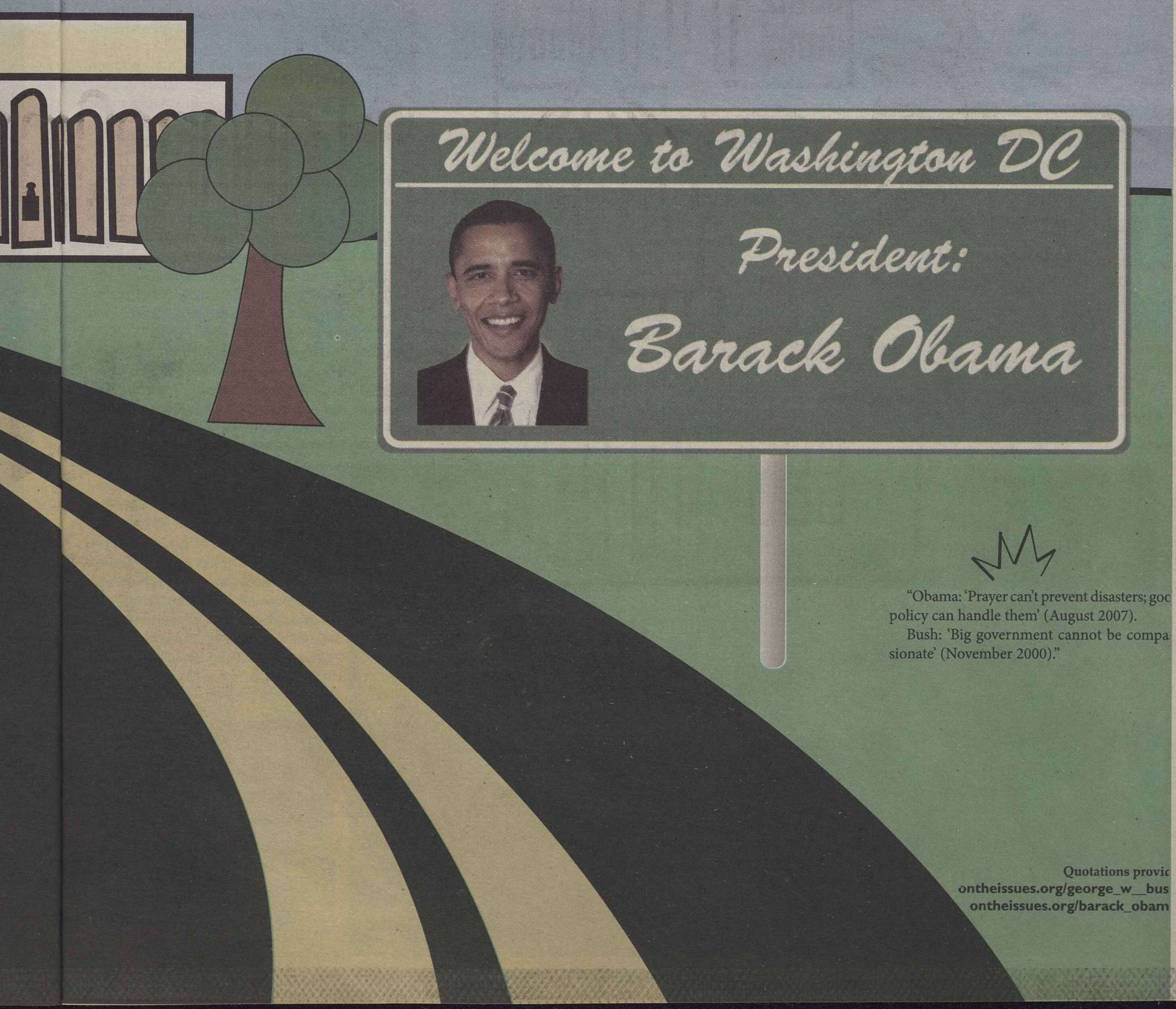

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entertainment

ABC jump starts 2009 with new episodes of old favorites

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Staff Writer

ABC proudly restarted its seasons for the New Year Jan. 4. With "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives" at the forefront of attention, ABC continues to recover from last season's detrimental writers' strike with exciting plots and evening lineups.

"*Seriously*," "Grey's" is back on Thursday nights at 9. After a rocky season-and-a-half, viewers hope to see "Grey's Anatomy" back to show off its charm.

"Grey's combines witty, quick humor with interesting plots and medical drama in a way that no other show does," First-year "Grey's" enthusiast Emily Reigart said. "Plus, the doctor's on 'Grey's' are fun to look at."

With Cristina Yang and Meredith Grey fighting, controversial homosexual affection, and Izzie Stevens dating a dead man, the reviews have been up and down for season five's ratings.

"I get annoyed when it becomes like a soap opera — Denny coming back as a ghost, the water pipe exploding, Meredith almost dying, etc," Reigart said. "I liked it so much better when the only insanity was over who was sleeping with whom!"

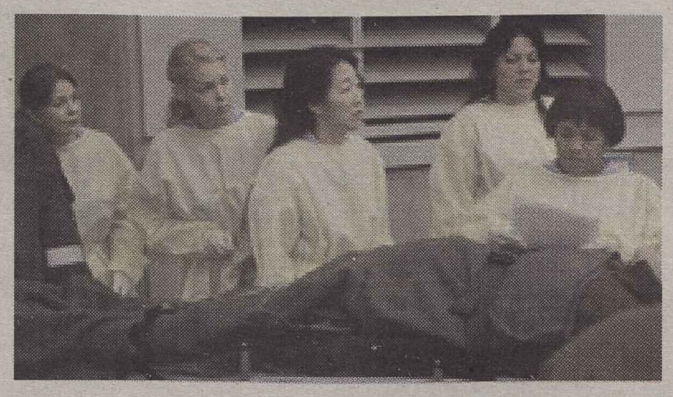
Images: *abc.com*

However, most of the drama may mainly reflect the off-screen drama amongst actors, writers and producers. After the farewell to Isaiah Washington two seasons ago due to his offensive slur on-set, and the new controversy concerns Katherine Heigl and her character, Izzie Stevens.

After publicly stating that she should not receive an Emmy nomination due to her lack of material on the show, Heigl has been given a difficult plot to work through this season. Izzie's questionable relationship with her deceased fiancé could possibly be an attempt to write Heigl off of the show or to reprimand her for "biting the hand that feeds."

Viewers continue to attempt to keep up with "Grey's Anatomy's" off-screen drama and its confusing overload of new characters. With Dr. Erica Hahn's removal and the additions of several doctors, the plot lines have been travelling rocky roads.

However, true "Grey's" fans continue to hold onto hope that the season will turn around, as it started to with the promising episode Jan. 15. Hope remains that Meredith and Cristina will possibly return to their comical and endearing "she's my person" relationship, Izzie will finally end up with Alex, and the Chief will return the hospital to its top-notch status.



The rest of the season holds promise that "Grey's" will revisit its glory days of humor, love battles, and the endless resistance of "growing up."

According to Meredith, "We're adults. When did that happen and how do we make it stop?"

On Sunday nights at 9, it's no surprise to hear a character proclaim something like desperate housewife Bree Van de Kamp does: "Okay, now I want you to hold the gun like you're holding a beautiful white dove. Hold it firmly enough that it can't get away, but not so firmly that you can kill it."

With their white gloves covering up the "claws", the residents of Wysteria Lane illustrate "Desperate Housewives'" central theme of appearance versus reality. *ABC.com* explains that as "[a] primetime soap with a truly contemporary take on the "happily ever after," "Desperate Housewives" takes a darkly comedic look at suburbia, where the secret lives of housewives aren't always what they seem." For its fifth season, "Desperate Housewives" chose to begin five years down the road from where they left off in season four.

Throughout the years, the housewives have transformed dramatically, most notably through the suspenseful subplot concerning "Housewives'" new character, Dave Williams. Newly married to Edie Britt, Dave has been secretly keeping tabs on his next victim. Yes, his *next* victim.

After setting fire to a club and killing his anger management psychiatrist, Dave still has his eyes on Mike Delfino, the man who, as only the viewers know, killed Dave's wife and daughter in a car accident. Dave has not managed to get his hands on the unsuspecting Mike yet, but the second half of the season is sure to prove more ominous.

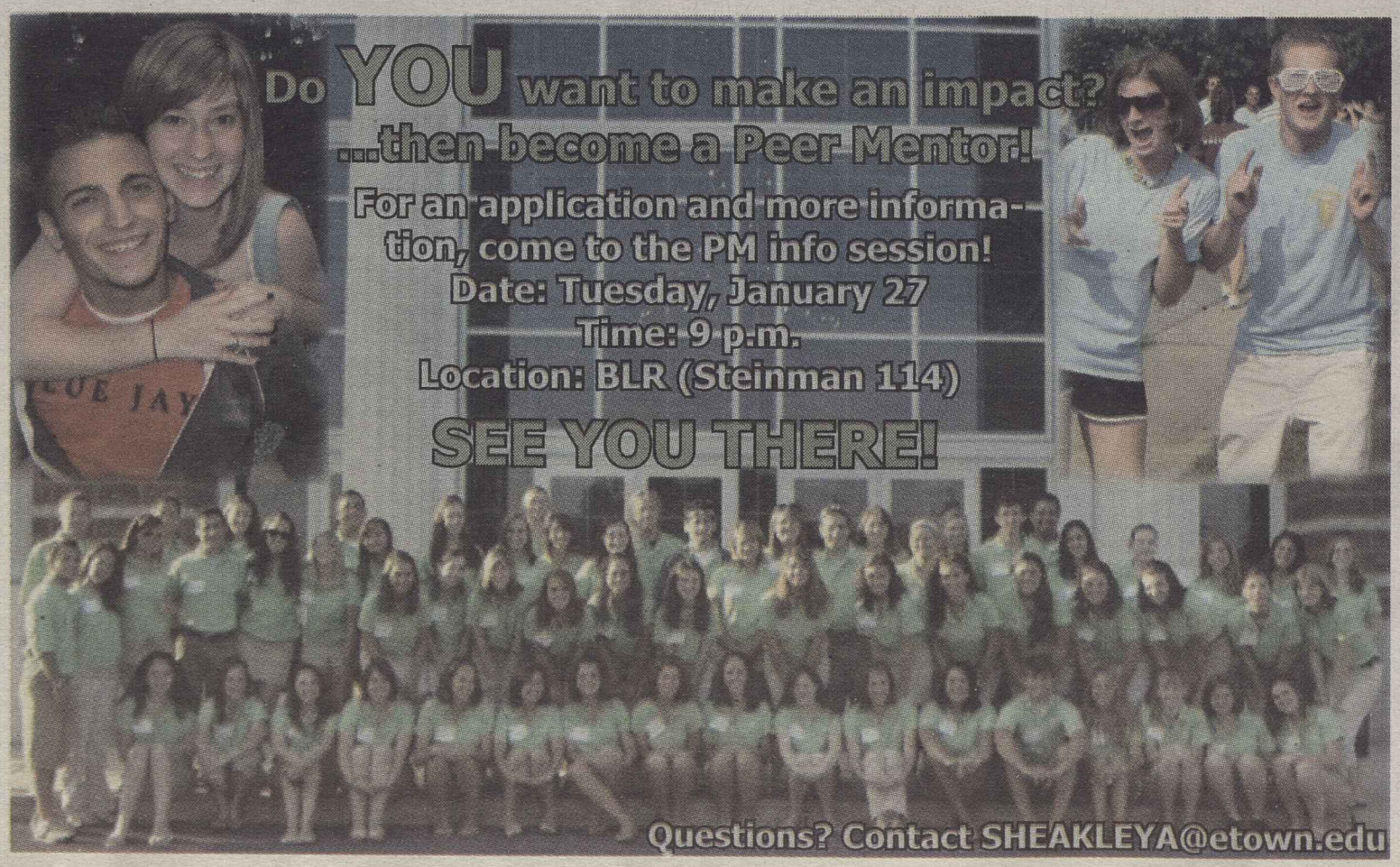
"Housewives" is also exciting viewers with a second major subplot concerning teenage Porter Scavo and his affair with a friend's mother. Having just escaped arson charges regarding his mistress' husband's club, (the crime Dave really committed), Porter is now on the run from the husband who has threatened Porter's life.

Drama escalates and tension rises every Sunday night on the picture-perfect Wysteria Lane as viewers wait to see if, by the end of this season, one of America's beloved characters will be dead.

"Probably the best part is watching it with my girlfriends or my mom. It's nice to be all in the same place and get worked up about someone else's life," Reigart said about watching shows on ABC.

The excitement of getting close to friends for some quality R&R during these back-to-school days never fails to keep spirits alive and friendships strong.

Welcome ABC into your dorm this winter by joining the doctors at Seattle Grace Hospital and the housewives on Wysteria Lane.



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on campus

Blue Bean brews a Sunday opening

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Editor in Chief
Jamie L. Bartolino
Assistant Editor

This semester, the Blue Bean Café (BBC) has extended its normal hours to include Sundays from 4 p.m. to midnight. Dining Services agreed to open the BBC an extra day due to an overwhelming amount of complaints from students and parents regarding the limited hours of the cherished coffee shop.

According to senior Elizabeth Kirk, Campus Life Editor for *the Etownian* and Jay's Nest Student Manager and senior Erika Belletti, also a Jay's Nest Student Manager, the BBC Sunday hours are only in effect for an undetermined trial period.

During this time, Dining Services will closely monitor the progress of business earned by the BBC on Sundays. After the total period, if the cash total, Jay Buck total and customer count monitored by Dining Services are sufficient enough to make up for staffing and product costs, the BBC might keep its Sunday hours intact.

In the past, students have expressed interest in having the BBC as a refreshment option while working on the weekends, especially Sunday nights. In an opinion article titled "Blue Bean hours too limited for students" in *the Etownian* published Nov. 6, 2008, junior Abbey Anderson expressed her feelings on the issue.

Anderson argued that between families that visit the College on weekends and the fact that wasting a meal swipe on a cup of coffee isn't nearly fair, the BBC should give and take some of its hours to allow for weekend availability.

Contrary to popular belief, the staff of Dining Services, especially the student managers and team leaders, would love to see the BBC open for students and families on weekends.

The only issues with adding extra hours were money and staffing, both of which are out of the managers' control.

"It causes problems for managers," Kirk and Belletti said.

"We are only allowed to work 20 hours per week. If no one shows up to work, we are expected to come in. We can't go over hours because that gets Dining Services in trouble with Payroll, and in turn gets Elizabethtown College in trouble with the federal government, who regulates the number of hours a college student can work per week."

In addition, all student employees who staff the BBC must be trained by a BBC-certified student manager or team leader. This includes all student managers, making it difficult to find time to train employees.

Although these issues are present, "the student managers are very happy to help Dining Services help and give back to the students," Kirk and Belletti said.

Over the next few weeks, if all goes well, the BBC will procure a good amount of business on Sunday nights and will remain open and available to the Etown community.

"If it works, it works. If it doesn't, it doesn't," Kirk and Belletti said.

So in the weeks to come, be sure to stop by the BBC while cramming for your Monday morning exam to enjoy a delicious mocha latte or milkshake. And don't forget to thank the student worker serving you!

student issues

Recession creates concern for '09ers

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Campus Life Editor
Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Headlines across the nation have been grim lately. With increasing use of the words recession and job loss, the class of 2009 may have a tougher time than anticipated in finding jobs. Moreover, that dream job that many have been looking for may be just out of reach.

Looking at the newest batch of Etown students to graduate, they are facing a recessed job market — not a pleasent idea for those who will neeed an income in just a few months.

Many soon-to-be graduates from departments like anthropology are looking to graduate school, to not only prepare them for a specialized career, but also to allow them to bide some time. Others are hoping to simply take the plunge, while one group of graduates still has time before the economic downturn hits them.

Statistically, the largest and most popular department on campus is education. *CollegeBoard.com* cites this major as the most popular among college students across the country. School board member Howie Atkinson of Franklin Township, N.J. said "Everybody wants to be a teacher — only five days a week and summers off." That's how many college students feel as well. But will this growing trend in job losses affect the education system as well?

Senior education major Kristen Paporello is going to graduate in May 2009 with degrees in both elementary and special education. She's crossing her fingers that someone will want to hire her in the Wilmington, N.C. area.

"It's such a rapidly growing area, so there are a number of schools that are looking for fresh new teachers," she said. Although she isn't looking into working in a special education environment and classroom in the near future, her special ed concentration "opens up other options for me and also makes me more marketable as a potential inclusive regular education teacher."

Paporello also said that although the current job market and recession will affect some of her peers, the world is always in need of teachers.

"Teaching does have more availability and job security since this world is full of children and schools in need of teachers to educate them all," she said.

But Atkinson warned against this.

"Although there are always positions, you have to be at the top of the applicant pool," he said. "Make sure you get in there and substitute teach if you can. The more experience you have in a particular district, the better."

He also speaks of experience.

"We had one position open up and there were over 300 applicants for this one position. You really have to be the best, and everything you do matters."

Although the recession may have an effect on many jobs, problems in the education system may not surface for another year or two — or maybe even longer. Sophomore Jessica Waetke, an elementary and early childhood education major, is confident in finding a job after graduation as well.

"There is always a need for teachers, especially as some retire," she said. She thinks the biggest change could be in the salary area, but not in job placement.

Jobs in education and in other departments will change with the economy. The growing trend of education majors may supersede the amount of students in schools, and soon positions in good districts could be difficult to find. Students will have to work hard and do research to find open positions. But it is worth it, Atkinson says: "These jobs are hard to come by, but once you find one, it is hard to get away."

Overall, the class of 2009 has its work cut out for it. Those who are not education majors are facing difficulties in the recent economic downturn. Some individuals must go to graduate school before they're able to find a job; others started looking in the fall for a part-time job that will hopefully become full-time eventually.

movie review

Biggie hits it big

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Notorious", the cinematic tale of infamous rapper Biggie Smalls, presents a series of memories. The film begins with a gunshot: audience foreknowledge of the man's untimely death sustains the entire piece and keeps the tenor tragic. Christopher George Wallace, also known as Big Poppa, Biggie Smalls and the Notorious B.I.G., is shown to be talented but tough, sociable but callous. "Notorious" keeps his character genuine without diminishing his legend.

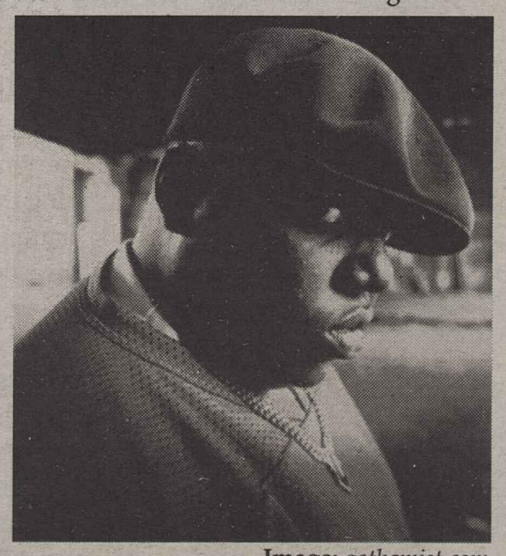
Director George Tillman, Jr. fills the narrative with memories. B.I.G. (Jamal Woolard) leads viewers through snapshots of his life, balancing drug deals and recording studios with mundane-but-touching personal moments: holding his daughter for the first time, learning of his mother's breast cancer, flirting on the street with Lil' Kim (Naturi Noughton), and playing pool with Tupac (Anthony Mackie).

Despite the fame of the main characters, the celebrities feel human: Sean "Puffy" Combs (Derek Luke), for example, is just a hard-working man in a nice office. This is doubtless due to the involvement of the celebrities themselves: Combs has lead production credit, and his memories supplement Biggie's own. Voletta Wallace, B.I.G.'s mother, also produces; she is portrayed in the film by Angela Bassett, who finishes the narration of memories after Biggie's death. Finally, memories of the viewers themselves are invoked. "Notorious" uses decade-old stock footage of the funeral processions of Tupac and B.I.G., reminding audiences of the news they heard just 12 years ago.

Tillman balances Wallace's recollections with auditory terrain; B.I.G. tracks match a rich soundscape of city noises and city silences. Everyone wants to be "the last cat still standing," and they survive by using noise. Writers Reggie Rock Bythewood and Cheo Hodari Coker occasionally spatter dialogue with contrived-sounding truisms like "don't chase the paper; chase the dream," but by the time that Wallace dies at 24, all of the quotes feel appropriate.

Though the film stresses its "mo' money, mo' problems" theme for the first half, it tends to wander as the character of Biggie matures. Perhaps sacrificing their artistic integrity for attachment to Wallace himself, the filmmakers entirely ignore large sections of his later history (including his alleged affair with Lil' Kim and his theft and assault of a concert promoter). Biggie's occasional sins remain, but the story told by "Notorious" is overwhelmingly one of big dreams, human relationships and tragic misunderstanding.

Overall, the movie remains fulfilling: it is a clever, poignant epic best watched in a warm urban theater on a cold winter's night.



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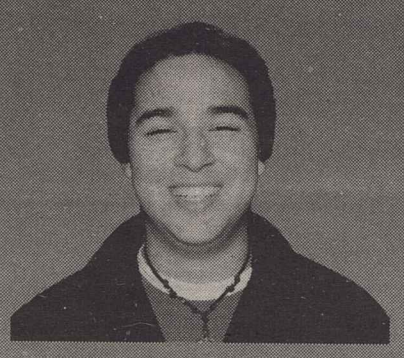
SOUND OFF

WHICH TEAM DO YOU FAVOR TO WIN THE SUPERBOWL?

by Matthew P. Butera

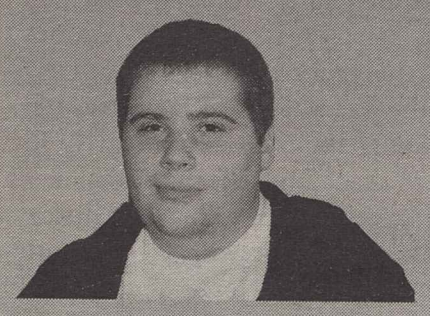
Kyle D'Amato
Class of 2010

"Arizona. They are the underdog. Noboby expects them to win."



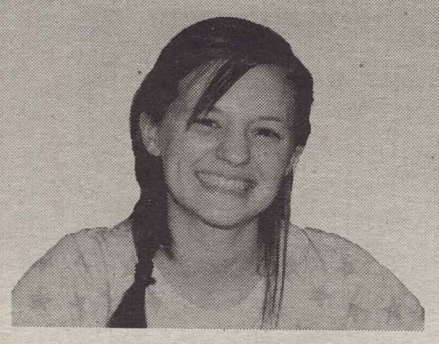
Connor Shea
Class of 2012

"The Steelers. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh. They will always be my team."



Nathan Smith
Class of 2011

"The Arizona Cardinals. I don't like anything related to Pittsburgh."



Nicole Blough
Class of 2010

"The Pittsburgh Steelers because I am a native Pennsylvanian."

on campus

Alcohol policy hypocritical, ineffective

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As would be expected for a *dry* campus, Elizabethtown College's alcohol policy includes a section regarding the confiscation of alcohol-related paraphernalia. More specifically, this "includes but is not limited to partially filled or empty containers, funnels, keg taps, pong tables and anything associated with drug substance use." Obviously, this means that using any of these items as room decorations wouldn't be the brightest course of action, as it would only take an RA walking past an open door to get you busted.

I can understand the reasoning behind a rule like this. Sort of. Never mind; that was a lie. Is the administration under the impression that a policy like this will actually cut down on drinking? Maybe it's more of an "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" thing, so they can pretend it isn't really happening as long as none of these itmes are openly displayed.

Now, hypocrisy is a mighty strong word, but perhaps this rule would carry a bit more weight if the school didn't sell shot glasses in the bookstore (shot glasses with the school's logo on them). And no, it isn't just the 21-year-olds buying them. And no, the minors aren't going to use them to drink small amounts of soda.

To be honest, the knowledge that I'm not allowed to line my room with the glass exoskeletons of every handle I've ever conquered isn't going to keep me up at night. But maybe it'll keep some people up. What about the people who have such a low self-image that the only way they can feel some sense of worth in their otherwise empty lives is by showing off to friends and acquaintances how much alcohol they ingest on a daily basis? Or the people who firmly believe that a beer bong on the wall does wonders for a room's *feng shui*? How does the school expect its males to live the playboy lifestyle if we can't even display our selection of fine, imported wines? It's clear that the needs of these individuals have not been addressed, and have been sacrificed for the supposed protection of the many. For a school that emphasizes the value of diversity, it's alarming to see such a blatant disregard for this group of people.

Remember, kids: it's okay to have a beer pong poster or a picture of Bob Marley smoking a big fat joint, but don't you dare put out any bottles that may have at one point contained alcohol. Because that's just irresponsible.

All that aside, I can't help but wonder what happens to all the confiscated paraphernalia. It would be such a waste to just throw everything out. I'll bet Campus Security has some killer parties when nobody's looking.

in the nation

Reality TV cheap to produce, entertaining

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Reality television has greatly contributed to the dumbing down of America. Rather than watching a program that can teach something new, programs that humiliate and defame the human spirit have become all the rage. This says a lot about our American culture when the mundane and sometimes outrageous antics of people can take precedence over real life. For better or worse, reality television is one of the easiest forms of escapism available in America today.

Reality television will continue to be popular among our society and will stay on the air as long as people are tuning in and helping television stations reap the rewards of strong ratings. At almost any given moment, a reality television show can be found playing on the air. The real question, though, is why is reality television so popular? It is the fastest growing genre of programming on television; programs such as "American Idol" and "Survivor" draw in millions of viewers each week. Why is our generation stooping to what has been called "the lowest form of entertainment there is?"

Reality television shows now fill prime time slots on all of the major broadcast networks. In fact, five of TV's top 20 programs are reality series, and many more reality programs are planned for the future.

Contestants on reality shows are all working toward one common goal: winning the final prize. Whether the prize is signing with a major record label, having their designs published in Elle magazine, or just receiving a bundle of cash, contestants line up days in advance to be featured on these ever so popular television shows. But what possesses people to be filmed on camera and risk the horrible embarrassment they are bound to face? More importantly, why are people so interested in watching these types of shows? Shouldn't we be watching the news and staying informed about what is going on in the world instead of learning about who wants to become Paris Hilton's new best friend? If this is the case, then why is the entertainment industry continuing to produce these trashy and brainless shows?

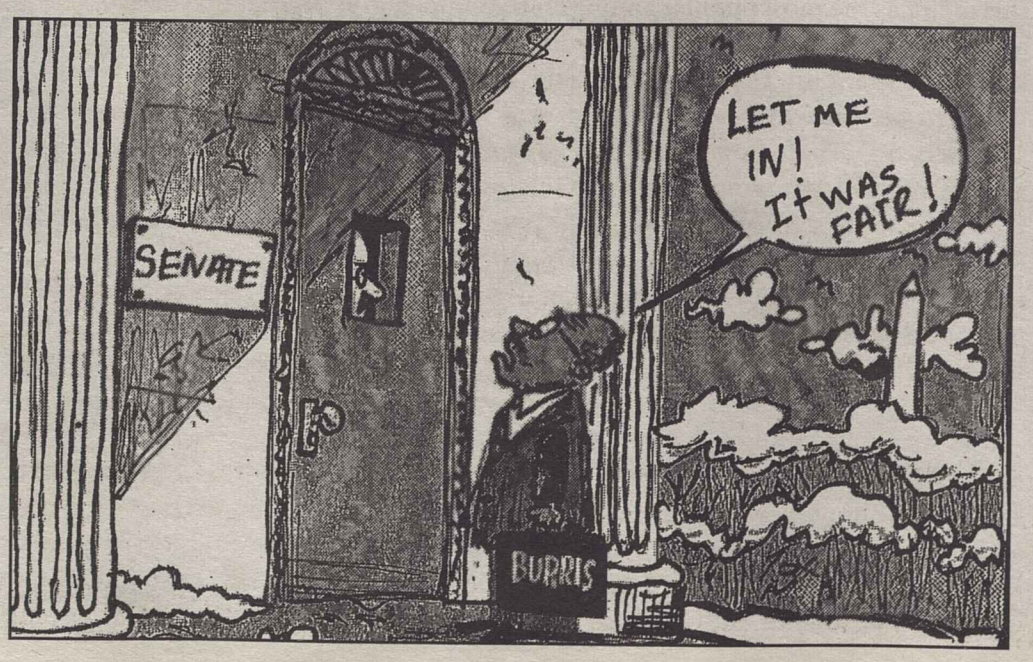
The number one reason why reality television shows are continuing to be produced is because they are cheap in more ways than one. Reality shows are inexpensive to produce because there are eager performers, who do not care if they make fools of themselves or if they have to perform embarrassing tasks in front of millions of people. All the participants want is to have their 15 minutes of fame. Some of these people will do whatever it takes to win. For instance, eating bugs on the show "Fear Factor," or twisting their bodies in all types of shapes in the new show "Hole in the Wall." No matter the task, these contestants are up to the challenge.

There is also little fixed capital. Reality television shows are considerably less expensive to produce than a popular sitcom or hit drama like "Grey's Anatomy." Not much money goes into producing the show in the first place, and the result is nothing like a regular television show. The reality TV audience is extremely easy to please, and it does not take much to keep them entertained. Therefore, shows like "American Idol" can have eight seasons of production without losing any ratings.

Most reality television shows are taped for 24- hour time periods, so it is easy to get a lot of information about the contestants. The producers catch all of the embarrassing moments of the contestants on film and do not leave anything out when it comes to editing the content of the footage.

Reality television is considered cheap and stylish by the industry. Most audiences merely want to be entertained, not informed. Reality television fills our craving for snooping into the lives of others.

So how can reality television continue to stand out from the crowd? As long as producers are willing to come up with new and fresh ideas, and as long as viewers are willing to give those producers positive feedback, reality television has a great chance of surviving this tough and ever-changing new media world. If reality television continues to provide people with the entertainment they desire, there is a good chance that the industry will continue to flourish and expand.



letter to the editor

Mentoring program: peace work

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What is this? Questions from the World Geography category of "Jeopardy?" A 'Which of these doesn't belong' question from "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?"

Neither. It's just a partial list of the places that Etown alumni have served around the world (and around the corner) while trying to make a difference.

The Alumni Peace Fellowship Mentoring Initiative has been created to connect current Elizabethtown College students (i.e. you) with those alumni who have significant experience with service in both domestic and/or international settings, as well as peacemaking, peace studies and conflict resolution.

The hope and goal of this program is to stimulate and encourage you to consider peace work and service as part of your life and to provide practical grounding and direction gained from the alumni-mentors' own experience. The Elizabethtown College Mission Statement states, in part, that in keeping with the heritage of the Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown College affirms the values of peace, nonviolence, dignity and social justice and seeks to make those values manifest in the global community. The mentoring program offers a tangible and accessible way to carry out this mission.

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.

A mentor is one who provides another with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive example. Mentors are good listeners. They are people who care, people who want to help you bring out strengths that are already there.

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If you are interested, just contact one of these five people on campus: Bill Ayres (Dir. of CGC), Karen Hodges (Chaplain's Office), Mike Long (Peace Studies faculty), Jane Nini (Career Services), or Tracy Sadd (Chaplain). They have summaries of, and contact information about, each volunteer mentor, along with a detailed profile of each mentor to help you get connected.

These mentors can help give you the practical tools needed to make a real difference in the world. I hope you'll consider learning more!

So as you look toward the rest of 2009 and fulfilling all those resolutions, why not try something new and give the mentoring program a try? Who knows, you may just learn a thing or two about yourself and gain insight into the world of service.

That would be Mentoring Program for $100; thank you, Alex. (Note: It's actually FREE).

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in the nation

Bush's real legacy from his terms

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Our 43rd President, George W. Bush, has finally finished his run in office. He is officially done acting as the leader of the free world. I can say with a fair amount of confidence that most of the world is now breathing a sigh of relief.

Bush's legacy, at least in the foreseeable future, will not be a good one.

He shall be remembered for broken promises, digging this country into economic and international holes that will take serious effort to escape, and a general inability to speak publicly, which oftentimes left Americans and other international persons mocking his intellectual capacity.

A common trend in the Bush administration involved writing checks he could not cash, so to speak.

Bush approved the No Child Left Behind Act in 2002, which was meant to provide federal funding to elementary and high schools where students were not advancing sufficiently. However, despite the funding put toward this act, improvement has been minimal, or non-existant.

After Sept. 11, 2001, Bush launched a war on terrorism, sending troops into Iraq in 2003 and promising freedom from under Saddam Hussein. Although Hussein was captured and his regime removed from power, now, in 2009, after thousands of American soldiers' deaths, there is no promise of resolve in Iraq or the removal of U.S. troops.

To be fair, he also promoted policies regarding health care and social security reform, as well as Medicare prescription drug benefits for seniors.

However, as he leaves office, most people are left with a sour taste in their mouths. This may be largely due to the fact that he was eager to make promises that he never kept.

Of all the mistakes Bush has made, this is perhaps his largest. The American people do not like to be lied to, even if it is done in order to provide comfort or to promote patriotism and solidarity.

We are living in troubled times, and perhaps the wisest thing Bush could have done was to be honest with the citizens trusting him to lead.

The U.S. is not an impenetrable fortress, and pretending we cannot fail is an error that could be our downfall.

We are a nation filled with very capable and willing citizens who will do what it takes to preserve the freedoms for which we have worked and fought so hard.

We deserve to know what we are in for. If Bush were going to lead us into war and into economic downturn, then we deserved an honest assessment of what this country had to endure.

Even then, as he left office, we would have known where we stood. If he was not remembered as the best president, he would have been remembered as an honest one who did the right thing for his country and gave its people what it deserved: honesty.

staff column

Significant clothes

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Last May, critics skewered Ms. Rachel Ray for donning a keffiyeh during a Dunkin' Donuts commercial. At the time, those well-informed enough to have opinions about the matter responded with everything from hipster ire to white guilt. Eight months later, Israel's extraordinarily reckless activity in Gaza may have finally propelled me to make a similar purchase.

Backing up somewhat — a "keffiyeh" or "keffiyah" is a traditional Arab headdress worn (typically by men) to protect the skin from the sun, the sand and the dust. While folks like Yasser Arafat wrap them into headdresses, it's more common in the West to substitute them for scarves. Two patterns have specific significance: the red-and-white cotton "shemagh," often worn in Jordan and Somalia, and the black-and-white variety, which nowadays supports Palestinian nationalism. (This isn't the equivalent of a swastika or a crucifix, mind; it's more like a Yankees cap. Also like a Yankees cap, it can draw negative attention.)

Fox News hassled Ray for wearing a symbol of "murderous Palestinian jihad," which may have been a bit excessive of him, but the fact remains that many up-and-coming young celebrities (and Americans in general) are adopting a garment with significant cultural ramifications.

For whatever reason, left-leaning social activists and Bavarian neo-nazis alike are sporting them. Everyone over *there* is excused, of course; it's very hot and sandy, and they're a ubiquitous part of even an American Marine's kit. But when they pop into "The Young and the Restless," or onto the necks of the Olsen twins, their message dulls itself somewhat.

Now you know. And now Ms. Ray knows. Her keffiyeh retailed for over a thousand dollars, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

A symbol of that cost may be outside a student's budget. However, Israel's 22-day offensive (which killed 1,200 Palestinians and left hundreds of smoking buildings — including a U.N. headquarters) has prompted me to look for a nice one. I don't support "murderous Palestinian jihad," but I do oppose inexcusably bloody invasions.

Plus, they're supposedly very comfortable.

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etown wrestling

Early losses plague season; Jays looking to finish strong

Rachel A. Marsteller
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Over this past break, the Etown wrestling team battled against some tough opponents while the rest of campus was still enjoying the final week of our breaks. The team faced off against New York University (NYU), Muhlenberg, Messiah, the College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and Centenary, and attended the York Invitational.

At the Jan. 7 match, the Jays faced off against NYU and Muhlenberg. They split the match, winning against Muhlenberg 35-12 but losing to NYU 21-13, which gives them a record of 2-6 for the season.

"Our record is not indicative of how tough our squad really is," Eric Walker, head wrestling coach, said. "We are dealing with a lot of injuries and wrestling a really tough schedule."

Leading the Jays with two wins are senior Jereme Heisey, sophomore Marty Harnish and first-year Tyler Erdman.

Heisey won by a technical fall with 5:52 on the clock against Muhlenberg and a 3-2 decision against NYU. Both Erdman and Harnish won by forfeit against NYU and had impressive victories over Muhlenberg.

"We lack the overall intensity in matches. The guys got to have the desire to win and have the willingness to work for it," Harnish said.

Junior Tim Katzaman helped to close the gap in the NYU match with a 7-1 victory. Junior Mike Daub had an impressive victory over Muhlenberg: he pinned opponent Nick Pollata in 55 seconds.

Within days of returning to campus, Etown hosted Messiah in their last home match Jan. 13. This match was an impressive showing of the wrestling team's talent. They won seven of the 10 match ups to seize a 29-9 win over Messiah. Both Erdman and Daub earned pins for the Jays furthering their remarkable lead.

Sophomore Bill Meaney and first-year Jordon Becker both won by major decision. Harnish, Heisey and first-year Ronnie Cuff all contributed wins to the overall team victory.

"It was nice to win. Everyone was really fired up. The fans being there really helped," Harnish said.

Before winter break, the team was working hard while the rest of campus was busy studying for finals. They travelled to the York Invitational Tournament at York College. They placed tied for fifth out of 10 teams, winning 40 points overall. Katzaman claimed the 285-pound title with a 1-0 decision. Overall, for the day he was 4-0, winning with a fall and three decisions. Erdman finished second at 125 pounds, winning by 8-3 decision in the finals. For the day, Erdman went 3-1, winning with a tech fall, decision and a major. Junior Eric Rhoads just missed making the finals with a 3-2 day. Sophomores Marty Harnish, Jarrod Cawley, Josh Cook, Anthony Dimarco and first-year Ronnie Cuff all had victories at the tournament as well.

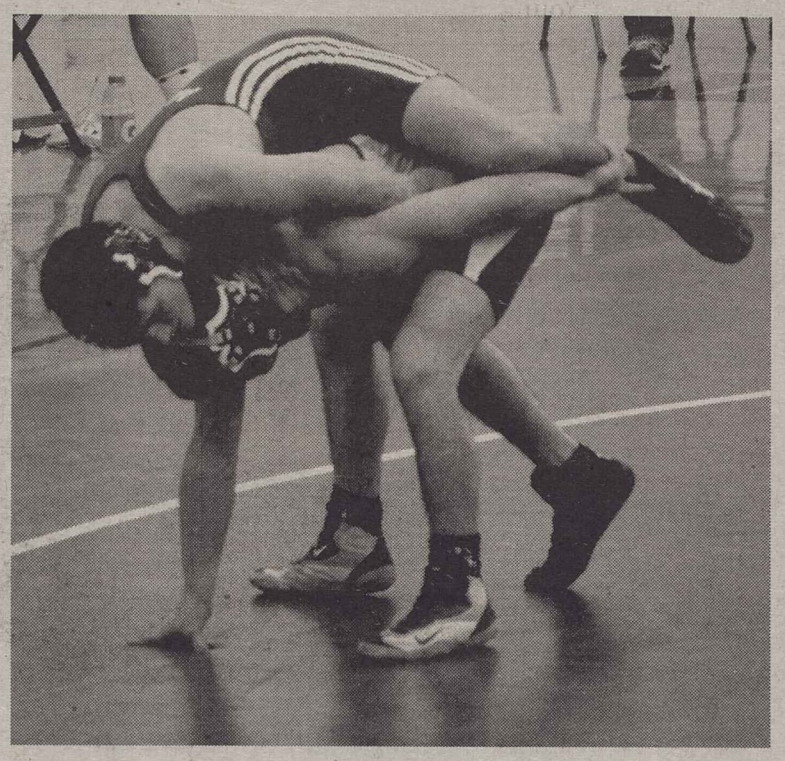

Photo: Kalie M. Desimone
Junior Eric Rhoads attempts to fend off Messiah Alex DeHart in a Tuesday matchup. The team won the match 29-9.

In the Jan. 17 competition, Etown attended two separate matches. York College hosted TCNJ and Centenary where some of the team went to compete. Others will travel over to Messiah College for a tournament.

"This is going to be a tough weekend for us, but I expect we can go out there and perform," Walker said before the match. "A lot of teams look past us, but we are going to come out and surprise them."

They certainly did that, fighting hard against both TCNJ and Centenary. Unfortunately, the Blue Jays lost both rounds, falling to TCNJ 25-15 and Centenary 28-16.

Against TCNJ, Erdman, Harnish and Katzaman all contributed points with a technical fall, major decision and forfeit, respectively. When the Blue Jays faced off against Centenary, Erdman, junior Paul Connors, Cook and Katzaman all helped to show that the Blue Jays can surprise.

"I don't think we were completely prepared for these matches. We got out hustled," Cook said.

The next match will be held at Scranton Saturday Jan. 24.

"I think the rest of the season will go well; we may be 3-8, but most of the teams we lost to are either Divison 2 or highly-ranked teams in Divison III. Now we have teams that are not ranked as high, such as York, and Wilkes, and Messiah was one, so our team will start getting wins and hopefully be ranked by the end of the season," Erdman said.

"We don't have any more home matches, but we have a few more away matches and would love any support from any fans who can make it."

With no remaining home games for the rest of the season, the men will hit the road for the final home stretch. They will face Scranton University Saturday.

etown indoor track

Indoor meets prepare team for upcoming spring season

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

When you look outside any window on campus this time of year, many things may catch your attention. You may glance at the weather-stricken trees, leafless due to the recent frigid temperatures. Or possibly, you will catch a glimpse of the students, bundled from head to toe, hurriedly shuffling to their next class or toward the warmth of the BSC. This type of climate is usually a precursor for plenty of hot chocolate and days and nights spent huddled under covers, clutching a bowl of ramen for warmth.

For most people, athletics are the furthest thing from anyone's mind, and the thought of doing work outside, even for enjoyment, seems utterly ridiculous. However, when you have conference titles to defend and dreams of the national championship to fulfill, the daily runs become a part of your life, and the unbearable cold becomes a little bit easier to take.

The men's and women's indoor track teams have proven that this hard work pays off through their finishes so far this season.

Coming into the season, the men's team had a lot of expectations riding on them, as they have won the Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) indoor championships six years in a row. So far, they have been able to impress.

Saturday, the men's team competed at the Orange & Maroon Classic, a non-scoring meet at Susquehanna University. Sophomore Chris Heisey came off a strong cross country season without skipping a beat, taking first out of 34 participants in the 3,000-meter run and earning the sixth-best time in school history, with a time of 8:54.65. Plenty of other runners for the men's team also came in with great finishes, including senior Dylan Rulander (4:27.08) and first-year Evan DeArmitt (4:32.22), who placed third and fifth in the one-mile run, respectively.

"I think we did well as a team on Saturday," first-year Steven Boyer, who competes in the pentathlon and pole vault events, said. "A lot of people set personal records, and it was good to have all the distance guys together again."

Although the men had an impressive showing at Susquehanna, the women were determined not to be outdone. They were led by senior Tiffany Kulp, whose championship cross country season was complimented by her first-place finish in the one mile run with a time of 5:18.06.

Senior Chelsea Miles also had a strong day jumping, finishing in the top four in both high jump and triple jump, and placing seventh in long jump. The finishes that the women displayed were very strong, considering the handicap one must consider when going from outdoor to indoor running.

"Overall, I prefer outdoor track, because breathing tends to be a lot harder indoors, and it's harder to make yourself pick it up at the right spot while running on the indoor track. It's half the size of a typical track, so you need to speed up a few turns before you normally would," first-year runner Kathryn Howser, who competed in the 4x400 and the 800-meter races at Susquehanna, said.

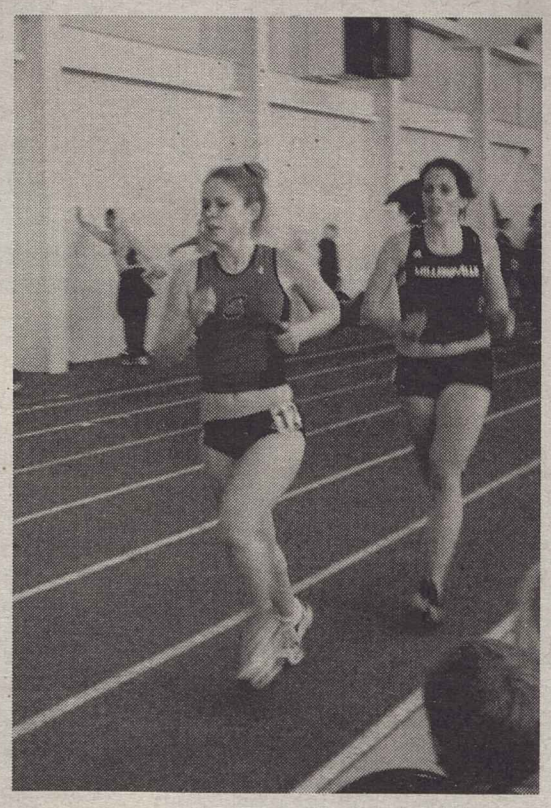

Photo: Kathyrn A. Howser
Racing to the finish line, sophomore Kristin Bowen runs in a meet Sunday at the Orange and Maroon Classic at Susquehanna University.

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams both had high expectations from themselves and from others coming into the season, and so far they have exceeded many of those in just one week.

Their next meet is at Ursinus Friday, Jan. 23, and they need all the support they can get from their Etown community. All their meets are away due to the College's lack of indoor facilities.

Hopefully with a substantial amount of meets coming up at the end of January, the men's and women's teams will be able to answer the expectations and bring home two more MAC Championships back to Etown.

Next on the list, the teams will travel to the Collegeville Classic that takes place at Ursinus College, tomorrow.

etown women's basketball

Ladies drop game last night, look ahead to conference

Paige M. Tanner
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The Elizabethtown girl's basketball team was hard at work over the winter break. After the holiday festivities were over, the Jays flew to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The flight the Jays took to St. Thomas wasn't as sweet at their win. At Miami, the girls were stranded because they were unable to make the crossover flight to St. Thomas. They stayed a night in Miami, and then continued the next day to the island.

They played Montclair University and Cabrini College. The girls lost their first game in the warm weather against Montclair, but once they got used to the climate change, they won against Cabrini 63-58. On their trip back, however, they did almost miss their plane to Philadelphia. Thankfully, the Blue Jays were able to swoop in and make it back safely to Etown.

Once they returned they went to work, playing three conference matches in a row. Their first opponent was Lycoming Jan. 7. The Jays were on the road and came out victorious.

This was the first conference game of the season and the girls came to play hard.

Senior Megan Quinn led the team with 21 points. Senior Jenn Montague was close behind with 20 points and added 20 rebounds. Montague is the first Blue Jay to get over 20 in both categories since 1993, when Susi Young played against Juniata and finished with 27 points and 23 rebounds. The Lycoming Warriors led the beginning of the game, but the Blue Jays outscored them 22-11 in the last eight minutes. Their endurance and concentration led them to a triumph.

The Lady Jays played rival school Messiah Jan. 10. Senior Megan Romano led the team with eight points and Montague snagged 10 rebounds. The Falcons started out with a strong lead, and the Jays just couldn't cut it down: Messiah won 73-42.

Right after everyone flocked back to campus, the girls were off to Albright Jan. 14. The Jays were winning in the last minutes of the game 54-52, but Albright caught fire and scored nine points to take the lead with 9:16 left. The Blue Jays fought back to slash the gap down, but the girls fell 66-60.

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
Adding to the win against Widener University, senior Megan Romano makes a jumper with 38 seconds left to give the Jays a four-point lead in the game.The Jays went on to win the game by a score of 72-65.

The latest game was held here at home Saturday. Elizabethtown beat Widener 72-65.

The game started off rough, but the Jays were able to pull it out. They girls showed more endurance than the Pride as the game went on. Quinn shone with 23 points, while Romano tacked on 17 more, seven of her points were in the 12-point run to win the game.

Every player contributed to the game swing. Junior Ali Jury added nine points right off the bench to ignite the comeback. Junior Courtney Kofeldt hit three three-point shots and finished with nine points to add to the score.

In a game last night, the Jays took on Lebanon Valley at home. The girls entered the game hoping to advance in the conference record, however ,they were unable to produce. They lost the game 72-51.

Quinn scored 11 points in the game, and Kofeldt added nine more. The Dutchmen forced the ladies to have 24 turnovers, as opposed to LV's 10. Sophomore Lori Lidlow scored 23 points for the Dutchmen, and in total, LV had 14 steals as opposed to the Lady Jay's 4.

The Blue Jays are looking forward to making it to the playoffs. They are now 2-3 in the Commonwealth Conference and 8-7 overall.

They have seven more conference games to dominate to achieve their goals, but there is nothing to stop these Lady Jays.

etown swimming

Men and Women head into final two meets before MACs

Joelle E. Atkinson
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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's swim teams have had a tough fight since coming back from winter break.

The teams took a trip to Florida to start off the last leg of their seasons. In Florida, they worked on sprints, conditioning and specialty training in their own individual events. This training also served to strengthen them for the MAC championships in February.

Since returning from the Sunshine State, the teams have had three meets against Albright, McDaniel and Washington College in Maryland. In their first meet against Albright, the men received two wins with junior Matt Drob in the 50 freestyle and senior Chris Miller in the 100 backstroke. Unfortunately, these were not enough, and the final tally for the men was Albright 92, Etown 43.

Junior Lindsay Riley led the women with two victories in both the 50 free and 100 back. Senior Gretchen Geiger also aided in the victories with a first touch in the 100 breast stroke, as did first year Emily Robinson, who finished first in the 1,000 freestyle. The women's final score for the meet was Albright 111, Elizabethtown 94.

In their next meet at McDaniel, the women came home with a win, hoping to continue their streak from earlier in the season.

The women won with a 56-39 victory by picking up all five of the final events. The team was lead by Geiger, who won the 200 individual medley and the 200 breast stroke. Other wins came from Riley in the 100 freestyle, Robinson in the 500 freestyle and sophomore Courtney Kelly in the 200 backstroke.

In addition to the individual events, the Blue Jays showed they could work as a team as they swept both relays of the day. The team of Riley, Geiger, senior Jenny Brizek and sophomore Stephanie Hellman took the 400 medley relay. The second foursome of the day — Brizek, Hellman, Geiger and junior Kara Geiger — won the 400-freestyle relay.

The men, however, did not have such an easy time. McDaniel took the win with a score of 61 to 32. Both Drob and Miller once again had first touches in 50 freestyle and 500 freestyle, respectively. Miller and Drob were joined by sophomore Tom Hagerty and junior Dan Provence to win the 400 medley relay.

In the swim teams' most recent match against Washington, both the men and women suffered devastating losses, the men posting a score of 71 to Washington's 120, and the women with only 38.5 in comparison to 120.5.

The lone winning individual swimmers were Drob and Gretchen Geiger. Drob posted an impressive 23.83 seconds in the 50 freestyle while Geiger placed first in the 100 breast stroke.

Etown's swimming relay teams were back in fighting form with the team of Drob, Hagerty, Miller and junior Kevin Smedman to capture the men's 200 freestyle relay victory. The quartet of Kelly, Hopkins, Hellman and Riley came in first for the women in their 200 free relay as well.

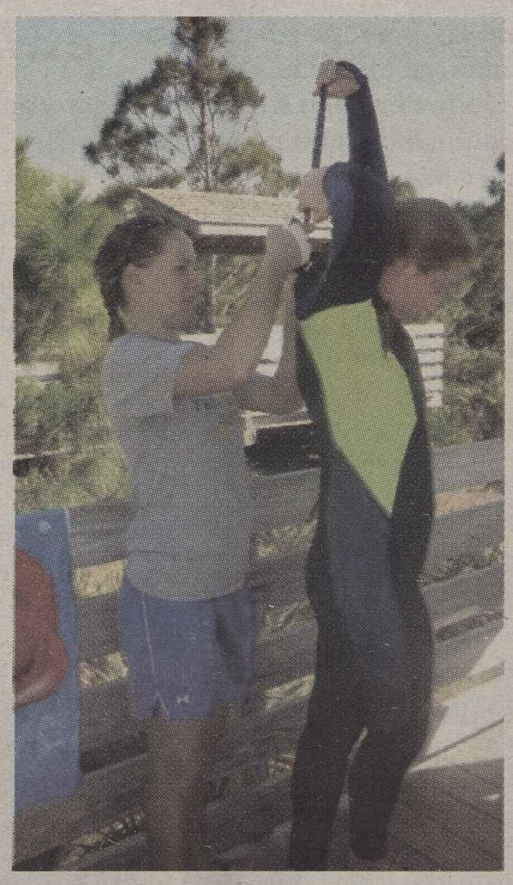

Photo: Gretchen L. Geiger
On their trip to Florida over winter break, junior Sara Crimmel (left) helps senior Gretchen Geiger (right) prepare to scuba dive. Both the men's and women's swim teams learned to scuba on their trip.

When asked about the rest of the season, many of the swimmers reflected on their favorite moments. Gretchen Geiger says that the MAC championships is her favorite part because, "It's where you get to see all your hard work over the season really pay off once you're fully tapered and dropping time."

Drob agrees, referring to MACs as a chance "to see the final result of our training and whether it has helped me to improve."

Although many of the swimmers are just excited to get there and see if they can post their best times, others, like Robinson, have a certain goal.

"My goal is to place in the top eight in both the 500 freestyle and the 1,650 freestyle," she said.

From a team perspective, some have a positive outlook. Riley said "We have had a good season, and I am proud of our team."

The team competed against Arcadia this past tuesday. The men's team was defeated 78-83, and the women won the match 138-54. They will next compete at Widener University this Saturday.

etown men's basketball

Men head into important conference play

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

While most students were home relaxing during the long winter break, the men's basketball team took a different approach. With a shortened break, the team scheduled more practice time. They also competed in six games before the spring semester officially started.

The Jays lost their first two competitions against DeSales University and Scranton University Dec. 15 and 16, respectively. Despite the loss against DeSales, sophomore Keith Fogel shot a career-high of four three-point shots for a total of 20 points. Junior Mike Church earned his second consecutive double-double with 10 rebounds and 13 points. Even with those performances, the Jays shot only 39 percent, and had 21 turnovers.

The team split for a minor break, but shortly returned to the court for the Wilkes-Barre Challenge. They competed against Wilkes University and won the match in a thriller score of 71-69. With 10 seconds left in the game, sophomore Dan Flanagan made two foul shots to put the Jays up by five, and Wilkes was able to convert and take over. Flanagan finished the game in double figures for his 11th time of the season.

The Jays dropped their second game to King's College by a score of 72-54. First-year Kyle McConnell came off the bench and was the only Jay to score in double figures, with 11 points, including three three-pointers. Flanagan finished with the second highest point total with 9 points.

After the challenge, Etown returned home and started the beginning of Commonwealth Conference play. To complete their winter break schedule, the Jays beat Lycoming College and rival Messiah College.

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
In a game against Widener last Saturday, junior Mike Church prepares to shoot a free-throw. Church finished with nine points of the teams total 69.

"Over break we focused a lot on the little things, like pass-dribble-shoot, foul shots and being a better defensive team," sophomore Chris Hill said. "We really bonded together as a team and got to know each other better."

With the winter break in the past, the team looks forward to finishing the season strong. Their remaining seven games are all conference games, and according to Hill, "they are all make-or-break games."

In order get some more wins, the team must work on a few goals.

"The key for us is to play more consistently," sophomore Brady Haughney said. "Our two conference wins we played really well in, but in our two conference game losses we were inconsistent."

After winning their first two conference games, the Jays fell in their next two to Albright College and Widener University. Etown lost 93-80 against Albright last Wednesday, however, four players captured double-digit numbers. This past Saturday they fell to Widener 80-69.

Despite some inconsistency, the team is working hard to improve their record and take the MAC. Flanagan was named the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week for the full second week of January. Flanagan earned that title by averaging 21 points per game during that week. In total, he averages 15 points per page in the season.

In a game against Lebanon Valley last night, the Jays took the lead only 13 seconds into the contest and never looked back leading by as much as 23 points.

Etown is now entering the most thrilling part of the season, and they know exactly what they need to do to win.

"We want to win the MAC," Hill said. "We want to win on the road like it's a home game, and we need to be aggressors."

The Jays will put those goals to the test in their next game against Arcadia University this Saturday.

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Special Report
Tiffany Vogel

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is proud to report that senior field hockey defender Tiffany Vogel has been named to the Division III All-American team. She is the eighth field hockey player to be named an All-American and the first since 2005.

This honor came only one week after Vogel was named to the Division III All-South Atlantic Region First-Team and First-Team All-Conference.

"I never thought that I would ever be named an All-American," Vogel said. "It feels great to be a part of something only about 30 girls receive."

As a three-year starter, Vogel helped lead an Etown defense that only allowed 23 goals in 21 games. For those of you doing the math at home, that is 1.1 goals allowed per game! Now that's an impressive stat.

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Offensively, Vogel finishes her career with eight goals and 10 assists in her 58 games for the Blue Jays.

Even though only Vogel was named as an All-American, she attributes much of her success to her teammates.

"It's not only an award for me; it is an award for my teammates," she said. "Since I transferred here in the spring of 2006, the team has embraced me with open arms. My fellow seniors have been so great since I started playing for this team."

"They have helped me to reach these accolades, and it is an honor to have played with them and all the other girls on the team. It says a lot about our team, and I thank them for all of their help to make me a better player and person."

Vogel, who started playing field hockey when she was in kindergarden, will graduate in May with a degree in sociology/anthropology. One day she hopes to share her love of field hockey with others by coaching.

Congratulations, Tiffany, on a fantastic season and good luck in all of your future endeavors.

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Arcadia 83, Etown 78

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Etown 56, McDaniel 39
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Etown 138, Arcadia 54

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Basketball (M):
Jan 24: @ Arcadia

Basketball (W):
Jan 24: @ Arcadia
Jan 26: vs Immaculata, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming (M/W):
Jan 24: @ Widener
Jan 27: @ Scranton

Indoor Track and Field (M/W):
Jan 23: @ Ursinus (Collegeville Classic)
Jan 28: @ Ursinus Pentathalon

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on campus

Winter weather arrives; icy conditions prove hazardous

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The first big winter storm of the year struck Tuesday night, covering the area with several inches of snow and then a coating of ice. While the weather made for postcard-like scenes, the ice made travel to and from, and even across, campus treacherous for students and staff alike. Several classes and programs were canceled or delayed.

Elizabethtown students woke up to a white campus and a few class cancellations yesterday morning. A storm Tuesday night left around 3 to 4 inches on the ground, coated with a thin layer of ice. The snow-ice combination made travel conditions incredibly treacherous for the duration of Wednesday.

Early in the morning, a college employee was actually sent to the hospital after slipping on the front Myer steps while clearing away the snow and ice. The employee was released home in the afternoon with no lasting complications.

Facilities Management was cleaning up the wintry mess all throughout the day. The clearing started at 5 a.m. Facilities Management waited so long because if they had cleared out the snow any earlier, there would have simply been a solid sheet of ice covering the campus. It would have been difficult and dangerous to plow solid ice on the paths while students walked to class. The other option would have been far more hazardous to travel than a snow-and-ice combination.

Facilities used a variety of methods to clear the snow, including salt, shovels, and small tractors equipped with massive rotating brushes. Still, the clearing lasted well into the late afternoon due to the tricky nature of the snow-and-ice mixture. Even while the crew plowed the paths clear for students, Mother Nature continued on with freezing rain to make the paths still quite unsafe to follow, despite the hard work.

While area public and private grade schools had two-hour delays or cancellations yesterday, Etown officially opened on time. Only a handful of classes were canceled on campus, depending on the whim of professors, leaving commuter students to brave sometimes dangerous unpaved roads, and on- and off-campus students the slippery sidewalks and paths to traverse. For students who are plowed in, they may go to the Brown Building and borrow a shovel with a valid student ID. Facilities does not shovel for students.

Last night the temperature was predicted to go well below freezing, at 19 degrees Fahrenheit, and any uncleared snow will completely freeze over. The left-over mess could cause potential havoc on continued plow attempts.

The snow will only continue this vicious cycle until it completely melts away. As the weather is predicted to be 32 degrees Fahrenheit today, it might still be a while before the campus is 100 percent safe.

Walk and drive safely as you make your way to class and work; take extra time and precaution as it will take longer to travel through snowy conditions even after the snow has stopped falling.

on campus

Failing economy forces unemployed toward military

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

With the economy in steep recession and graduation quickly approaching, the dwindling job market is more pressing of an issue now than ever. People all over America have felt the downturn's effects, and some are resorting to drastic means to make ends meet.

Specifically, an ever-growing number of the employment-desperate are seeking financial stability in the military. Last year was an incredible one for the armed services, with active duty and reserve recruitments reaching goals for the first time since 2004. Last fiscal year (which starts in October and ends in September), over 80,000 new troops enlisted in the army, and from October until now, over 21,000 more have joined. This massive influx of new troops is being attributed to the current state of the economy.

A good number of the new recruits are middle-aged people who have found themselves consistently unemployed. They are brought in by the promise of a steady paycheck and job preparation they can utilize upon their discharge from the service.

Also, a great number of high school graduates are going straight to the armed forces simply because they were unable to maintain any sort of financial aid or student loans.

They are usually tempted by the military due to the introduction of a new GI bill akin to the one that was instituted for veterans of World War II. This program allows all armed forces veterans who have served up to three

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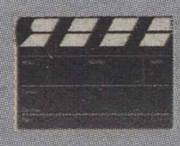
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Students compare and contrast President Barack Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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news in brief

A string of arsons in Coatesville, Pa., has residents angry and desperate for answers. Fourteen fires have sent homes into flames in the month of January, and in 2008, Coatesville experienced 14 more. One particularly fierce fire set Saturday consumed 15 homes overnight. Nearly $2 million in property damage has been reported, and 11 families are now without homes.

John Updike, considered by many to be one of the greatest American authors, died Tuesday morning at the age of 76.

Born in 1932 in Reading, Pa., the author won two Pulitzer Prizes for his novels "Rabbit is Rich" (1981) and "Rabbit at Rest" (1991). Others in the "Rabbit" series followed, including a novella published in 2001.

Updike wrote many other novels and short pieces and also contributed generously to "The New Yorker," the records of which estimate that Updike wrote 862 pieces for the magazine over the course of his career.

Updike passed away in his adopted hometown of Beverly Farms, Mass., after battling lung cancer.

The eye of the world is again on the South Pacific after claims that the Thai Army has been abusing Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. One anonymous Australian allegedly witnessed the people being whipped on beaches by Thai soldiers when they dared to move. Video footage has also surfaced that shows Thai Navy vessels towing rickety boatloads of refugees out to sea and evidently abandoning them there.

The Rohingya, a Muslim minority, have been arriving in homemade boats for years. The Thai government maintains that they have "no reasonable grounds to believe" the refugees are fleeing religious persecution in Myanmar. They also deny accusations of cruelty, claiming the refugees in the boats were supplied with food and water.

Stories compiled by Aidan E. Bauernschmidt from cnn.com.

in the nation

President faces tough decisions in first days

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
News Editor

President Barack Obama has already made many tough decisions since taking the oath of office just over a week ago. Many of these decisions almost immediately overturned policies laid down by former president George W. Bush.

Perhaps the most controversial order Obama has issued closes the Guantanamo Bay facility in Cuba within the next year. The order also calls for the closing of any other secret CIA prisons or interrogation centers located abroad. This decision was met with opposition from both Democrats and Republicans, and has caused many to ask whether the new president is really doing all he can to keep his country safe.

At its peak, Guantanamo Bay held 770 prisoners who were either guilty of, or thought to be guilty of, involvement in terrorism or military action against the United States. To date, 520 prisoners have been released from the facility, and security experts have claimed that 61 of them may have already returned to terrorist activities.

The Guantanamo Bay facility, or "Gitmo," was often criticized by human rights activists who claimed the detainees were the victims of torture and mistreatment. Additionally, legal rights activists complained that some prisoners were held there indefinitely and without charge; both of these issues are thought to have greatly tarnished America's reputation abroad. Jan. 22, the date the act was signed, Obama said the U.S. no longer needs to "continue to make the false choice between our safety and our ideals."

Closer to home, Obama has been urging his economic stimulus plan forward, declaring the U.S. cannot afford to waste any time. Now is the time, Obama said, for "swift and extraordinary action."

The president's plan for America's failing economy will cost an estimated $825 billion but is also estimated to create over 4 million new jobs. The number of unemployed workers in America has peaked to the highest recorded number in 26 years. It passed in the House Wednesday.

Opponents of the plan, including Republican Sen. John McCain, whom Obama defeated in the November election, kept their promise not to endorse the plan until major changes have been made to it. Many Republicans were expected to rally behind the cause until the vote.

"I think you're going to find a large number of Republicans voting for this package," Democrat Rep. Chuck Schumer said Sunday. "There has been a lot of input. I regret that Sen. McCain has said he's not going to vote for it."

The plan also includes a ban on earmarks which does away with money set aside in legislation for lobbyists and special interest groups. Instead, earmarks will be distributed according to formulas laid out in the bill and, on some occasions, on an individual basis by administration officials, governors, and state and local agencies that support the projects.

Additionally, the president has been pushing environmental initiatives forward with great enthusiasm. Monday, Obama's people began work on new emissions standards that should be applied to all 2011 model automobiles. He has also ordered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to re-examine a Bush policy that allows certain states, such as California, to have tougher emission standards, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases.

"The federal government must work with, not against, states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Obama said, speaking in the White House's East Room at his first formal event. "The days of Washington dragging its heels are over. My administration will not deny facts; we will be guided by them."

The current debate is whether or not to allow the construction of a wind farm just off the shore of Cape Cod, Mass. Opposition even comes from within the Democratic Party, with Sen. Ted Kennedy being one of the most outspoken opponents of the project.

"The interests of our state have been basically submerged to a special interest developer," Kennedy has said. He also complained that the new administration is rushing to promote new policies just as much as the old administration was on its way out.

There are more proposals to place wind farms in locations all over the country, including in another off-shore site. A federal report released last year stated that right now, wind energy accounts for just 1 percent of America's electricity sources, but could generate as much as 20 percent by the year 2030 if permission for the hundreds of proposals is granted.

The ultimate goal of all of these policies, Obama said, is to make the U.S. more energy-independent. "For the sake of our security, our economy and our planet, we must have the courage and commitment to change," he said.

Another controversial change in policy Obama has made regards the touchy issue of abortion. On the anniversary of court decision Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortions, Obama overturned the ban on funding for international organizations that promote or perform the procedure. Opponents of Roe v. Wade descended on the capital that day to voice their discontent by protesting in the streets. The decision on whether or not to fund these international organizations has flip-flopped during the past few presidencies.

While many of Obama's decisions have been met with scorn from some, polls are showing that the new president is still doing well. A poll from *gallup.com* shows that as of Jan. 26, Obama's approval rating is 69 percent, unrivaled historically by any president except John F. Kennedy, whose first polls showed a 72 percent approval. While Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter have also had ratings in the high sixties, the overwhelmingly positive reaction to Obama's election in November shows that Americans have high hopes for their new president. Only time will tell whether he will be able to live up to his country's expectations.

in the nation

Man facing unemployment kills self, family

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
News Editor

Los Angeles police officers made a grisly discovery when they entered the home of Ervin Antonio Lupoe Tuesday: the bodies of Lupoe, his wife, Ana, and their five children, all shot to death in two upstairs bedrooms of the family home. The story that has emerged is that Lupoe killed every member of the family before turning the gun on himself.

An investigation revealed that Lupoe and his wife, who had worked as technicians, were fired over a week ago from Kaiser Permanente's West Los Angeles Medical Center.

Lupoe faxed a letter to his KACB television station in Lost Angeles, in which he blamed his former employer for the deaths of himself and his family. In the message, Lupoe claimed that he and his wife were under investigation for "misrepresentation to an outside agency for the benefit to [our] childcare." He also said that when he reported for work Dec. 23, following the initial investigation Dec. 19, his administration told him, "'You should not even have bothered to come to work today. You should have blown your brains out.'"

Kaiser Permanente issued a sympathetic, but defensive, statement Tuesday night, in which they stated the couple's employment was terminated after an internal investigation. "[The company] is saddened by the despair in Mr. Lupoe's letter faxed to the media…[but] we are confident that no one told him to take his life or the lives of his family.'"

Many families have been faced with financial crisis and unemployment during the American economy's downward spiral, but Lupoe's actions have stunned the nation. All of Lupoe's children were under the age of nine: 8-year-old Brittney, twin girls Jaszmin and Jesseley, who were both five, and twin 2-year-old boys Benjamin and Christian. Ana Lupoe and the boys were discovered in one bedroom; Lupoe and the girls were discovered in another.

"No matter how desperate you are, no matter how frustrated you are, to think this was the only answer — to take your whole family with you in death — is just too much to comprehend," City Counselwoman Janice Hahn said. She represents the neighborhood where the Lupoe family lived.

Lupoe's grandmother, Josephine Lupoe of Atlanta, Ga., was shocked by the news. She hadn't seen her grandson, who was born in Atlanta but moved to Michigan and then California, and his family in years, but said she had spoken with Ana just a few days before.

Police described the scene as one of the most horrifying they'd ever seen. Neighbor Jasmine Gomez remarked to CNN reporters that when the officers who responded to the scene exited the home, one of them was vomiting.

"It's sad that this happens anywhere," neighbor Jose Rodriguez told KABC. "I have kids too, and grandkids. It hits home."

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of *The Etownian*, in the article "Obama's inauguration a triumph of hope over fear," it was incorrectly stated that the president's father was born in Nigeria. Barack Obama Sr. was actually from Kenya. *The Etownian* sincerely apologizes for this error.

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Military, Peace Corps offer post-graduate opportunities

years to attend any public university for free, or to have the government help pay for education at any accredited private institution.

The economy isn't the only reason so many people are flocking to the military — there has also been a sharp decrease of violence in Iraq. Also, with newly-elected President Barack Obama, recruits are gaining hope that a much smaller number of soldiers will be sent to Iraq.

Image: flick.com

Many students at Elizabethtown set their sights on the military long before the current recession. Others are now considering it for the first time.

A lot of college grads who are commited to nonviolence have been joining another federal program to escape the dreary economy: the Peace Corps.

Former president John F. Kennedy inspired students to create the organization at the University of Michigan, and since then it has sent volunteer aid all over the world. Current Peace Corps volunteers are sent to countries such as Bolivia, China, Ecuador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Thailand.

Peace Corps volunteers usually help to advance underdeveloped areas through various kinds of work. Members are usually involved in educating the populace in their areas, as well as improving the businesses, health and agriculture of their assigned region and temporary home.

The benefits for college graduates in the Peace Corps include student loan deferment (and, depending on the company, loan cancellation), as well as professional training.

Volunteers are additionally paid a $6,000 stipend at the end of their minimum two-year "tour of duty" so they can make a smooth transition into society. Obviously, all these benefits specifically pique the interest of college grads.

Of course, there are some at Elizabethtown who will become part of the Armed Forces after they graduate not due to financial strife, but because of their own personal volition. Junior Dave Foran has been training to be a part of the United State Marine Corps since he was a first-year.

Foran is a part of the Platoon Leader Class of the Marines' Officer Candidate School. The school is open to all students of any four year college. It involves two summer training sessions that don't interfere with school, one in the interim between sophomore and junior year, and one between junior and senior year. These sessions are held at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va.

The session before junior year involves intense physical training, small unit leadership and basic infantry tactics training, as well as an introduction to the Marine Corps.

The summer session before senior year is just like the first, albeit more intense. All the while, the trainers judge the performance of the candidates. If their performance lives up to the Corps standards, the students are commissioned into the Marine Corps at the rank of Second Lieutenant. They receive this rank upon getting their diploma at their college graduation.

From there, they go onto The Basic School for six months to receive fundamental officer training, and then finally complete their preparations by choosing their Military Occupation Specialty, or what specific branch of the Corps they wish to enter.

Foran said he joined OCS because he has always been interested in warrior cultures. Warrior cultures are groups of people that, throughout history, have strived for high degrees of strength and intelligence — almost to perfection. "Because if you aren't perfect on the battlefield — you die," Foran explained.

Foran's interest stems from a desire to become stronger. During the school year, Foran physically primes himself for the summer every day, completing a routine of various exercises that work each part of his body.

"Because I don't want to go soft myself," he said.

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This "Uncle Sam" poster is a familiar image of times gone by. These days, unemployed Americans seem to want the army just as much as it wants them.

in the nation

House approves stimulus plan, Senate to debate next

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
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The House of Representatives voted Wednesday evening 244-188 to pass President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan.

No Republican representative voted for the package, a hard strike for Obama despite his victory. The president had been hoping for bipartisan support, but Republicans obviously found fault with the plan. One particular criticism involves a certain tax credit for middle-class workers, which would benefit workers who make such a small salary that they are not subject to income taxes. These workers are still subject to Social Security and Medicare payments.

The Democrats currently outnumber Republicans in both the House and Senate. At this time, there are 255 Democratic senators, compared to 178 Republicans.

The House first rejected a stimulus measure offered by Republican members before they voted on the president's stimulus. The vote for this plan, which focused more on tax cuts, was shot down 266-270, almost straight down the party line.

While Americans have the right to expect "bold and swift action" from their government, Obama stated Wednesday that the future of the American company only rests partially in his hands; the rest depends on "American companies and workers." Still, Obama offered encouragement after a meeting with top business executives.

"We left the meeting confident that we can turn our economy around," he said.

The original estimated cost of Obama's stimulus plan was $825 billion. However, accountants at the Congressional Budget Office recalculated the cost to $816 billion. House Democrats decided Wednesday in a voice vote that an additional $3 billion would be necessary for mass transportation costs. That brings the total estimate of the stimulus plan to $819 billion. The Senate will debate regarding economic stimulus measures next week.

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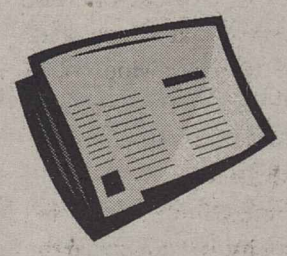

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on campus

Curt Tofteland brings Shakespeare project to Etown

Patricia A. Cangelosi
Staff Writer

Curt Tofteland, Founder and Producing Artistic Director of a program called Shakespeare Behind Bars, spoke in Elizabethtown College's Leffler Chapel yesterday at 11:00 am.

He gave a lecture entitled "Behind Bard-Wire – Reflection, Responsibility, Forgiveness, and Redemption: The Transformative Power of Art, Theatre, and Shakespeare." At 7:00 pm that evening, he presented a Master Class in the Tempest Theatre on Shakespearean Acting.

Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, an award-winning documentary played at Gibble Auditorium showcasing Tofteland's work. Shakespeare Behind Bars is an organization in which professionals work with prisoners to study and perform William Shakespeare's plays. The film centers on a performance of The Tempest.

Shot at a LaGrange, Kentucky prison over a nine-month period, the half million- dollar documentary reveals several inmates who learn more than just how to perform Shakespeare's works. Although they are not required to, most of the prisoners featured speak openly about their crimes on camera. "The hardest thing I've ever had to do is forgive myself," Sammie, a criminal who was abused in childhood, says. "I had no outlet for it … but inside there was all this rage."

Many of the inmates feel the same way; Hal, who portrays the forgiving character Prospero, recalls a long family history of silence and resentment. "We're used to not talking," he says, "and not talking is what got me here."

Tofteland has observed over the years that Shakespeare's plays provide an emotional vent for the prisoners when they have no other constructive way to express themselves.

Marcia, Tofteland's wife, who also attended the showing of the documentary, agrees that the inmates benefit from the experience. "The beauty of art gives them something to hold onto," she says.

Tofteland admits that he gains something from it as well. "I learn every time I'm here [at the prison]". Working with the prisoners, he insists, teaches him about human behavior. "Shakespeare would adore this group," Tofteland adds of the people who, often considered the lowest members of society, have mastered what is seen as the highest literary form.

Etown's Theatre Program has been preparing for its own production of The Tempest, opening February 12.

It began in 1969, when a teenaged Tofteland took his girlfriend to see Frank Zeffirelli's rendition of Romeo and Juliet in Harvey, North Dakota. He recalls his first real exposure to the work of William Shakespeare: "That was it. I was hooked."

Today, he looks back on the occupation of working with criminals to study and perform Shakespeare's plays through the program he founded in 1995.

Its main purpose, Tofteland stresses, is not to put on plays. It is for the inmates to more deeply understand themselves and the crimes they committed so that they can heal and move on with their lives.

Each prisoner chooses his or her own role in the play and spends many weeks researching the character before the performance.

"The only way to change human behavior is to change the heart first," he says.

"Art is an attempt to explain the human condition. That journey, that way of being, is transformative."

For those who are skeptical about the power of art to change criminal behavior, Tofteland cites his program's 100% success rate. 35 men who have participated in Shakespeare Behind Bars are now free, and none have committed another crime.

For Etown's students performing in The Tempest, the experience may be slightly less dramatic, but for them it is still meaningful.

According to junior Emily Grove, who plays a "spirit servant" named Ariel, "When you place words that a playwright has written into your mouth and you become another character, you find yourself really thinking about what your words mean and the power that they have."

The Tempest, filled with images of sin, forgiveness, and redemption, can apply to more people than just criminals and actors. Tofteland describes his work with the prisoners as enriching. "In essence, I learned about humanity," he says. "I am a better human being now than I was before starting Shakespeare Behind Bars."

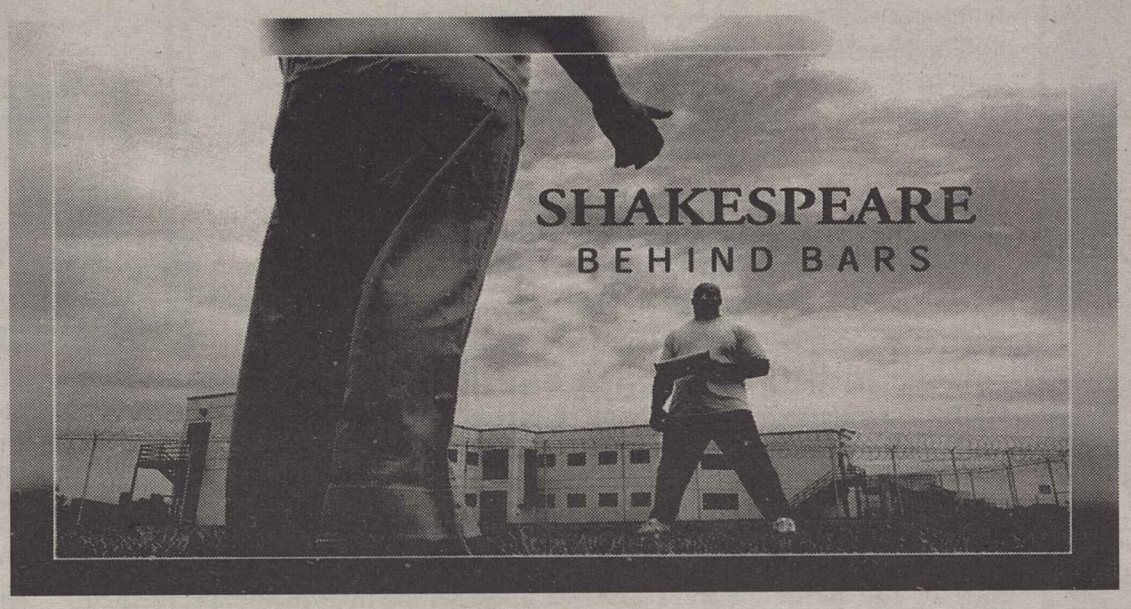


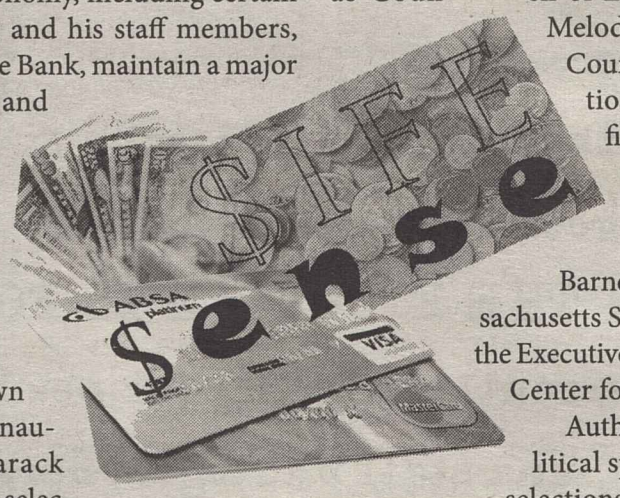
Photo: *shakespearebehindbars.com*

Curt Tofteland brings the work of Shakespeare to inmates. He is coming to Etown to speak about his work Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.

SIFE Sense

The money is on Obama: the financial team formation

Throughout the current mortgage and loan crisis, the public has paid a great deal of attention to Bush-appointed treasury secretary and ex-Goldman Sachs chairman Henry Paulson. The Secretary of the Treasury holds influence over the allocation of government funds, and, as such, Paulson has developed a bailout plan for the U.S. economy, including certain major corporations. Paulson and his staff members, along with the Federal Reserve Bank, maintain a major control upon the regulations and planning of our economy. For example, former Fed chairman Alan Greenspan has been credited with overseeing the economic growth of the late 1990s.



Customarily, incoming presidents appoint their own Cabinets of secretaries. By inauguration day, President Barack Obama had finalized all of his selections for his Cabinet.

With the exception of the void left by embattled commerce secretary nominee Bill Richardson. Obama has since has made his selection for treasury secretary: New York Federal Reserve Chairman Timothy Geithner.

Geithner is credited for his diplomatic dealings with the governments of Asian countries during that region's 1997-98 financial crisis, helped with the early 2008 buyout of investment bank Bear Stearns by J.P. Morgan and assisted in the development of the proposed $800 billion "troubled assets relief program." Obama also appointed former Harvard University president and Clinton administration official Lawrence Summers as head of the National Economic Council, Christina Romer as Council of Economic Advisers chair, and Melody Barnes as Domestic Policy Council director. Each of his selections are accomplished in their fields. Romer and her husband are well-regarded economics professors at the University of California at Berkeley, and Barnes has served as counsel to Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, as well as the Executive Vice President for Policy at the Center for American Progress.

Authorities on both sides of the political spectrum have lauded Obama's selections for his financial team. Geithner has been widely recognized for his aforementioned diplomacy in Asia which improved the economic value of the affected countries. Summers was complimented by Blackstone Group co-founder Pete Peterson, who said "if there's a more brilliant economist in the United States, I wouldn't know who that is."

The Bush Administration also praised the new Treasury Secretary; deputy press secretary Tony Fratto called Geithner "exceptionally talented" and Paulson lauded him for his "understanding of markets, his judgment and leadership, and his ability to meet the challenges that lie ahead."

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, who has become a familiar face to news viewers throughout the recent economic downturn, will remain in his position under the new administration. He is expected him to work cooperatively with Geithner to develop strategies for dealing with the market slump. It is the Fed's responsibility to control the money supply and set interest rates on federal loans —factors which will be important in resolving the current situation.

Bernanke has three years of experience in this position, so he is well-poised to continue handling the current recession. Obama has warned that economic conditions are likely to worsen over the next year or two before recovering. Only time will tell if his dream team of economic hard-hitters will pull a miracle or perpetuate the downturn.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. Contact sife@etown.edu with any questions.

on campus

EC SIFE sponsors Scouting University for Scouts here

Laura A. Farnish
Staff Writer

Most students understand the mission of EC SIFE: to identify the economic needs of our regional and international communities and respond with innovative, educational programs that make a sustainable impact. More commonly, students understand the acronym SIFE: Students in Free Enterprise.

EC SIFE has identified a need for the regional community through Scouting University, a one day event where Boy and Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn two badges.

"Since these badges are not taught during their troop meetings, we are providing an opportunity for Scouts to learn about numerous badge topics," senior and past coordinator Jon Lewis explained.

The popularity of the event is shown through the high number of attendees; 490 Boy and Girl Scouts, including 100 leaders, are attending. Various states are also represented: Maryland, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New Jersey.

Courtesy Photo
Scouts gather in Thompson Gymnasium for last year's Scouting University. Four hundred and ninety scouts are expected to come, along with one hundred troop leaders. Scouting University emblem that was developed. The day offers Scouts to earn two merit badges in one day.

Troops registered through a new online registration Web site, provided through extensive hours of dedication from the SIFE technical team, making the process more user-friendly.

The high turn-out complements the amount of work put into the event. The Scouting University team plans year-round for this event. They review survey forms from previous years in order to improve the program.

The Directors and the Executive Board started planning in the summer of 2008, but much of the planning was done during the fall semester.

"Once the fall semester begins, the team begins to recruit volunteers and counselors to help during the event," Lewis said.

Winter break and the spring semester provide more planning leading up the event.

"The directors were involved in nearly every aspect of planning, ranging from fielding phone calls daily from the "Scouting University hotline" to coordinating the recruitment and training of counselors and volunteers on campus," sophomore Jordan Ridge, current co-coordinator, added.

Aside from planning, counselors must attend three training sessions to prepare themselves for the event.

Also, information sessions are available to volunteers in order to ensure preparation among everyone involved in the event.

Image: SIFE

The SIFE students hope this opportunity provides rewards for everyone involved.

"While this event is a fundraiser, we are strongly motivated by the opportunities that we're offering Scouts: the opportunity to earn badges that are difficult to earn on their own, the opportunity to visit a college campus, and the opportunity to interact with college students who can have a positive impact on them and their decision to attend college or university in the future," Ridge said.

Just as the Scouts will benefit from this event, the planners are looking forward to rewards themselves.

"For me, the most rewarding experience is teaching scouts important lessons that they can use for the rest of their lives," Lewis commented.

"We are looking forward to meeting the customers that we've been working with over the past few months," Ridge and sophomore and fellow coordinator Samantha Sibley said. "We are also looking forward to seeing the Scouts' reactions to the event."

As for the future, EC SIFE hopes that Scouting University continues to have a strong presence on campus and to encourage volunteerism in Etown students.

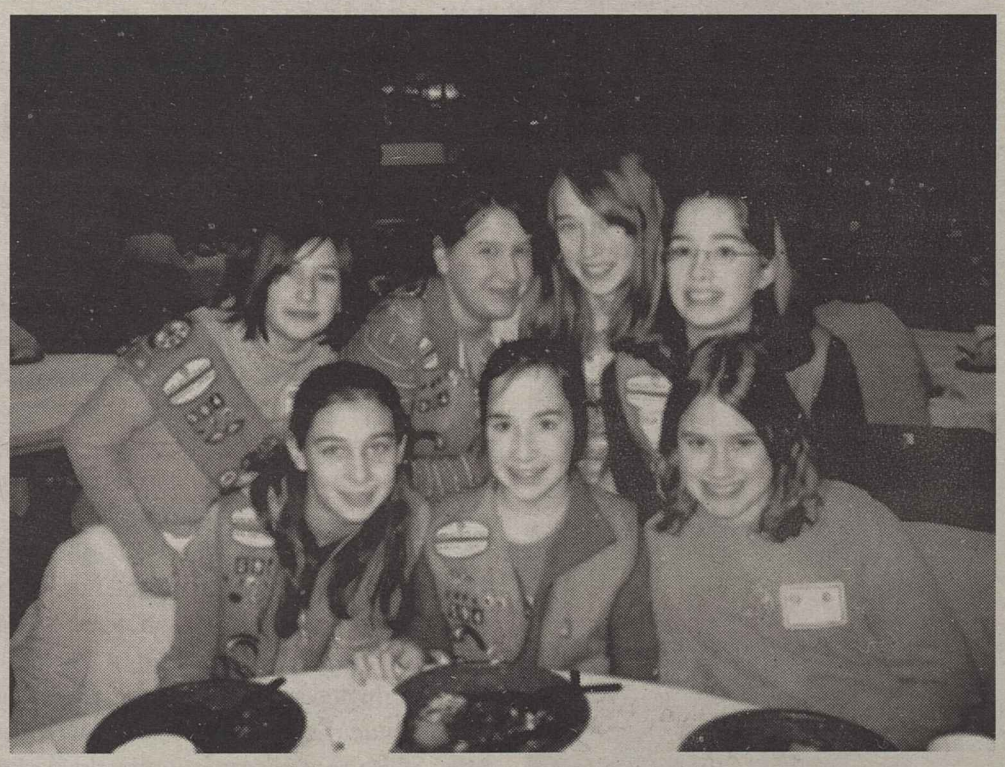
"We also hope the event grows in terms of the number of people who know about and attend the event," Ridge and Sibley commented.

"It is really impressive to see so many Scouts gathered for an event like this," Lewis said.

EC SIFE is fulfills their mission statement through the planning of this event.

This innovative and sustainable project will provide an experience that will encourage Girl and Boy Scouts to continue their education and volunteerism in their community.

As a side note, the Blue Bean will be open Saturday morning from 8:30 to 1 p.m. The staff members invite all those attending Scouting University to visit the Blue Bean Cafe on the first floor of the BSC!



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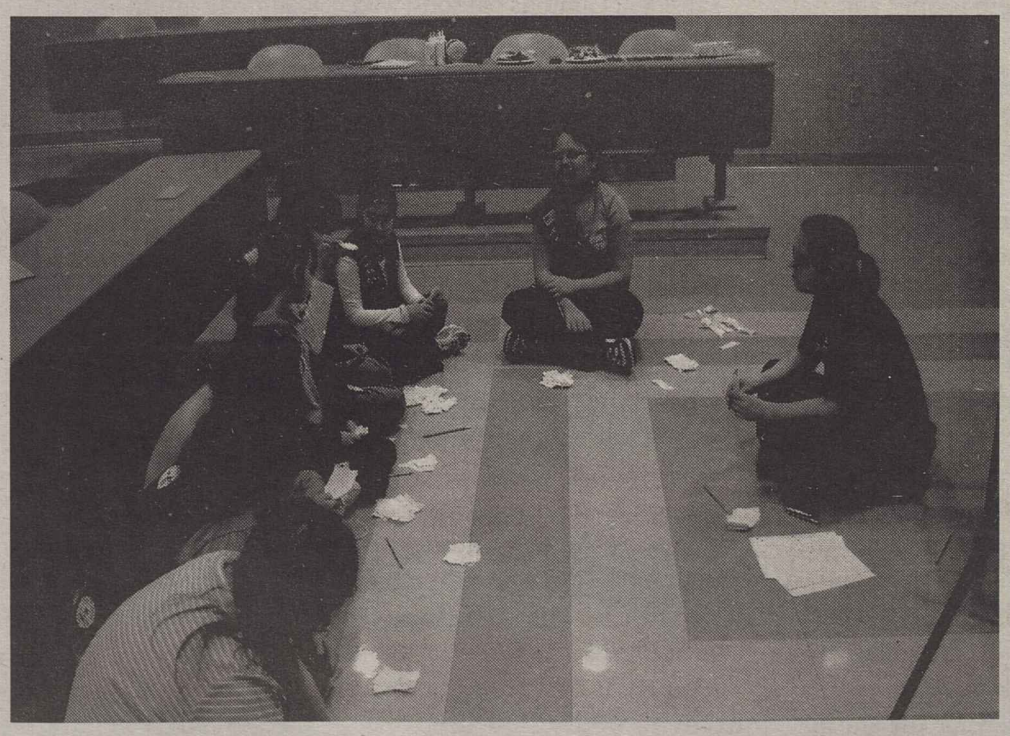

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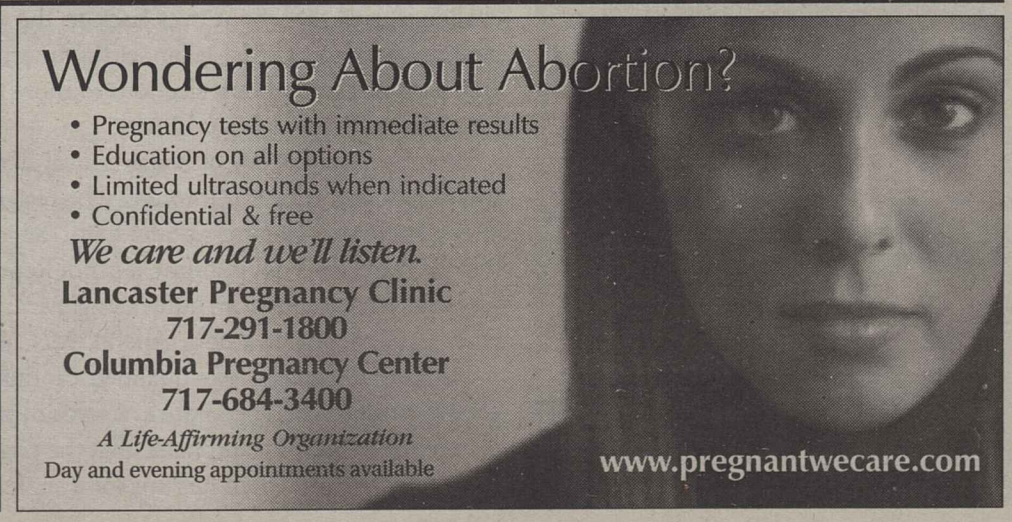
SIFE member sits with a group of Girl Scouts in the Hoover Business Center classroom helping them to earn new badges.



The Jayd-ed edge

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Teen charged with police impersonation

Police say a 14-year-old boy has been charged with impersonating a police officer after he dressed in a regulation uniform and reported for duty at a Chicago police station.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond says the Chicago teen was charged Sunday after he entered a station and claimed to be a police officer. Bond says a sergeant later questioned the boy and discovered he wasn't an officer. She says the boy is a member of a program for youth interested in police work.

She also says the boy was not armed and was never behind the wheel of a police car.

Police are not identifying the boy because he is a juvenile.

The department's internal affairs division is investigating.

Illegal book return

An Iowa woman has been arrested because she failed to return a library book.

Thirty-nine-year-old Shelly Koontz was arrested Thursday night on a fifth-degree theft charge. She is accused of keeping "The Freedom Writers Diary," which she checked out from the public library in nearby Jesup in April.

Police say the book, which is about a high school teacher's effort to inspire students to write, is valued at $13.95.

Court records show library employees repeatedly tried to contact Koontz by phone and mail. A police officer even visited her home last September.

Officials at the Buchanan County jail say Koontz was released after posting $250 bond.

Money Tree

Three state highway workers cleaning up litter picked up an abandoned tire and found about $100,000 inside.

Indiana state police suspect the cash, in denominations of $5 to $100, may be drug money. State Police spokesman Mike Burns says a drug-sniffing dog found the scent of drugs on the bills.

Police said the workers found the tire Friday in a ditch along Interstate 70.

Police say the tire appeared to be from a large truck. It isn't clear how long it was in the ditch.

Detective Sgt. Keith O'Donnell commended the workers for their "honesty and professionalism" in contacting police.

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on campus

SWEET brings new activities to Etown

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It is 10 o'clock on a Friday night, and chances are you're debating what to do with your friends. While you have a multitude of options in front of you, hopefully you are considering attending an event hosted by Etown's very own activities club, Students Working to Entertain Etown (SWEET).

SWEET is a group of students who serve to make sure that the Etown community is amused on certain weekends throughout the school year. In the fall, there were four Super SWEET Weekends, and four more are being planned for this spring.

Last semester, SWEET held many fun and exciting activities for the students. These activities included: bowling nights, trips to the Baltimore Inner Harbor and Hershey Park, dances, movie premieres, games, Tunes@Noon in the Marketplace, coffee houses in the Event Space and comedy shows.

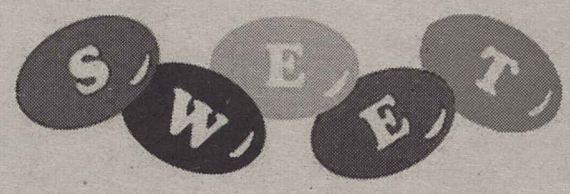
Etown students enjoyed the first Super SWEET weekend of the spring semester took place Jan. 23 to 25.

"We tried to do something new for the first weekend and theme the movies," junior and president of SWEET, Samantha Schneider, said. "Some students have asked to have different movies every night of a Super SWEET Weekend, and we thought it would be neat to have the movies and the dance as an 80s theme!"

According to Schneider, the first Super SWEET Weekend of the spring was a hit here on campus.

"All of our events this past weekend beat our attendance goals, and we are looking forward to a great semester," she said.

Lots of excited Etown students came ready and eager to watch old classics, such as "Sixteen Candles" and "Ferris Buller's Day Off."



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SWEET is a student run activity group on campus that offers fun weekend opportunities. The next SWEET weekend starts Feb. 12.

"There was a decent turnout for the movies, and we are thinking of keeping one themed movie weekend a semester," Shneider said. "For the rest of the weekends, however, we will be showing our normal blockbuster hits [that are] not yet released on DVD."

There are still three Super SWEET Weekends left this semester. Some of the new activities planned include a bingo night, an ice skating trip, a Phillies game trip, karaoke night and Soul Café.

"There is a possibility for a surprise event in conjunction with the country concert staring Natalie Stovall Friday, Feb. 13, so we urge the student body to keep an eye out for that," Schneider said.

A jazz concert is scheduled this semester as well. SWEET decided to bring back this event due to the popularity and high attendance it received in previous years.

"We are bringing back an event that was done a few years ago where the Etown Jazz Ensemble play at a catered dinner for students," Schneider said. Prior sign-ups for this concert on Thursday, March 26 will be required.

Of course, the ever-popular Mr. Etown is back this year. Students have already voted on Blackboard for who they want to represent each dorm. Make sure you mark your calendars now for March 27.

Schneider said of the event, "We encourage everyone to come out and cheer for their friends and dormmates as we eagerly wait to see who will be crowned Mr. Etown 2009!"

So be sure not to miss a beat with these awesome SWEET events coming up this semester. Grab your friends and enjoy all the fun SWEET is dishing up. Make sure to sign up in advance if you have your heart set on a certain trip that SWEET is offering.

"As for getting out and about off campus, look for New York City sign-ups and tickets to both the Hershey Bears hockey game and the Philadelphia Phillies baseball tickets in the future!" Schneider said.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact SWEET@etown.edu or stop by our General Board Social this Thursday, Jan. 29 from 5-7 p.m. in the Event Space.

on campus

McClellan quoted in CQ politics article

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Historically, presidents have nominated attorneys general who are loyal to them. This alignment of political policy, according to professor of political science E. Fletcher McClellan, was "perhaps the most famed and extreme when John F. Kennedy appointed his brother."

The phenomenon is still visible today, where former attorney general Alberto Gonzales, according to an article in CQ Politics, was partially responsible for what critics call the "politicization of the Justice Department during the Bush administration."

"Conscious of 2010 Election, Specter May Get Tough During Holder Hearing," was published in CQ Politics Thursday, Jan. 15. The column previewed the confirmation hearing of Attorney General appointee Eric H. Holder Jr. and anticipated Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter's role in questioning the designate.

"He tends to move right to deal with any potential primary challenge, and then he moves back to the center as the general election approaches," McClellan said in the article. Specter's political approach has earned him elections to more terms than any other politician in Pennsylvania's history.

Specter has a history of being critical of attorneys general; he was skeptical of Alberto Gonzales, who resigned his position after allegedly lying to Congress under oath. "Specter is trying to prove that his concern is not political; it is not Republican or Democrat. He is hard on Republican attorneys general, and he's going to be hard on Democrat attorneys general," McClellan said.

Although Specter seeks qualified candidates for the attorney general position, his appearance of scrutiny may benefit his political agenda as well. It is probable that the senator will encounter a challenger in 2010 when he runs for a sixth term. Examining the Democratic appointee is likely to rally conservative support.

The Sen ate Judiciary Committee met Jan. 15, and raised questions about Holder's role as deputy attorney during the Clinton era.

"Given your experience and your background and your competency, and the surrounding circumstance of President Bill Clinton looking for a cover," Specter asked Holder, "how do you explain it beyond simply 'it's a mistake?'"

President Clinton's pardons, which acquitted a group of Puerto Rican separatists and the fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich, fueled Specter's skepticism.

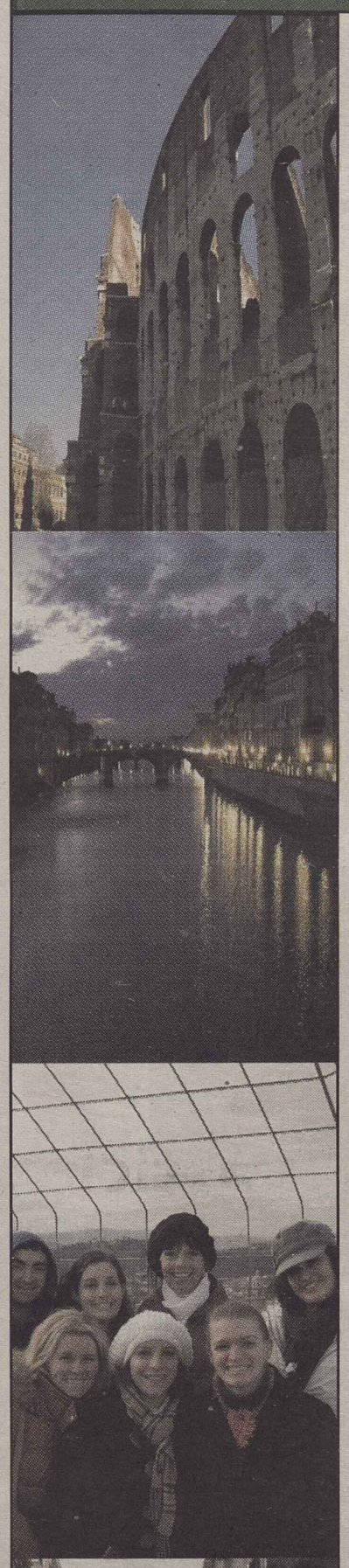
Holder did defend Clinton's actions, noting that the members of the Puerto Rican separatist group served "as many as 19 years in prison" and did not commit any violent act.

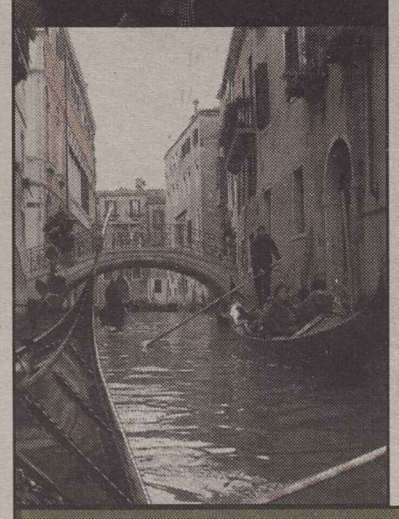
Other committee Republicans questioned Holder's views on policy and "talked as if his confirmation is assured," according to CQ Politics.

Less than two weeks after the hearing, Specter's skepticism went awry, and he announced his intention to vote for the designate. While the vote may diminish the candidate's standing within the conservative party, it also displays his mixed political identity.

"Arlen Specter is an institution," McClellan said. "Pennsylvania is kind of a middle-of-the-road state. It tends generally not to support archconservatives, tends generally not to support archliberals. Pennsylvania likes politicians that have some sort of mixed identity."

Holder "is entitled to the benefit of the doubt in the context of his political record," Specter said to NBC's Pete Williams. In suiting his own political values rather than those of the right-wing, Specter's "winning formula," as McClellan puts it, may be bested by his own gut feelings.





international extravaganza

"Ciao," kicking off '09 Italian style

Jamie L. Bartolino
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Ever wanted to experience Europe without the commitment of a four-month-long semester abroad? Elizabethtown professors such as adjunct faculty member Terri Mastrobuono bring that opportunity to your doorstep.

Early this month, Mastrobuono, BethAnn Zambella, director of the High Library, and Kevin Harrison, a professor at McDaniel College who traveled with the group, accompanied six Etown students and a few students from other universities for a little Italian adventure to kick off 2009.

Junior Aimée DiMichele, also an assistant copy editor for *the Etownian*, junior Janette Williams, sophomore Steven DiGrazia and seniors Angeline Alessandri, Jillian Roberts and Shannon Sinclair departed from the Philadelphia International Airport Jan. 4. After a short layover in Frankfurt, Germany, the group eventually arrived in Venice.

The trip was hosted by Education First (EF) educational tours, the world's largest privately-owned educational organization. EF organizes and hosts high school and college group tours around the local and historical hot spots of over 51 countries.

EF prides itself on more than 40 years of experience organizing student trips. An EF tour costs roughly $2,600 for students and $2,900 for non-students or anyone over 25 years old.

An EF tour includes air and ground travel, some meals, hotel accommodations, full travel itinerary and admission, and the guidance of a full-time local tour guide. A trip with EF is an educational journey during which students can learn volumes beyond classroom lectures and experience rich history and culture in person.

"BethAnn and I learned three times as much as we did on our UK trip, which was three times as long," Harrison said.

The students and faculty visited Venice, Florence, Rome, Assisi and Ferrara — the latter two for day trips — while in Italy. The annual trip is not an Etown-sponsored endeavor because it interferes with the first few days of the spring semester.

Despite this, the six accompanying students this year proved that the ability to see so much in such a short period of time is well worth any additional cost.

The group also benefited from an experienced, committed tour guide.

"EF Tours does an exceptional job making logistical arrangements and providing knowledgeable, personable tour guides," Mastrobuono said.

"The trip was very well organized by both Mastrobuono and the EF Tours Company," DiGrazia agreed.

This was Mastrobuono's fifth trip with EF or its subsidiary, GoAhead Tours, in the past three years. Zambella and Harrison accompanied the group for the first time this year.

The trip was full of highlights for the group, who had the opportunity to visit the Accademia Museum in Florence, take a gondola ride in Venice on a national holiday, and be in St. Peter's square for the Pope's address.

They also had the opportunity to see the glass-making museum in Murano, the Rome by Night tour and the magnificent Duomo in Florence, among other scenic locations.

Mastrobuono was especially satisfied with this year's tour guide, Antonio.

"He had a wacky sense of humor and played a joke on us the minute we arrived — pretending not to be able to speak English very well," Mastrobuono said. "The local guides who led us around Florence, Venice and Rome were amazingly well-informed.

I have been to Italy 16 times, and every time I am there with EF or GoAhead, I learn something I have never learned before."

"Our trip to Italy with EF tours was an experience I will never forget," Alessandri said. "We were able to experience the wide ranges of culture in three very different Italian cities: Venice, Florence and Rome.

Traveling with Terri was also very helpful, since she knew so much about Italy and its language. I also became extremely close with some of my fellow peers at school who I don't think I would have gotten to know if it wasn't for this trip."

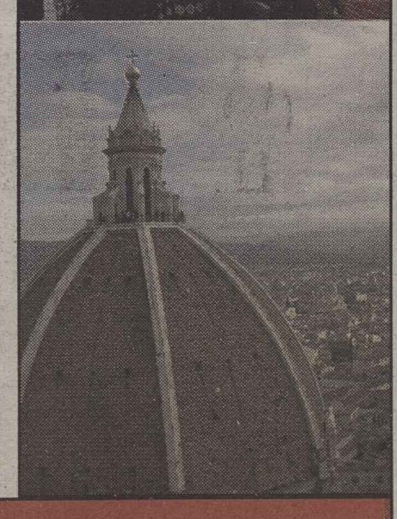
"The trip was culturally and linguistically rich, and tons of fun," DiGrazia said. "I would suggest it to any Etown student that has even the slightest interest in one of the most amazing countries in the world: Italy!"

"I am so proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity of our Etown students," Mastrobuono said. "They were excellent ambassadors of the school and of our country. I loved watching the joy and wonder grow in the trip participants as they get to know such an extraordinary place, which is, in many ways, the foundation of our western culture. I'm looking forward to another trip next January."

"We rode a gondola in Venice, we got to see the Uffizi in Florence, we spent an afternoon in Assisi with a monk, and in Rome we were blessed by the Pope!" Zambella said. "What art! What food! We can't wait to go back."

Should you find even a small part of yourself craving an overseas adventure, take advantage of the wonders of traveling while you're still young. *Buoni viaggi!* Happy traveling!

Contact Mastrobuono at TMASTRO@dejazzd.com for more information on next January's trip.



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on campus

Facebook: spurning collegiate mischief, adds parents

Allison M. O'Boyle
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With a new wave of parents more readily joining the Facebook network, protests rise from some young adults who may feel they have something to hide. To them, drunken and promiscuous pictures, revealing conversations, and offensive bumper stickers should arguably not be seen by many adults.

However, legal officials would remind members that universities, employers and, unfortunately, predators, can see Facebook information and jeopardize teenagers' futures, regardless of whether or not parents see the information.

That being said, parents should trust that their children have been taught well enough not to exploit themselves over the Internet, and, in return, respect their children's Internet privacy.

If parents decide to join Facebook, the agreement to "friend" their child, or even their child's friends, should mainly benefit a mutual trust and a better understanding of Internet safety.

Retired police officer James Cox of Brunswick, M.D. admits to having a Facebook and being friends online with his children for the right reasons, saying, "I did want to check up on my kids, but in a less intrusive way than forcing them to give me access to their login names. I think that ... being accepted as 'friends' on Facebook allows us both to share a higher level of trust."

His 20-year old son, Tyler, feels that their relationship on Facebook reflects their relationship at home.

"I'm friends with both my parents on Facebook. I feel like as I'm growing up, while they're still my parents, they are also becoming my friends. So why not add them? They know what I do with my life and how I live it. I personally don't put anything on Facebook I would want to hide from them. I'm not always proud of the pictures I get tagged in, but they know that I do all those things."

When asked if he had ever been confronted with a dilemma concerning his children's friends posting inappropriate things on Facebook, Cox said that "it's the same as walking down the street and seeing one of your friend's kids smoking a cigarette; it's never an easy choice to make. I think one of the most important parts of this decision requires you to ask yourself what you would want your friends to tell you. I think that taking that into consideration and always thinking of

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safety you can make a good decision on what to do. I once saw a string of uncharacteristic posts on one friend's kid's site and decided I would ask him how he was doing. We had a good conversation and didn't have to involve anyone else which helped to keep the relationship as friends solid."

Having gone through a similar situation with his dad on Facebook, Tyler's secret was shared thanks to a wall post. "I got picked up by NYPD for possession of alcohol under 21 last year. One of my friends wrote on my wall, 'So how did court go?' Dad read it and wrote on my wall 'OH, How did that court date go, Tyler? I'd like to hear all about it.' That was not a pleasant phone call."

Nevertheless, Tyler claims that knowing his parents have Facebook does not change how he uses the Web site.

"Sometimes I'll look at a picture I'm tagged in or a comment on a picture of me or a wall post and go, 'Hope mom and dad don't see that!' But my mom once said something about Facebook that was pretty enlightening: 'People can act like a completely different person on Facebook. I treat everything I see like that person has gone to Vegas for the weekend. What happens on Facebook, stays on Facebook.'"

While some parents may not be as suave as the Coxes on Facebook their kids — and all kids for that matter — should learn to not post anything on the Internet for everyone to see unless they want *everyone* to see it.

Internet safety is a growing issue in America today, and while Facebook is a relatively safe Web site with flexible privacy settings, precautions should automatically be taken by the users themselves.

When it comes down to it, Facebook serves as a social network, not espionage headquarters.

If used for the right reasons, anyone should be allowed to catch up with friends through the Web site.

"I find that more and more of my friends are signing up for Facebook," Cox said. "I use Facebook to connect to friends from high school, church camp, college and former places of work. My family and I all have Facebook and we hope to get our parents engaged soon. I chat and make plans using Facebook on a weekly basis."

Tyler admits to encouraging his parents' familiarity with modern technology and involvement in social functions. "They are old," he said. "That doesn't mean they don't have friends."

cd review

"Beyond the Gray" blurs lines, soothes away stress

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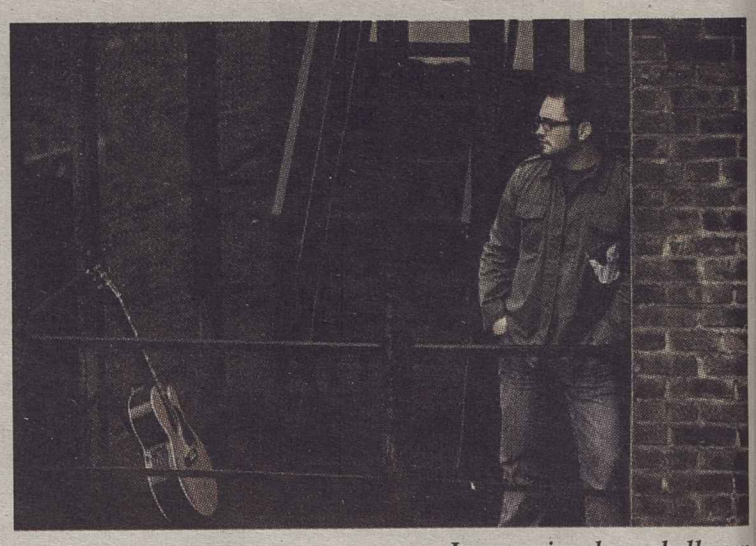
Campus Life Editor

Jared Campbell, a New York native, has recently released a new album with Michael J. Media. "Beyond the Gray," his the title track and album name, expresses an understanding of the tough road in life that all people experience – when the lines are far too blurry for focus.

According to Campbell's official Web site, *www.jaredcampbell.com*, his album and title song idea came from driving on a foggy night, with the only thing guiding him is a thin white line, which he compares to the values of family, faith and interest in life.

Campbell's sound could be likened to a harmonious blend of Dave Matthews and John Mayer, with the catchy edginess of Jason Mraz, all wrapped up in an acoustic ensemble that calms the nerves and lightens the soul.

Campbell, who has played with the likes of Hootie and the Blowfish and Gavin Degraw, is no stranger to acoustic tracks with a mellow attitude – his album is filled with funky beats and a chill sound.



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With catchy guitar riffs, "I Do," Campbell's fourth track, croons about the desire to be loved by a certain someone and the saving grace of love. Comparable to almost every word a girl wants to hear, "I Do" is easy to fall in love with — and even easier to play on repeat. To old school boy band fans, this ballad is reminiscent of the songs we fell in love with (and admittedly, still know by heart all these years later).

His lyrically evocative sixth track, "My Queen," is a song written for his mother in which he describes her attributes and how much she means to him.

Campbell gives the non-musically inclined population a new song every mother would love to hear. A new "mom song" hasn't existed since the Backstreet Boys quintessential "Perfect Fan", in 1999.

Extreme kudos to his mother, who has obviously raised a musically-competent son and a soulful artist.

Overall, Campbell's second album is relevant to the life of even the most Scrooge-like of individuals. By combining his soulful voice, intense lyrics and skill to create soothing and stress relieving melodies, Campbell has released a winner with "Beyond the Gray."

His ability to make the life's hardships seem tolerable while crooning a soulful melody is genius. Rarely are musicians discovered with the quality of creativity and artistry as Michael J. Media has found in Jared Campbell.

"Beyond the Gray" and it's heartwarming tenderness evokes the kindness of the human spirit — a purely Cratchit-like quality.

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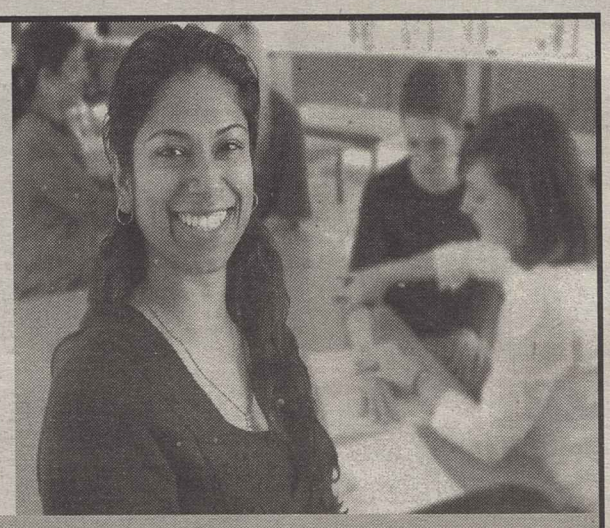

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event preview

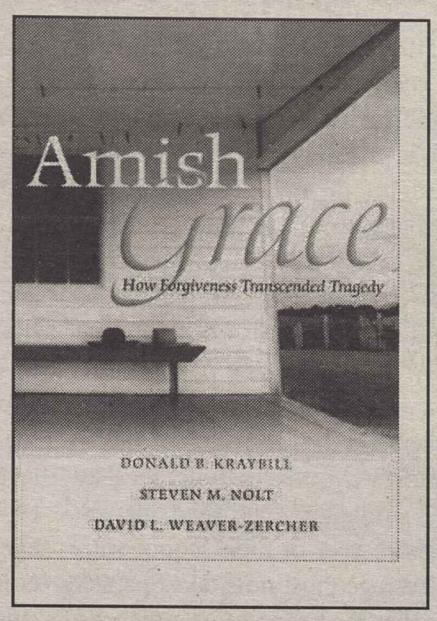
Critics meet author, "Amish Grace"

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Campus Life Editor

Critics should probably never meet the authors they review. Alas, some people just can't help themselves. Dr. Conrad Kanagy's Sociological Theory class has the opportunity to do something really exciting — meeting authors of world famous books and telling them what they think about them.

Kanagy's class is split into three groups, so they can each cover one specific book: "Amish Grace" by Dr. Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt and David L. Weaver-Zercher; "The Porning of America" by Dr. Carmine Sarracino and Dr. Kevin M. Scott; and "Divided by Faith" by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith. Two of the authors, as you may recognize, are part of Elizabethtown's respected staff.

The group reading "Amish Grace" is immensely excited about their project, which requires them to read the book, critique its work, and decipher the sociological theory the authors used.



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One of the group members, senior Kory McKeown, had a few words to say about it, "I'm really excited to be able to learn from someone who knows so much about a culture that not many people are aware of, although I think all of us are a little nervous to critique an author of such stature as Dr. Kraybill," she said.

The group has gone a few steps further with the class project, allotting time for a book signing, light refreshments and extensive advertisement — including the use of ECTV and WWEC.

"We want the community and the student body to be well informed of such a worthwhile event," McKeown said. "We really think it's a really important event for the Elizabethtown area to become involved in."

The question panel and critique will take place Thursday Feb. 12 in the Bucher Meetinghouse on the Elizabethtown College campus at 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served, and the opportunity to purchase a copy of "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy" and have it signed by Kraybill will occur after the discussion. Please contact Jasmine Gollup at GOLLUPJ@etown.edu with any questions.

movie review

Romantic Comedy delights, amuses

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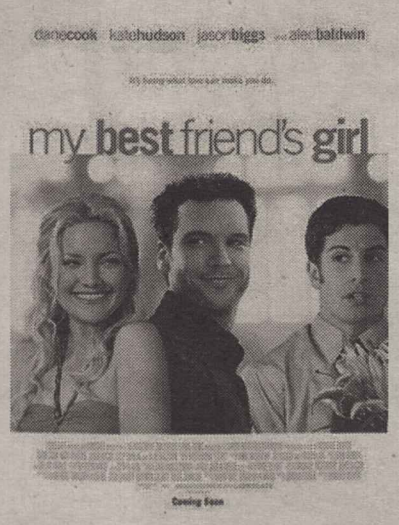
In "My Best Friend's Girl," Kate Hudson (the sweet girl with good intentions from "How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days" and "Skeleton Key") plays a foul-mouthed date-from-hell.

Whoda thunk? We guess with Dane Cook playing opposite her, anything is possible.

In this romantically crude (or crudely romantic) movie, Cook plays Tank Turner, a guy who gets paid by other guys to take their ex-girlfriends on the worst dates of their lives.

By performing grossly opinionated acts (loudly singing sexist rap lyrics, urinating on potted cacti and propositioning elderly women), Tank sends the recently-single back into the arms of their manipulative exes.



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Tanks's pseudo-cousin Dusty (Jason Biggs) pays him to perform his service on Alexis (Hudson). Dusty's needlessly desperate behavior (the man's a bad joke) drives Alexis away — she wants more than declarations of love and free roses.

However, when Tank shows up to her apartment an hour late, Alexis is plastered. His "emotional terrorism" doesn't affect her in the slightest. She likes his music and enjoys their date to the strip club as much as he does. Cue the love triangle.

For better or worse, "My Best Friend's Girl" is high on shock and low on subtlety.

The characters are two-dimensional but consistent: needy guy is needy, dirty guy is dirty, modern girl is modern. The humor is extremely lowbrow: accidental damages, herpes jokes and toilet talk litter the movie. Dusty loves pornography, Tank says the C-word a few times.

Good delivery saves the movie; the quality of the actual performance kept us laughing. Regardless of Cook's actual merit as a comedian, his timing and expression sells the character entirely.

Watch him drunkenly lift a fish from a wedding-reception buffet. *Hear* him babble quotables like, "Daddy bee's got the honey" and, "Cocaine, you know? Just kind of gets me sneezing."

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Delightfully, Alec Baldwin enters the film as Tank's father. Mr. Turner teaches college-level women's-studies classes, and is single-handedly responsible for warping Tank into a social dog.

The relationship between father and son is the first that "My Best Friend's Girl" examines non-comedically, and it reveals a sympathetic part of Tank's character. His clients, his friends and his family constantly assume that he is as filthy and worthless as the role that he plays, and he believes them. At his day job as a customer service representative, he wastes time and abuses customers in order to satisfy his own agenda.

But the story has no moral. Tank has spend his whole life falling into a self-fulfilling prophecy of disinterest and cruelty. It's easy to cheer for him when he finally begins to act unselfishly; we particularly enjoy the havoc that he wreaks while Johnny Cash plays "When the Man Comes Around." However, the movie doesn't really have much to say. It begins with the premise "girls like bad boys," abandons it for "boys like girls," and finishes with cloaked sensitivity.

Furthermore — and we are *very* upset about this — Tank's co-worker Dwalu (Malcolm Barrett) was the most realistic character, but he disappears entirely from the story less than halfway in. Also, the film suffers from an excess of musical montages. We lost count at six. The musical selections are appropriate to the piece, but they cannot stand in for actual character development.

In short, "My Best Friend's Girl" makes for a simple but enjoyable night of explicit entertainment. While we won't recommend it to our parents (or yours), we will laugh at the memory of Dane Cook projectile-vomiting during a bride's first dance. Watch it with an open, empty mind. We hope you like Electrasy.

television review

Set sail; "LOST"

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

LOST" returned to ABC with a two-hour premiere, though the 60-minute recap immediately preceding served as a ready example of the series' growing complexity. Executive producer J.J. Abrams loaded the first episode of the Jan. 21 event with references and characters that likely bewildered anyone not already familiar with the show.

In its first season, "LOST" told the story of airplane-crash survivors stranded on an extraordinary island. By the show's fourth episode, smoke monsters, ghosts and miracles had already confounded the castaways.

The show's storytelling techniques improve tremendously as it evolves. From the very beginning, Abrams uses flashbacks to tell the respective back stories of the massive ensemble cast (featuring 14 speaking roles in the first season).

Eventually, patterns become clear: the survivors' past lives overlap, though only the audience knows it.

Discovery of these coincidences lends the show an addictive and exciting quality, rewarding audiences' water-cooler discussions and half-baked theories with new clues each week. The third season ends with a new twist — flash-forwards — and shows six survivors unhappily returned to civilization.

The availability of past episodes via DVD or *abc.com* eases entry into the series, though actual familiarity with the "LOST" mythology requires the exhaustive viewing of the 85 episodes to date.

This investment may satisfy those who can trust the show's writers enough to suspend their disbelief — the island contains everything from underground infirmaries to polar bears — but the characters' personal subplots are sufficiently developed enough to keep even skeptics entertained.

Particularly annoying individuals tend to meet gruesome ends: the writers satisfy audience feedback by impaling less popular characters with arrows or burying them alive.

Most plotlines end with major character deaths, though very few of them stay dead. "LOST" becomes charmingly self-referential at times, with bit players frustrated at the self-importance of the series' stars.

And though occasional episodes feel tedious and transitional, the show's climaxes (each of which typically answers one question, creates four new ones, and kills someone special) are good enough to keep over 10 million viewers.

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SOUND OFF

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT PARENTS USING FACEBOOK?

by Matthew P. Butera

Claire Battle
Class of 2012

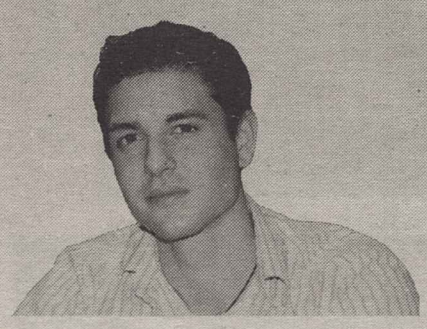
"I don't like that idea at all."

Jonathan Lewis
Class of 2009

"I see it as more of a youth network."

Lauren Thornton
Class of 2009

"It's ok. It's different, but I'm not really against it."



Ezra Schatz
Class of 2009

"I don't mind it unless they are using it to spy on their kids. Where is the trust?"

on campus

Math, language placements irk students

Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Elizabethtown College prides itself on a well-rounded college education for students. A liberal arts curriculum by definition is a "college or university curriculum aimed at imparting general knowledge and developing general intellectual capacities." The heart of Etown's liberal arts curriculum is its core classes. All students must take both a First Year Seminar and Colloquium, along with several other requirements.

These requirements include a creative expression class, both western and non-western cultural heritage classes, two general science classes and a basic humanities class. In addition, the College also requires two other, more controversial core classes. Both the mathematics and power of language core classes have been subject to debate by many students and faculty here on campus. This semester, several students were kicked these out of classes, notified simply by an e-mail saying they were "overqualified" for the course.

When students enter college during their first year, they have high expectations. While taking entrance exams for both math and foreign language placements, students do not necessarily understand what is going on, and some may blindly click on class options. What they do not know is that these simple mouse clicks could cause serious conflicts at a later time.

Students who sign up for basic math and language classes in the future do not necessarily remember the information that they once had. A student who finished Spanish her sophomore year of high school with barely a B average must now take Spanish 112, a class that requires a more advanced knowledge of the language. Why not take French, German or another language at a beginner level? It is possible, of course, but what happens if a student were to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country, or if they just crave the familiarity of the language? All of these difficulties arise through this department.

The mathematics placement process involves similar predicaments. Many incoming first year students do not kno what each option of mathematics place ment means. Simply taking pre-calculu class junior year of high school warrant students to place in "Concepts of Calcu lus." This class could be taken as late a junior year of college, nearly four year later. How is this fair? Yes, math is part o the very valuable core curriculum, and i is widely agreed upon that students love good challenge. But is it really necessar for the College to bar the option of lowe level classes, and is it okay for administra tors to ban students from these course even if they are pursuing majors such a communications and English, fields o study where math is not required? It is no fair, and it is not necessary.

It is understood that core requirement make Etown a liberal arts college and kee the students well-rounded, but should the be restricted, blocked out of classes, an placed on pedestals that they obvious cannot reach? None of this is fair, an something should be done before anothe student is kicked out of a class that the clearly need to graduate.

letter to the editor

Anti-Israeli sentiment perpetuates media

Extraordinarily reckless activity…" "…inexcusably bloody invasions…" These are the words written by Jameson Rohrer, copy editor of *the Etownian* on Jan. 22, 2009, in reference to Israel's assault on Gaza in December. I want to know why a double standard always applies to Israel? What truly lies behind the constant condemnation of Israeli policies? As Denis MacEoin stated in the *Jerusalem Post* on Jan. 22, 2009, "We like our Jew emaciated and helpless under the SS boot. But the moment real Jews stand up and show themselves stronger for all their deaths, it awakens an atavistic fear, and people recoil from them. Jews in uniform, how unseemly. Jews beating the bully, how unheard of. Jews with their own state, what upstarts."

Israel tried to warn Hamas that a war was inevitable if the shelling of Israeli cities did not stop. Leaflets were dropped warning the citizens of Gaza of what was to come and to seek shelter. There are films of Hamas gunmen dragging screaming children along with them to act as human shields. They fired their weapons from behind these children knowing no Israeli soldier woul fire back. Reports from doctors in Gaza stated that the numbe of dead and injured was greatly inflated by Hamas.

Hamas is directly responsible for the suffering of the Pale tinians because it will not compromise to achieve peace. Tot annihilation of the State of Israel is their only goal. Total jihad their only solution. If they are ultimately successful in their go against Israel, which country will be next? Please, don't take m word for it. Read the facts, be informed. Try to understand th true nature and intent of militant Islam.

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Associate Professor of Social Work
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Is Obama the next Martin Luther King Jr.?

Double Take

Nathan D. Derr

For months now, the overabundance of comparisons between Barack Obama and other famous Americans, including Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy, has saturated the airwaves and day-to-day conversation.

The comparisons have even gone so far as to point out the fact that the set-up of Obama's inauguration was a kind of mirror-image to that of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Hell, it was probably planned that way. I'm not really sure.

The fact remains that people seem unwilling (or unable) to see Obama in terms of his own merits or shortcomings. Not like this is anything new for Americans (not to generalize; maybe it's a universal thing. Most of the people I know are American, so that's what I go off of). Whether it's entertainment, food or what have you, we just can't resist seeing how things measure up to other things. Not only is this unfair to the subject being compared, but overall it clouds one's view of what is being observed.

So let's say you've got this dog. It's the best dog you could ever ask for: it sits when you tell it to, doesn't bark at guests, sorts the recyclables, gets you a bigger tax refund…you know the type.

You can't get enough of this dog, and it can't get enough of you. One day it gets hit by a truck while helping an old woman cross the street, or it dies pulling orphans from a burning building. You end up traumatized for a long time and spend a lot of money on counseling that ultimately doesn't do much of anything, but you are finally able to move on with your life.

You go to the animal shelter and happen to see the cutest dog you've ever laid eyes on — at least since your last one. There's something about it you can't quite put your finger on, but it reminds you of the superdog you used to have. So you take it home, and, sure enough, it's just about as amazing as the old one.

Except whenever it does something cool, you can't help but think, "Hey, that's just like ol' Rusty used to do. Before he burned to death in that orphanage." As a result, you never really build the same bond that you had with Rusty I, and Rusty II senses that he is nothing but a cheap sequel. Your unfairly high expectations and refusal to live in the present drive an inseparable wedge between the two of you and causes a lot of well-earned bitterness.

I think there was some relevance in the bit about the dog, but I really couldn't tell you what it was.

Look at Barack for who he is, not who he might be like.

Change is the promise of Barack Obama. He wants to change our nation, make it better. That was the fervent wish of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who dreamt of a fundamental improvement in the American way of life: equal rights for all.

Now, obviously, the issues that both men present are not the same. King fought desperately for a very prominent issue of the time: civil rights. He strove for equality for the black population, although he had a passionate wish and dream for everyone to share the same rights and freedoms. Obama is fighting for a different type of change: he wants to the see the United States become stronger; he wants to make this nation a better nation, the best nation it can possibly be.

Despite those differences, other resemblances are remarkably the similar. Both were young black men who carried an inspiring message of innovation. Both played prominent roles shaping American culture and history. King established himself in history and altered the frame of mind of a nation when he promoted a nonviolent alternative to how the nation fundamentally functions. His methodologies and words are practiced and applicable today.

Khouri E. McGrann

Obama has the entire future in which to create and cause incredible change that not only will echo throughout the United States, but the world. He is, quite literally, history in the making, as MLK was. Besides the obvious ethnic similarities, these men are similar because of their potential. Although MLK's potential was cut short, we saw it reach far beyond his life, far beyond his age, his generation or even the immediate issues that he personally tried to address. His promise radiates throughout American culture and practice, even today.

Barack Obama stands in a position practically identical to the one MLK stood in. Although the emphasis in each of their missions are not the same, the possibility for both is endless. Obama stands in a place of such prospective. He can carry a message that will leave beyond his term in office, beyond his life, the lifespan of his generation or even his children's generation. He can start a pulse of change that will affect every corner of the world, through legislation or diplomacy, whatever may come in his term.

Despite all this, I wouldn't call Barack Obama the next MLK. There is only one Martin Luther King Jr. There can only ever be one. But there can be men like him, men who stand beside him in history as men who, despite various race prejudices that could have harmed their journeys, changed the world. Barack Obama could certainly be one of those men.

staff column

American educational system fails again

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

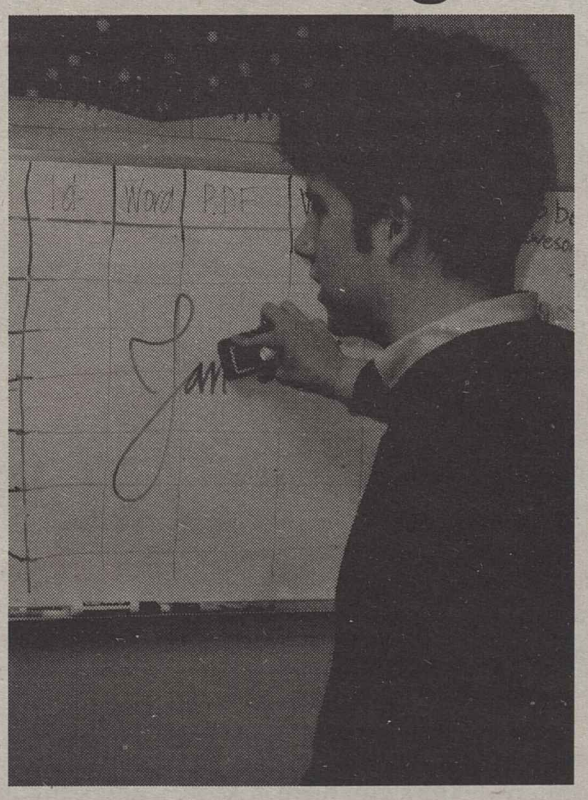
I have terrible penmanship. This shortcoming is common to my gender, likely common to college students and certainly common to junior staff at this newspaper. It isn't *indescribably* bad—unlike the Abyssal scrawling of my assistant, my chicken-scratch can be qualified with words like "colorful," "stylized" and "bold"—but it is, at the best of times, barely comprehensible.

According to a 2007 survey from Vanderbilt University, cursive instruction occurs in about 90 percent of schools during second and third grades, then essentially disappears from the curriculum entirely. Anecdotally, I spent about six years cursive-free until being confronted with (and confounded by) the integrity statement of the SAT. But I soldiered on, certain that my pen would eventually be replaced by a keyboard. To some extent it certainly has; e-mail has drastically cut nationwide pen-and-paper correspondence, and I don't recall the last time I actually bothered handwriting an untimed essay.

But now, nearing adulthood, I've grown slightly embarrassed at my abject calligraphic poverty. It wasn't enough to tidy up my vowels for final exams, or to straighten angles so that my capital Ms looked less like capital Hs. Every receipt I signed became an exercise in shame. What began as a time-saving doodle degenerated into a disgraceful, skulking worm. Frankly, I don't even remember what a cursive capital J is supposed to look like; I spent over a month signing bills as "Lameson."

Fortunately, books exist to re-teach adults this sort of thing. I purchased "Write Now" by Barbara Getty and Inga Dubay, and am cracking toward a better tomorrow. Some day, I will be capable of legibly producing handwritten notes and endorsing restaurant receipts. Until that day, I shall try to not judge anyone too fiercely for their own scribbled incompetence.

I do believe that penmanship should make a return to classrooms worldwide. There's no need to be snooty about it, but Britain's educators spent £1.3 billion last year on school paint scheme consulting (according to the *Daily Express*). We should spend at least that much on teaching our Yankee children to cross their Ts.



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etown men's basketball

Men win last two games, advance to 4-2 in conference

Ross M. Benincasa
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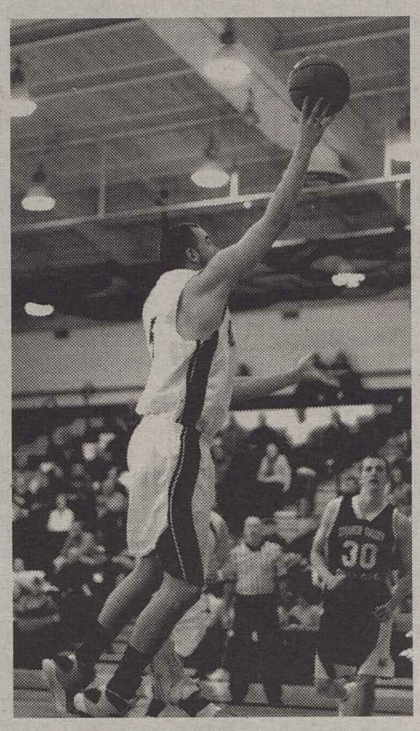
What do you think is the loudest building on campus? That's a tough question to answer. The BSC certainly comes to mind, especially at peak hours when the Marketplace is bustling with students reenergizing from classes and sports. Your dormatory floor may also come to mind, especially when you're cramming for an exam or knocking out the last section of your research paper.

But what about Thompson Gym? You see, it's rare to enter Thompson Gym during the winter months and not hear the squeaks of freshly-laced Nikes along the wood-paneled flooring, or the echoing hoots and hollers of teammates jabbering back and forth down the court.

The constant banter you hear is usually that of the men's basketball team, and lately it has been for good reason: the team is on a two-game winning streak and trying to finish out the season strong with some tough opponents up ahead.

Saturday, the men's team traveled to Arcadia University to take on the Knights and ended up handing them their first home conference loss of the season in Etown's 72-58 win. Sophomore Keith Fogel led the Blue Jays with a career-high 25 points, scoring 18 of them in the second half and helping to effectively shut down Arcadia's offensive game, which shot only 40 percent from the field.



Photos: Matthew P. Butera
Junior Mike Church goes for a layup against Lebanon Valley.

Fogel beat his previous career best of 21 points in a game, set against Marymount University, and later matched versus Messiah. Junior Mike Church also added 12 points from the field, as well as seven rebounds, four blocked shots and four assists.

"[Defeating Aracadia] definitely will give us a boost going into Saturday after Albright beat us this year," senior captain Phil Schaffer said. "Saturday is also alumni day, so we do not want to disappoint the former players."

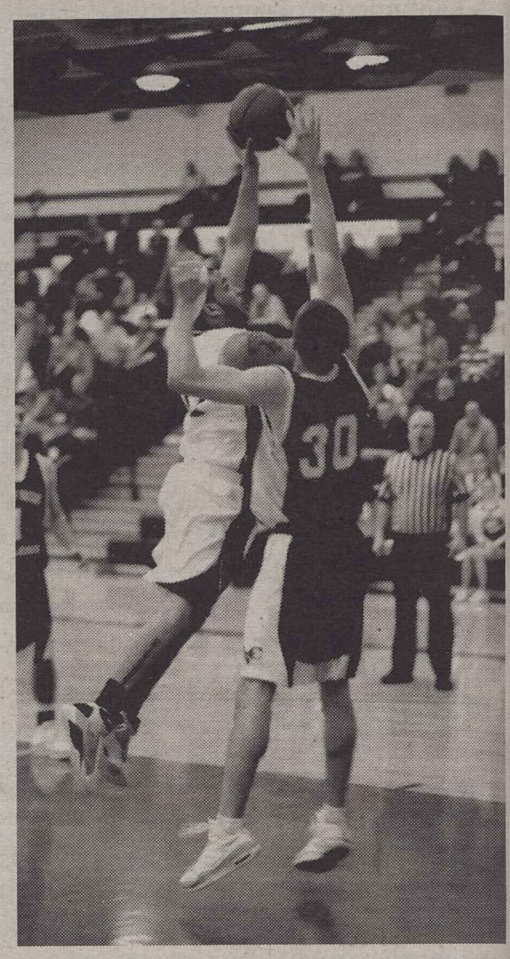
The start of the men's winning streak kicked off Jan. 21 when they defeated Lebanon Valley on the road. The spark for the men's team in this game was Etown's leading scorer, sophomore Joe Flanagan, who scored a game-high 18 points, knocking down four three-pointers in the process.

Fogel also had another impressive game, adding 15 points and seven rebounds to the stat sheet in Etown's 70-53 win. However, the Blue Jays' defensive game again was the talk of the night, as they held the Flying Dutchmen to a mere 34 percent from the field and forced 20 turnovers throughout the game. When asked what he can attribute to the recent defensive prowess, Fogel replied, "Our intensity in preparation for the game and the level of intensity in the actual game."

Schaffer added, "Defense is everything. If we set the tempo, we force them to [shoot] bad shots, and in return, we get easy buckets. It also frustrates our opponents, and motivates us to continue pressuring them."

Currently, the men are 10-8 overall and an impressive 4-2 in the Commonwealth Conference heading into their game against Albright. Their last game against Albright ended in a high-scoring loss (80-93).

The next game will be played at home is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31. Hopefully this will give the team a significant advantage over Albright, who are coming off of two recent losses and stand at 11-7 overall. If the Blue Jays keep up their recent defensive bullying, hopefully we will see another win fall into place for Etown as they look to advance in the MAC.



Jumping for the shot, sophomore Chris Hill (left) leaps above Eric Humphrey (right) of Lebanon Valley College last Wednesday. The Jays won 73-53.

etown swimming

Last meet postponed; MAC Championships start soon

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown's swim team is close to the MAC Championships, and the team is working hard to beat their previous record. The women's team hopes to improve its fourth-place finish and the men's team would like to surpass the fifth place position it has held for two years. With the season coming to an end, the team is concentrating on the challenge that lies ahead.

The women's team is having a successful season, winning eight of the past 10 meets. Last week, they defeated Arcadia and Widener, and they have one meet against Scranton before the MAC Championships. The men's team, although having a tougher season than the women, is still optimistic for the next couple of weeks.

On the match against Arcadia, sophomore Tom Hagerty said, "We won eight out of 11 events against Arcadia. We can't do much better than that with only four or five guys in the pool. We're doing our best to fight the pains of a rigorous season and focusing mainly towards MACs coming up in mid-February."

The major setback for the men's team is the fact that it only has five members, whereas the women's team has 15. Coach Daniel DeHass explains that it is hard to get the men motivated when the odds of winning are so slim. Against Widener's team of 25, the men seemed to fall short, even though they performed well. DeHass believes that "a team feeds off a team," and when the team is small, it is hard to encourage each other.

This is DeHass' first year coaching the swim team at Etown, and although he had no goals for the team at the beginning of the season, he thinks that both the men and women have a good chance of beating their previous MAC Championship finishes. The changes that were made with the new coach have been minor. DeHass said that the only change was "having the team get used to how he runs things." He believes that he demands more from the team, and they have done more training than they are used to.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Taking a lap, sophomore Becca Rose practices her stroke yesterday. The swim team was supposed to face Scranton University on Tuesday for their final meet of the year before MACs, but it was postponed until today because of snow.

Toward the end of winter break, the team went on a training session to Florida. DeHass had them practicing twice a day, in order to get back into shape after break. Besides training, the team also went to Wet 'N Wild waterpark and had the opportunity to go scuba diving. This experience not only gave the team a chance to get away and train, but it also helped them develop as a team.

On the experience and rest of the season, senior Sarah Berry said, "It can be tough to come back and swim after you've been on winter break for so long. Florida helps us get back into shape so that we can finish our season strong.

"Since [we got] back from Florida a lot of us have been swimming our best times, which is encouraging when looking forward to our end goal of MACs. The girls have a good shot of making top three in the conference this year, which would be an improvement from last year. It definitely will be a challenge, but we look forward to it."

Reflecting back, DeHass said that the team has had a very good season. The women are very positive, and have consistently "stepped up," leading them to win close meets.

The men also have been fighting to improve their record, even with only five members.

DeHass knows that the MAC Championship will be a challenge, but has faith that Etown can exceed their previous record and come out on top. The teams will head to Scranton University today for their final match of the season. The match was origionally scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed because of snow.

super bowl special

Steelers fans prepare for much-anticipated Super Bowl

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

It's Thursday morning in southwest Florida. Palm trees gently sway as the cool air grazes each leaf. Here at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., not a soul can be heard anywhere near the vicinity of the park. It was only three months ago that this vacant baseball stadium packed crowds in like sardines for baseball's most prestigious event: the World Series. The excitement has returned, but this time it has moved across the bay to Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, where the Super Bowl will be hosted this upcoming Sunday.

The table is set for the Sunday showdown that will feature a match between the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers. It's a game that nobody really predicted would happen, yet somehow the odds were overcome.

All across western Pennsylvania, Steelers fans rejoice in their team's success, but they still remain hesitant about the big game. Though it has been a solid season for the Steelers, there were several high and lows that made the Steeler nation ponder how far the team would go.

"After Willie Parker and Rahard Mendenhall went down, I thought we were doomed," junior Bill Bell, who has been a Steelers fan his whole life, said. "I always had my doubts, but I still thought we were going to go to the Super Bowl. I'm that type of fan."

With running back Willie Parker, who averages 96 yards per game, and as one of the top defensive teams in the league, it's not hard to see how the Steelers are going into Sunday as the favorite. They finished their season on top of the AFC North with a record of 12-4. The Steelers entered the playoffs with a bye in the first week, and later they advanced to the AFC championship game by defeating the San Diego Chargers 35-24. They then rolled over the Baltimore Ravens 23-14 to capture the AFC.

"I definitely think the Steelers will win," Bell said. "Their offensive line has to protect Ben Roethlisberger and create holes for him. They also have to make sure they don't come out sluggish against the Cardinals and overlook their power."

Though the Steelers are favored to win, the Cardinals have just finished a remarkable playoff run that turned them from the team most likely to fall to the little team that could. It was the Cardinals that shocked the league after winning their first playoff game against the Atlanta Falcons 30-24. That game was their first playoff victory in 10 years, and it was also their first home playoff game since 1947. The Cardinals then pulled off another strong 33-13 win in the semi-finals against the Carolina Panthers. The Panthers entered the game with the only undefeated home record this season, but the Cardinals' defense were able to force Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme to throw five interceptions that added to the Panther's loss. The Cardinals then hosted Philadelphia in the NFC Championship Game, and, again, they stunned their audience, winning 32-25.

Sunday, these two teams will faceoff on the world's largest stage as millions of viewers across the world watch them battle for the title. It's a game that brings people of all kinds together, no matter what their team allegiance is. But as football fans unite on this momentous Sunday, Bell will be sitting by himself, watching the game alone- a ritual that he practices every Sunday that his team plays.

"I have to. I can't watch Steelers games with anybody," he said. "I don't want to annoy my friends when I scream."

Of course, if he had the chance to attend the game, he would take the opportunity in a heartbeat. "I almost had really good seats, but that fell through," he said. "My uncle lives down in Tampa, and he's going to the game. My friends and I also talked about going down and checking out all of the activities."

For Steelers and Cardinals fans alike, this Super bowl will certainly be one to talk about. Will the Steelers attack with the power they've had all season long, or will the underdogs prevail?

As the days progress, downtown Tampa is becoming a hub for tourists and travelers trying to have a part in the big game. Though it's still three days away, Super Bowl fever has struck the city in full throttle. Speculations and predictions spread around, but only time will reveal who the real champions will be.

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer

Steelers fans at Etown prepare for the big game by getting their apparel ready to wear. Sophomore Caitlin Booth proudly displays her jersey and pullover that she wears during every Steelers game. "I've got to support my team!" she said.

etown wrestling

Wrestling heads into homestretch of season

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the wrestling team added another win and another loss to their overall record of 4-9. The men traveled to Scranton University, where they first played Niagara Community College, later then Scranton.

In the match against Niagara CC, the men lost 26-15. Despite the loss, first-year Tyler Erdman was able to earn his 23rd win of the year. He is now 23-2 in the season.

Later in the day, the men came up strong defeating Scranton 46-3. Sophomore Marty Harnish defeated Adam Gault of Scranton in 59 seconds, and first-year Jordan Becker pinned Joe Williams of Scranton in 49 seconds. Also adding to the win was junior Paul Connor who won 17-3 decision over Luke Genovese of Scranton.

The team is now entering the homestretch of their season. They will be travelling to Illinois to compete at the Pete Wilson Invitational at Wheaton College this upcoming weekend.

After that, they will have their final three Metropolitan Conference matches before championships Feb. 22.

etown indoor track

Men and women ambitious about season

Thomas D. Hagarty
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The indoor track season is a time for track athletes to refine their skills in their respective events. Elizabethtown's men's and women's indoor track teams continued that task-and their grueling January schedule- last week as they competed in the Collegeville Classic at Ursinus College.

The competition was fierce. Both the men's and women's teams finished 18th out of 19 teams; however, there were some noteworthy performances for the Blue Jays. Senior Chelsea Miles finished in third place in the women's high jump. For the men's team, first-year Mark Weber finished fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:01.66.

Whether running, throwing, jumping or vaulting, it is gut-check time for the Blue Jay athletes. While the Ursinus meet may not have gone as well as planned, the team now has bulletin board material to discuss at practice. The focus is on the future: a National Invitational at Penn State this Friday.

Sophomore captain Allie Gold said about the Invitational, "Coaches and athletes are looking to get NCAA provisional qualifying times for the distance medley relays."

Only a handful of athletes from both teams will be making the trip to Penn State. Those athletes then have to compete the very next day.

To finish up their January schedule, the teams will travel to the McElligott Invitational at Haverford College Saturday. Here, the Blue Jays looking to get back on track.

First-year Steve Boyer reiterated Gold's thoughts on qualifying times, saying, "This meet is important for the team to get and improve seeds for the conference meet."

Clearly, the team has a tremendous focus on goals for the end of the season. The conference meet is where the culmination of all their hard work and dedication becomes visible to the naked eye.

Sophomore Teresa Beshore is ready for the challenges. "I am really excited for the rest of the indoor season because I trust the training that Coach Straub and the other coaches have been giving us," she said. "I know that everything that is ahead of us will reflect all of our will and hard work."

There is plenty of room for hard work in the month of February. The men's and women's indoor track teams have only three meets in February before the culmination of MAC Championships, which are held Feb. 28 at Lehigh University.

etown women's basketball

Ladies head into final homestretch of season

Paige M. Tanner
Staff Writer

The Lady Jays fell to Lebanon Valley last Wednesday but recouperated for a big win against Arcadia University.

Elizabethtown sits third in the Commonwealth Conference after their win against Arcadia. Their loss to LVC was a blow. The team started off strong, but the Dutchmen picked it up and carried the momentum throughout the whole rest of the game. They created 24 turnovers from our Lady Jays.

Megan Quinn, senior guard, was the only Jay to achieve double digits, while LVC had five players in double figures. Quinn left the court with 11 points, and Courtney Kofeldt, junior guard, added nine with six rebounds. All of Kofeldt's baskets came from behind the three-point line. The final score was 51-72.

The team took time to watch film and work on their defense in order to take on Arcadia. Their goal was to stop the outside shooting and make their opponents enter the paint. One of the Lady Jays' strengths is working together as a team.

"The team is awesome, and going by what I have heard about previous years, we are definitely a pretty close-knit group. For the most part, we all get along well and the fact that we get along with each other definitely shows on the court," first-year Teanna Ziegler said.

They really showed how a team works together on the court at Arcadia Saturday. The Jays started off tough to ignite the lead. By 8:00 they had a gap of 21 with the score 27-8.

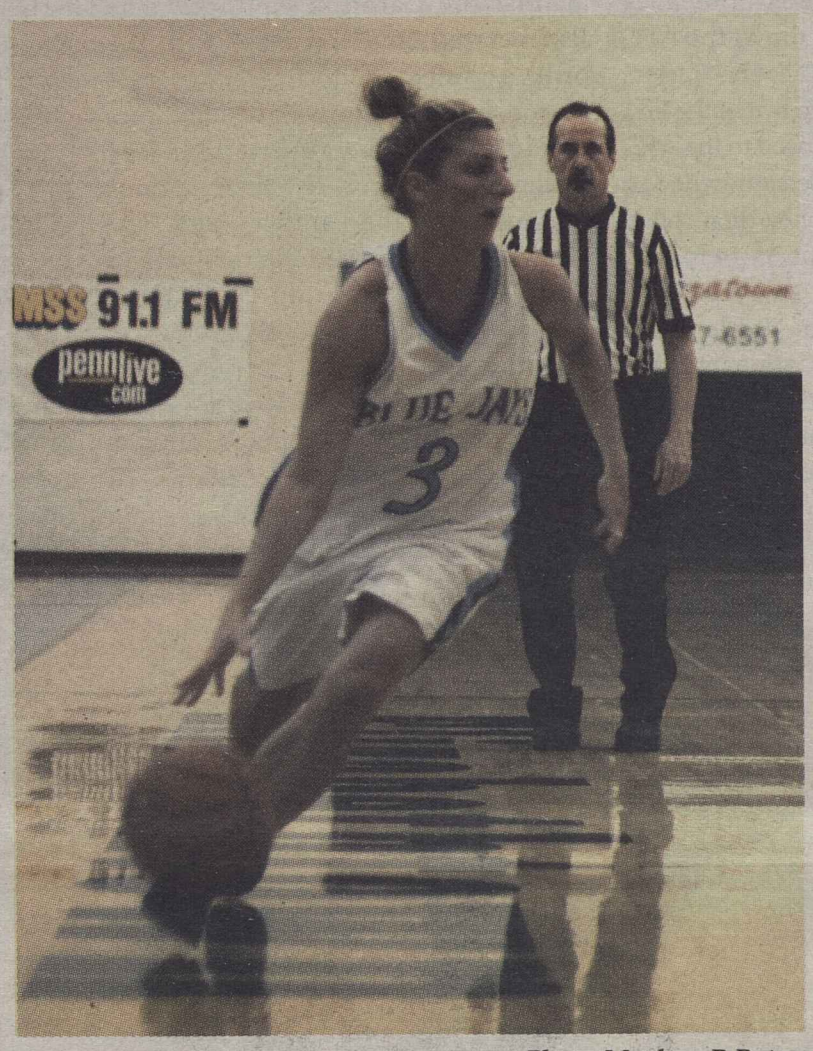

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Senior Megan Romano dribbles the ball in a game against Lebanon Valley College last Wednesday. Romano finished the game with eight points.

Kofeldt was on fire in the Knights' gym, sinking all four of her shots from the three-point line and then finishing with the team high of 14 points. Quinn tacked on six more and had 11 from the boards.

The Blue Jays' offense lit in the second half, having 50 percent. The Knights only had 18.8 percent the second half. Emily Mullen, first-year for the Jays, sank two three-pointers and had 10 points total in the second half. Ziegler upped the score eight more points right off the bench, adding to the spectacular offense of the Blue Jays and leaving the score of 76-41.

In a match against Immaculata College, the Lady Jays defeated them by an impressive score of 82-66. The ladies scored 14 three-pointers in the game, and Quinn had 21 total points.

The basketball season is on its decline; with only eight games left until playoffs, seniors are starting to feel the goodbyes. The thought of only having a handful of games left creates a new passion to accomplish all they can and hurdle full speed to the finish line.

One senior in particular is taking it pretty hard because of her latest ankle injury, which is keeping her out of the paint. Jenn Montague, senior forward, said, "I am doing everything possible to get back onto the court, especially since it is my senior year. I want to be able to play with my team again and help us get into playoffs."

The seniors are leading the team as far as they can, and with playoffs right around the corner, their energy is spiked. The team is flying to new heights with the post season in their grasp. They have not reached the post-season play since 2001. The girls are going to need focus and confidence to make it to the next level.

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Athlete of the Week

Keith Fogel

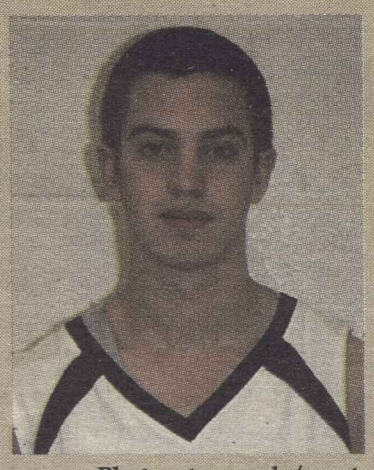
Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is stoked to name sophomore basketball sensation Keith Fogel Athlete of the Week!

In Saturday's game against Arcadia, Fogel dropped a career high 25 points, including going a perfect 6-6 at the free-throw line, in 33 minutes of play.

He also dished out one assist and two steals as the Blue Jays beat the Knights 72-58. Before Saturday, Fogel's career-high-scoring games were against Marmount and Messiah during which he scored 21 points.

So far this season, Fogel has started all 18 games and scored 247 total points, second highest total on the team, averaging 13.7 a game. Fogel's impressive numbers continue into the free throw category, where he leads the team by making 39 of his 42 shots, that's 92.9 percent for those of you following along at home.



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Fogel has been playing basketball about 17 years when his father took him to high school practices while he was coaching.

The Jay's face off against Albright at home this Saturday at 4 p.m. before traveling to Messiah and conference leader Widener Colleges Feb. 3 and 7.

The Jays look to take the second game versus Widener after losing 80-69.

Good luck the the entire men's basketball team and congratulations Keith Fogel for being named the Etownian's Athlete of the Week!

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item is ...
Grilled Ham and Cheese

Something not many people know about me is ...
My father was the principal of my high school

Favorite TV Show ...
The Office & Sports Center

When I graduate I want to ...
Hopefully get a job and live as close to Phil Schaffer as I can.

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Today: @ Dickenson
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on campus

Untimely loss touches heart, soul of campus community

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Assistant Editor

This just tugs at your heart strings," President Theodore Long said in an interview yesterday. "Craig was the perfect example of what it means to be alive in the face of death."

During the summer of 2006, Craig Anderson was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He missed an entire school year which he spent in chemotherapy, only to find out his cancer had metastasized. Craig remained strong and determined to come back to Etown to finish experiencing life as a college student.

"Craig was a great ambassador for us; he never lost his positive spirit," Long said.

Craig did come back to Etown, where he spent a semester as a "normal" college junior, a lifestyle about which he was adamant. During his second semester back, he was diagnosed again, this time with brain cancer.

For the next year and a half, while struggling to recover, Craig made every effort to participate in as many school activities as he could.

Among his many extracurricular activities, Craig was involved in the Peer Mentor program, for which he attended the week-long summer training in 2008. He also worked as an Admissions student assistant since his first year at Etown.

"He bled blue and grey," Long said.

When the cancer sentenced him to hospice care this winter, a private graduation ceremony was arranged.

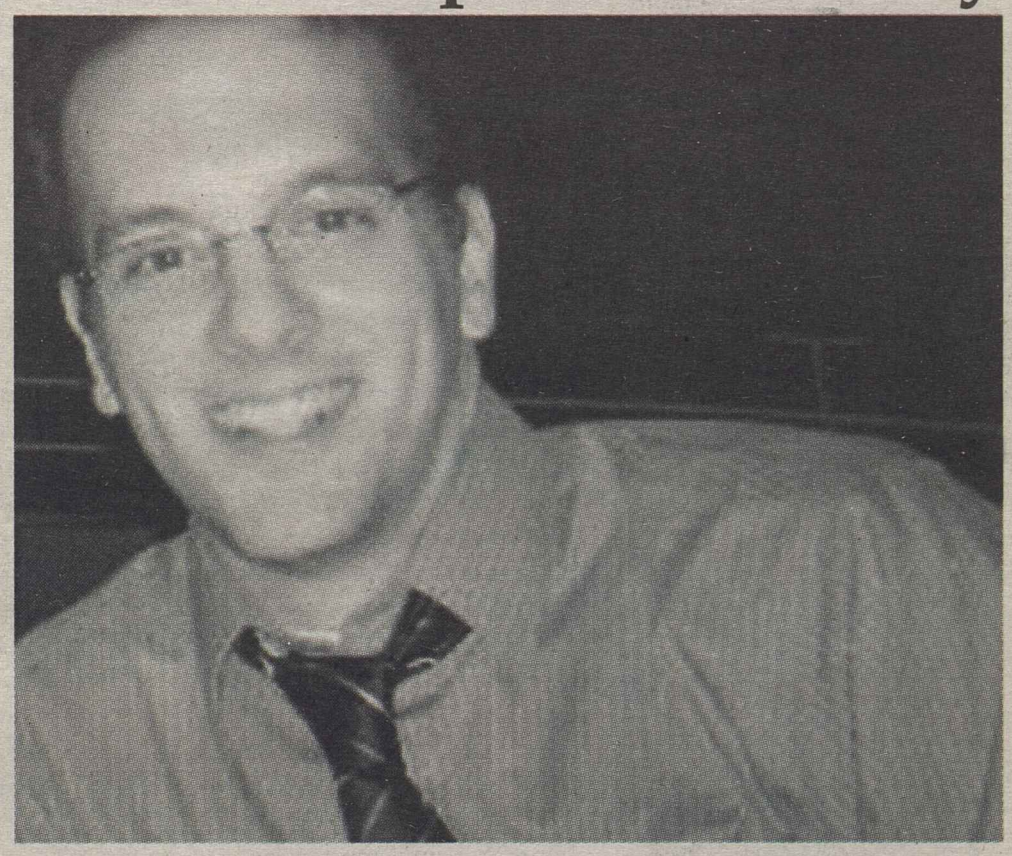
"That was the first time in my experience that I've ever performed a private ceremony," Long said. "But I dressed in my regalia, I brought him a robe and I read him the same citations I read at a public ceremony."

Craig had done independent study work that counted for the student teaching experience he never had. This allowed him to receive a Bachelor of Science in elementary education with a concentration in behavior management.

Unfortunately, Craig's determination to be a "normal" young man was ultimately defeated by his cancer. Tues., Feb. 3, 2009, Craig S. Anderson of Paoli, Pa., passed away due to brain cancer.

"Even in the face of [death], he was looking to bigger things; he was looking to the future," Long said.

According to Long, plans for a funeral service on Monday, Feb. 9 are as follows: 9 - 10:30 a.m. — Visitation at St. Norbert's Church in Paoli, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Norbert's Church, and 11:30 a.m. — Drive to Calvary Cemetery.



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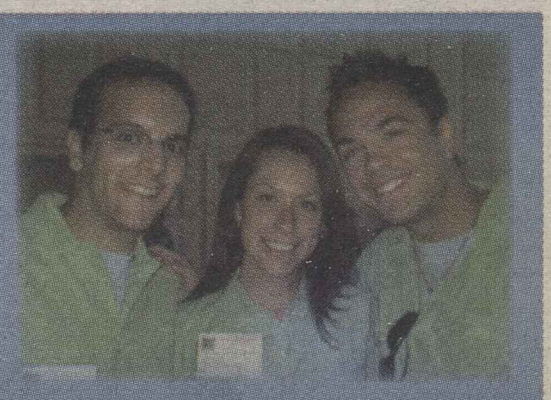

in the world

Global warming heats up: ice readies for collapse

Emily M. Reigart
Staff Writer

An Antarctic ice shelf roughly the size of Connecticut is poised to merge with the ocean at any moment. According to *Reuters.com*, the Wilkins Ice Shelf will soon make the transition from being land-bound to free-floating. The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) has tracked the dwindling size of the Antarctic shelves for years, and the Wilkins Ice Shelf follows the path dictated by the pattern of global warming and climate change. When this ice shelf separates from the Antarctic continent, it will become the 10th of its kind to either detach or recede significantly. However, sinice this ice is coastal, it will not affect sea levels.

Another recent study conducted by the University of Washington proves the global warming trend has even extended to the southern-most continent of Antarctica, according to the New York Times.

Previously, studies had shown that Antarctica was actually experiencing a cooling trend, contradictory to the overall warming trend experienced by the other six continents. The recent use of satellite technology has shed new light on the data collected by the weather stations in Antarctica, which are few and far between.

Global warming, also known as climate change, has become a hot-button topic in recent years. It seems

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Former Sen. Ted Daschle shocked fellow Democrats by withdrawing his nomination for head of Health and Human Services. The news came Tuesday from a statement issued via the White House, after criticism regarding mistakes made on his tax returns.

Daschle apologized and said he was "deeply embarrassed" for failing to report numerous expenses, including $15,000 in charitable donations, unreported car service and more than $80,000 more.

President Barack Obama stated that he accepted Daschle's decision "with sadness and regret."

Millard Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity, died Tuesday after a brief, but serious, illness. He and his wife, Linda, founded the international organization in 1976. The mission of Habitat is to build modest, affordable homes for low-income families.

A native of Alabama, Fuller was remembered by former President and close friend Jimmy Carter as "one of the most extraordinary people I have ever known."

Habitat for Humanity's Web site states that to date, the organization has provided homes for over 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities. Fuller was 74 years old.

A rebel group in Columbia released four hostages over the weekend. The fifth, released Tuesday, was Alan Jara, former governor of the Columbian state of Meta. Over 700 people remain in captivity, some taken hostage several years ago. Another prisoner is scheduled for release later this week. The Columbian government recently began offering rewards for the release of captives.

FARC — the Spanish acronym for Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — is a guerilla group that was established in 1964 as the military wing of the Columbian Communist Party.

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in the nation

Unanimous decision removes Blagojevich

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Springfield, Ill. was the focus of international attention Jan. 29 as the Illinois state Senate removed Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich from office. Blagojevich was impeached and charged with abusing his power in connection with attempting to sell Barack Obama's former senate seat.

The Illinois state Senate voted 59-0 for Blagojevich's removal after two hours of deliberation. The vote to bar him from ever again holding public office in the state was also unanimous.

Blagojevich's impeachment constituted the first impeachment of a governor in Illinois state history and the eighth in United States history.

Assistant professor of public law Scott A. Hendrickson said Blagojevich's reputation has suffered irreversible damage. "His political career is essentially over," Hendrickson said. "He is viewed as toxic. The perception is he is a bad apple."

Blagojevich, a two-term Democrat, boycotted the majority of the four-day trial. His sole appearance consisted of the deliverance of his 45-minute closing argument Thursday.

Instead of professing his self-insisted innocence to his jurors in Illinois, Blagojevich was on a media tour making appearances on several shows, including "The View" and "Larry King Live."

"I'm not guilty of any criminal wrongdoing," Blagojevich told Larry King. "And so I'll fight to the very end."

Hendrickson was not surprised with Blagojevich's media tour. "It is not an uncommon tactic for criminal cases," he said. "Get the public on your side. Then it's harder for the jury to convict you."

While the court of public opinion did not help Blagojevich in his impeachment trial, it will have another chance to help him in his upcoming federal trial. Blagojevich was arrested Dec. 9 on federal corruption charges. His trial is expected to take place in April.

Impeachment is similar to a criminal trial, but inflicts no criminal penalties such as jail time or fines. According to the Illinois Constitution, impeachment (the formal accusation of misconduct) occurs after the Illinois House of Representatives, by majority vote, agrees on an "existence of cause for impeachment."

In a process almost identical to the impeachment of a United States president, the Illinois House of Representatives has the power to conduct the investigation and the Illinois state Senate has the power to conduct the trial. Removal from office requires a two-thirds majority vote in the state Senate.

Hendrickson believes the attention given to Blagojevich's impeachment may have a positive impact on the Obama administration. "It's likely it will help fuel and encourage more ethics in government," Hendrickson said. "It might focus the Obama administration on a more open government."

TyJuan J. Cratic, 24, president of the Illinois Federation of College Democrats, believes Blagojevich's impeachment sends a strong reminder to all politicians. "We need to always think of the office we serve, not how the office serves us," Cratic said.

Blagojevich was replaced by a fellow Democrat, Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn.

The differences between Blagojevich and Quinn are apparent. "Quinn is less about the media and more about the people," Cratic said. "He'll do an outstanding job."

Cratic has been involved in Illinois politics since his years in high school. He does not believe that the kind of corrupt politics allegedly practiced by Blagojevich represent the state of Illinois. "The level of corruption in Illinois is not rampant," Cratic said. "It's not the heyday of politics of the machine."

This was not the first time Blagojevich was involved in an impeachment trial. In 1998, as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, he voted "no" on all counts of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.

on campus

Psychology team receives generous grant

Kelly A. Clayton
Staff Writer

For over four years, Catherine Lemley, Professor of Psychology, has been working in collaboration with her co-investigator, Dr. Robert Bornstein of Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y., on the "Mental Imagery and the Mere Exposure Effect."

Their research involves how psychological and neurological processes work by examining the role of mental imagery in shaping reaction to the merely exposed visual stimuli.

In the simplest terms, they are studying why people can make connections to others even if they have never met the person. For example, people can ride on the train next to the same person every day and connect to them without ever exchanging words.

Lemley and Borstein are studying and explaining why the more one looks at something the more one likes it. With data from radio and political campaigns, Lemley describes the project as "using imagination, not just physical presence." The goal is to gain enough data for the production of one or two publications so that continued research can be financed.

Lemley, a full-time Etown professor, has had her hands full for the past few years, teaching courses ranging from "General Psychology" to "Research in Perception" and going through the application process for the "Mental Imagery and the Mere Exposure Effect."

Along with Bornstein, Lemley applied for the National Science Foundation grant three years ago and then resubmitted a year later, asking for less money. Lemely says "there was very tough competition among applicants," implying that it was an honor to receive the grant. The $135,712 that was awarded to Lemley for scientific research went into affect starting Aug. 31, 2008 and will last for a year.

According to Lemley, the data should be collected by the end of the semester. Much of the research done on campus was done by Etown psychology students.

In addition to Bornstein and the Etown students, Lemley is working with an ex-graduate student, Anna Barrett, at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

Lemley was always very impressed by Bornstein's work, and having worked with him previously, it was a comfort to start another project. Lemley also enjoys incorporating the students in research. "It is good for students to have credibility and to establish a working relationship with someone outside of Etown," she said, referring to Bornstein.

This project will not be ready for publication soon. Lemley is most likely planning on asking for an extension of the grant so more data and research can be collected and analyzed.

"It is frustrating to not be able to talk about the data," Lemley said. "We don't want to lead the participant."

Lemley feels that being awarded a national grant is enough gratification for her, and that the project has already been a great experience for her students as well as herself.

She says that "it is nice to be recognized by her colleagues because they understand how much effort was put into something as big as a national award."

With data collection still ongoing, this team of psychologists plans on using the grant wisely in order to collect analysis data for the "Mental Imagery and the Mere Exposure Effect."

Photo: Kelly A. Clayton

Senior Jessica Hudon (left) and Jennifer Peterson are working with Catherine Lemley, professor of psychology, on the "Mental Imagery and Mere Expososure Effect."

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Climate change concerns spring staff into action

that the spotlight on this issue is reinforced with each inevitable revelation that its effects cannot be either escaped or ignored.

Despite recent frigid weather in Elizabethtown, the global warming trend continues, and this issue strikes a chord with Professor David Ferruzza of the physics and engineering department. Ferruzza is currently an adjunct faculty member, but he has previously had careers as an engineer and a meteorologist.

According to Ferruzza, the phenomena of global warming, also termed the enhancement of the Atmospheric Greenhouse Effect (A.G.E.), is a very real problem.

A.G.E. itself is very beneficial, as it makes life on Earth possible by raising the temperature of the Earth's surface by approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit. As the carbon dioxide builds up, it affects Earth's environment significantly. Ferruzza said, "People tend to think that the atmosphere is very, very deep, yet if you look at it compared to the radius of the Earth, it is thinner than the skin of an onion." Adding to the atmosphere makes it more effective at keeping the Earth warm.

At this point, carbon emissions cannot be halted because we are too dependent on fossil fuels in daily life and in the economy. However, Ferruzza said there are many small lifestyle changes with which students can make a difference in the production of carbon dioxide.

Often, the simplest changes can ultimately have the greatest impact. Electing to turn off a light switch and taking shorter showers are two simple (and free) ways to conserve energy and reduce one's carbon footprint.

Another step which students may consider is purchasing CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) in favor of typical lightbulbs because they are significantly more efficient, and more eco-friendly.

The College has made great strides in the past few years to become more conservative in its energy and resource consumption. Joseph Metro, head of facilities management and construction services, is credited with reducing the amount of energy used per on-campus student.

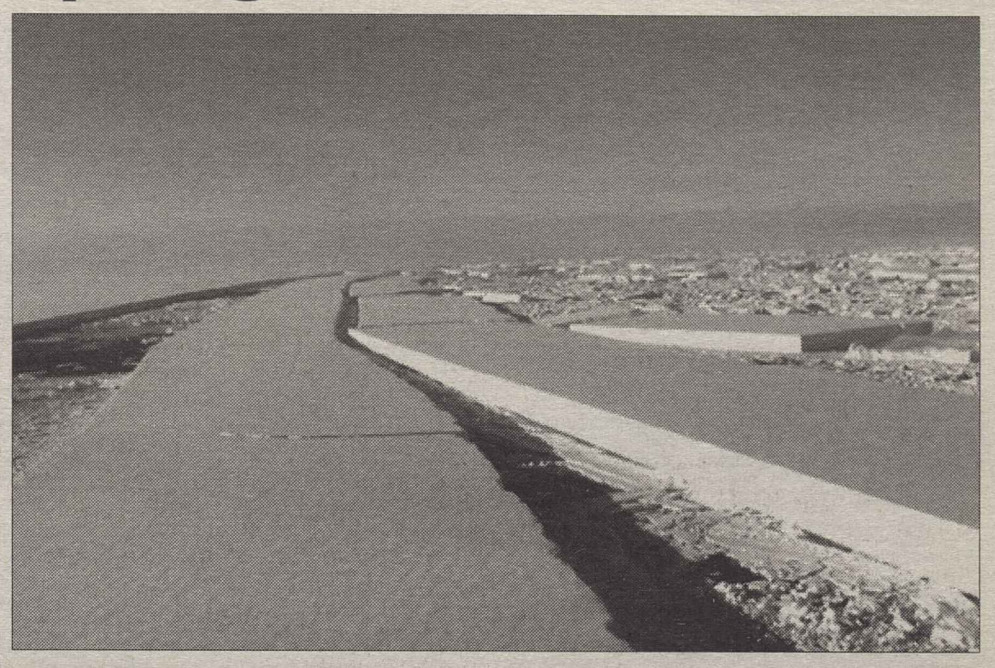


Photo: Associated Press

Part of the Wilkins ice shelf in Antarctica breaks off in March 2008. This particular chunk is seven times the size of Manhattan Island. Further stresses will cause the rest of the Connecticut-sized shelf to completely drift off in the next month.

Campus buildings have been retrofitted to be more environmentally conscious. Facilities Management is also maintaining ongoing discussions regarding new construction on campus and the application of sustainable design principles.

in the world

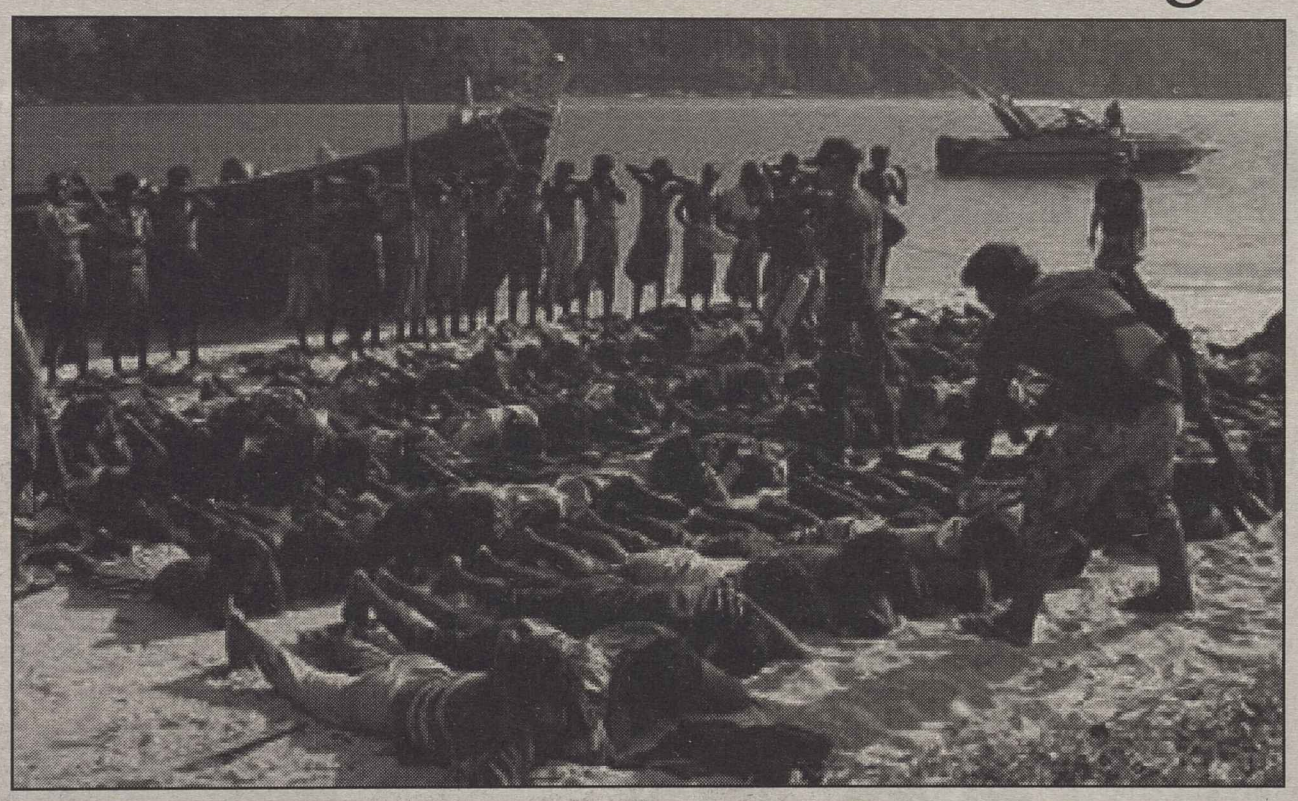
Refugees found adrift in ocean, investigation pending

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

The international community was in an uproar during the past few weeks due to the continuing discoveries of Burmese and Bangladeshi refugees set adrift in the Indian Ocean.

These refugees initially came to Thailand seeking work and sanctuary from their oppressive governments. Upon arrival in Thailand by boat, these people were detained.

Survivors claim that their hands were tied by Thai soldiers and that they were then placed in boats with the motors removed.



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In this photo taken by the Thai Navy, Thai soldiers force illegal immigrants from Burma to lie on the beach in December. The only other photo evidence comes from tourists.

Following this, they were towed into international waters and set adrift with no food or means to travel. Most of the victims stayed in their boats, although others jumped out to try their luck in the open ocean. None of those who jumped have been found.

Refugees were either discovered in their boats or free-floating in the Indian Ocean by the Indian coast guard. The survivors were saved after chance ocean currents carried them to the Indian-controlled Andaman Islands, hundreds of miles southwest of Thailand. When they were picked up, the varying refugees had been adrift for as long as 15 days without food or water.

The Indian coast guard is housing the refugees in camps. There, survivors are currently recuperating from severe dehydration, starvation and harsh sunburns. Hundreds are still missing and suspected to be dead.

The refugees initially came to Thailand seeking a new and better life. When they arrived, they were not granted asylum. Instead, they were told to return to their home countries. For their travel, they were promised reparations, along with food and water for the journey. Obviously these promises were not carried out.

Most of these refugees came from Burma and belong to an ethnic group referred to as the Rohingya. The majority of these people are Muslim and probably settled in the Northwestern fringes of Burma during the seventh century, though there is little historical evidence to prove this.

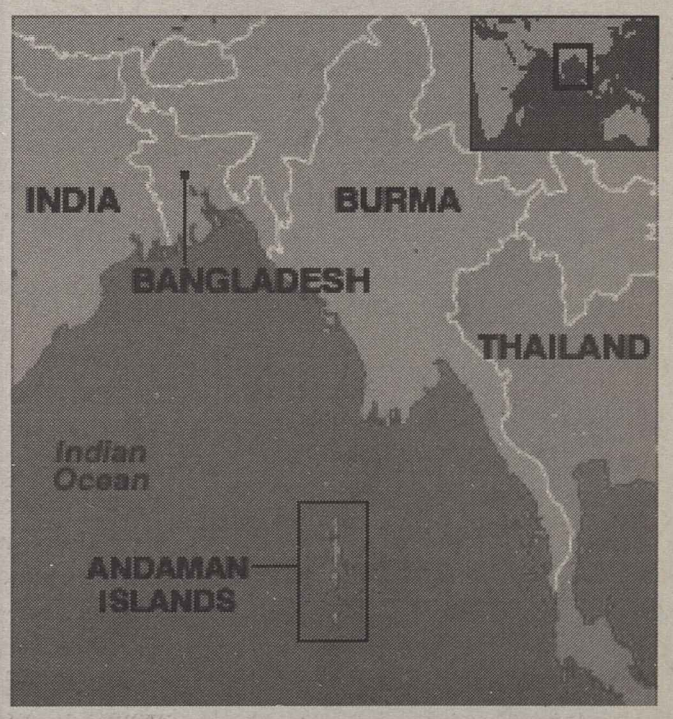
The Rohingya lived well enough in Burma until they were persecuted by Burma's current regime in 1978. Since then, they have suffered countless human rights violations, including denial of citizenship and severe restrictions on where they are permitted to go.

There are students here at Elizabethtown with their own thoughts on this tragedy. First-year Thet Aung is an international student from Burma. He acknowleged that what the Thai military did to refugees was horrible.

"This sort of thing only happens on the borders," Aung said. "Not in the cities." He is from a city in southern Burma called Yangon, which is a relatively peaceful place.

While Aung does not know any of the refugees personally, he is aware of their situation in Burma. When asked why so many people would flee from Burma to Thailand, Aung said that people on the borders are treated very poorly and have a difficult time getting employment. "They go to Thailand or China to find jobs, and they are treated very badly there, too."

The United Nations investigation into the Thai government's involvement in this situation is still ongoing. The only evidence now lies with testimony from rescued refugees and a handful of photos and video clips.



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A map showing Burma, from which Rohingya refugees are fleeing, and Thailand, their destination.

on campus

Grubb Peace Award now accepting new applications

Shaleen A. Spulio
Managing Editor

Still unsure of what to do after you graduate from Etown? Well, this award opportunity might point you in the right direction.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Center for Global Citizenship and the Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellowship (ECAPF) are sponsoring the Paul M. Grubb Jr. Student Peace Award. The award facilitates summer service-learning opportunities specifically for Etown students.

The cash award of $1,000 supports peace and justice objectives such as "making peace in a negotiation," as stated by Dr. R. William Ayres, director of the Center for Global Citizenship. He further noted that this award would help students learn how to rebuild a community after conflict. Moreover, students may travel nationally or internationally to conduct peace research at various libraries, physically collect research, or complete a peace research project.

Recent applicant and Etown graduate David P. Bresnahan traveled to Guatemala for six weeks in fulfillment of his proposal. He spent time in various small villages north of Guatemala City. His work included both service and learning components, such as helping to reorganize the ethnocultural museum to promote language and culture and talking with indigenous people in the community.

"I tried to take in as much as I could," Bresnahan said. He wanted to gain a "feel for [native's] lives" and "how they represent their culture."

Bresnahan formulated two levels of arguments for the project: "where cultural violence is led to persist, you don't have true social justice" and "when looking at culture, especially indigenous culture, you can't get trapped; you have to get past cultural timeliness." He noticed a daily struggle with modernity in the indigenous villages where national and global forces affected life.

As a history major at Etown, the award is what helped Bresnahan focus on a path after college. He is currently attending Ohio University, pursuing a master's in history and planning on completing his doctorate as well. The Guatemalan villages "got [Bresnahan] interested in land disputes," which is the focus of his graduate studies, specifically in East Africa.

Paul M. Grubb Jr. graduated from Etown in 1955. "He was a conscientious objector, which in the 1950s meant something," Ayres said. "He was a life-long, passionate advocate for social justice, peace and non-violence."

He was survived by his wife, Lavonne I. Grubb, who donated the funds for the now-endowed award in his memory. The award is funded by an endowment that supports one student each year. The selection committee has talked about allowing more than one recipient in the past, but only one is expected to be chosen.

Current faculty and alumni of Etown comprise the selection committee. "There are four folks, a combination of faculty at the College and alumni members of ECAPF," Ayres said. "There is no trouble coming to a consensus."

The committee normally receives three to four applicants, usually juniors and seniors. Any student at Etown is eligible and urged to apply.

"We'd like to see more applications," Ayres said. "Seniors can and should apply; as long as they are willing to commit to coming back, it's not a problem."

If you are interested in applying for the award, contact Ayres to request an application and, subsequently, submit the 500-word proposal. The application is due Friday, March 13, before 5 p.m. E-mail submissions are required and hard copies are suggested.

It is required that any proposed work be fulfilled before the end of this summer in order to present at the annual ECAPF meeting during Homecoming. The presentation is usually held in the Brethren Heritage Room of the High Library and includes information about personal experiences and the theoretical aspects of learning.

"Conceive a project you're really passionate about. Really care about it," Ayres stressed.

Chosen applicants will already have done their homework on the topic, which will be apparent in the proposal. "If you need any sort of assistance, the Center for Global Citizenship would be perfectly happy to help," he added.

This award "brings together the various facets of the Center into something tangible."

The award and the work that students like Bresnahan complete say a great deal about the College and the mission for which it stands: Educate for Service.

For further information, contact Ayres at AYRESB@etown.edu.

on campus

Ware Seminar features prominent speakers and issues

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Jan. 22, 2009, the Center for Global Citizenship hosted a panel discussion titled "Beyond Voting: A Citizen's Role in Ongoing Government." The participants in this discussion were members of the College's department of political science, including Dr. W. Wesley McDonald, Dr. Scott Hendrickson and Dr. E. Fletcher McClellan, department chair.

McDonald, Hendrickson and McClellan posed many questions on the topic of citizens' roles in government. Some of these questions included "should citizens be more involved in government besides just going to vote?" and "to what extent should they educate themselves about the issues?" The professors covered many different facets of these general themes.

"Beyond Voting" is part of a series of speakers and panel discussion called the Ware Seminars for Global Citizenship. Dr. R. William Ayres, director of the Center for Global Citizenship, said, "[The seminars] are designed broadly around themes of citizenship or global citizenship. There are a lot of different aspects around that, so we try to do different stuff and mix it up a little bit."

The Center for Global Citizenship is hosting another seminar in February titled "Our Military-Societal Construct." This seminar will feature a guest speaker: retired Air Force Lt. Col. William J. Astore.

Astore, who formerly taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, currently teaches military history at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, approximately an hour and a half north of Elizabethtown in Williamsport, Pa.

He has written several books on military history, including one called "Hindenburg: Icon of German Militarism." He has also written on the relationships between military and society.

"I've picked up some of his popular public writings and [thought], 'Hey, this guy has something interesting to say,'" Ayres said. "We don't think much about those connections [between military and society] anymore. What is the role of military in society? How does society relate to the military? I thought it would be interesting if we had a speaker who likes to answer those questions."

Astore's lecture will concentrate on the connections between military, society and citizenship. He will also discuss the Iraq War and President Obama's position on it, as well as also the federal budget for military defense.

"Obama said we're going to wind down in Iraq and ramp Afghanistan up. Well, is that a good thing to do or not?" Ayres said. "It's the largest discretion category under the federal budget. What are we spending all of our money for?"

Astore will answer these questions and more. Ayres believes that this seminar will benefit Etown students a great deal. The amount of money being spent on military defense will ultimately "impact a lot of the things people are immediately thinking about in terms of jobs, employment and, in general, the physical health of our country," he said.

"Our Military-Societal Construct" will take place on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 4:30 p.m. in Steinman's Brinser Lecture Hall. For more information on this event, contact the College's Office of Marketing and Communication at 717-361-1410.

If you would like to learn more about our military and its relationship with society, be sure to attend this seminar. Be on the lookout for more Ware Seminars. on Global Citizenship coming in March.

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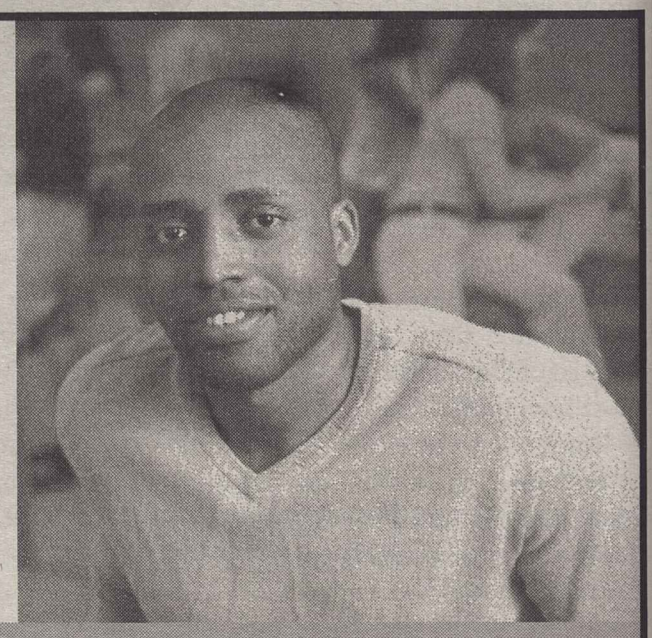

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in remembrance

Craig Anderson: 'To be remembered is to live forever'

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Thomas D. Hagerty
Staff Writer

Craig Anderson knew college would bring many changes to his life.

As an only child who attended a private boys' grade school, he knew that the next four years would be very different. He had some new things to get used to, like not wearing a shirt and tie to class, dealing with a roommate and having girls around constantly.

Through all of this, Craig was still an average college kid. He loved playing golf, listening to Bruce Springsteen or the Goo Goo Dolls, and watching his hometown Philadelphia sports teams on television. However, one thing made Craig's life a little different from his classmates' and friends' at Elizabethtown College: his near three-year battle with cancer.

In the summer following his sophomore year, Craig was rushed to the hospital for immense pain in his right side — pain so unbearable he could not stand.

After doctors ruled out appendicitis, Craig was diagnosed with testicular cancer and hurried into surgery the very next day.

A week later, Craig met with his oncologist, Dr. David Vaughn, at the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center.

Craig recalled the confidence of his doctor, which helped him with his own attitude.

Vaughn told him, "Yes, you have cancer, and it's scary. But I can get you through it."

So Craig began to get through it. His chemotherapy treatments forced him to miss the entire fall 2006 semester, but he was determined to make it back to school to see his friends again. He constantly e-mailed his friends at college.

"It was my way of dealing with everything," he said in an interview last fall. "I felt that I had a very close-knit group of friends who cared very deeply about what I was going through."

During his treatments, the doctors found that the cancer had spread up his abdomen and near his lungs.

This discovery required two more surgeries in the spring, causing him to miss the second semester as well. His kidney was removed to ensure that the cancer would not spread.

"I've got probably a 14-inch scar from my chest bone all the way down to my groin. From that, 55 staples were in my stomach," he said about his post-operation condition.

Only a year had passed, and he'd endured three surgeries, but Craig was ready to head back to college for the beginning of his junior year.

"I didn't care if I was on one leg and it took two hours to get to class," he said. "I just had to get back to see all my friends and be a 'normal' 21-year-old."

Another setback caused Craig to miss more school time after only a semester back at Etown.

In March 2008, he was diagnosed with brain cancer. Doctors performed another surgery, and another semester of school Craig missed.

This surgery caused a temporary loss of strength in the left side of his body. Through intense physical and occupational therapy, Craig fully recovered from the surgery.

As a three-sport athlete in high school, he attributed his tremendous recovery to his youth and fitness.

"Nobody should have to go through what I've gone through, especially being so young. But that, I think, has been a blessing for me," he said. "I'm so young; my body can take more than a 45-year-old man's."

His body endured a great deal over his almost three-year battle with cancer. Only through his powerful mind and his caring heart was he able to fight his cancer head-on.

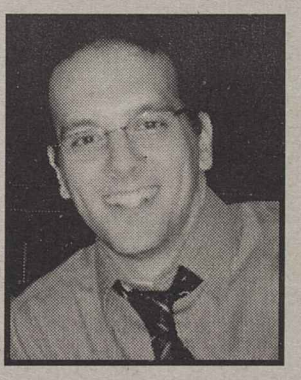
College did change Craig's life. Some of the changes he was prepared for; for others, he was not. He fought whole-heartedly to overcome his struggles and was very happy to come back to Etown to be with his friends for the fall 2008 semester, living life like a normal senior for as long as he could.

"I look at myself as a regular college kid who's had more than his fair share of crap to deal with," he said. "I guess what I'm trying to say is that having cancer cannot define you; it just becomes part of who you are, and how everyone deals with it is different."

Despite his resolution and strength, Craig lost his battle with cancer Tuesday morning. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends and colleagues here on campus.

To be remembered is to live forever.

In Memory



This Tuesday, Craig Anderson, a beloved member of the Elizabethtown College family, lost his fight with cancer.

The Etownian wants to acknowledge his life and the contributions he made to the Elizabethtown Community.

An additional tribute — including memories from the Peer Mentors and members of the education department — will be run in next week's issue.

Craig touched countless lives through his determination and spirit. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

The Jayd-ed edge

Rachel A. Marsteller
Features Editor

It's not what it looks like!

Police said a cab driver who was trying to take a purse from a female to skip out on her cab fare was assaulted by a group of good Samaritans in a passing car thought they were seeing a robbery.

They jumped out of the car and on the cab driver, beating him and then fleeing the scene.

The cab driver was treated for cuts on his face.

The women were later picked up by police and issued summons for fare beating.

Winter is not over yet

The world's most famous groundhog saw his shadow Monday morning, predicting that this already long winter will last for six more weeks.

The annual ritual takes place on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in Punxsutawney, a borough northeast of Pittsburgh.

Phil was docile, as usual, but the same couldn't be said for his grumpy New York City counterpart bit Mayor Michael Bloomberg during his annual forecasting ceremony Monday.

The groundhog, named Charles G. Hogg, drew blood from the billionaire, but Bloomberg was told there was no risk of rabies. The 2-year-old animal was born and raised in captivity and has had no interaction with other animals.

According to German superstition, if a hibernating animal casts a shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says, spring will come early.

Since 1887, Phil has seen his shadow 97 times and hasn't seen it 15 times.

Snake Escape

A 23-foot, 130-pound python can run, but it can't hide.

An orange reticulated python, the world's longest snake species, and a second python escaped from a terrarium inside their owner's home in San Luis Obispo Sunday night.

Police quickly warned residents that the snakes, though domesticated, were large enough to make meals of young children or pets.

Both were captured in the neighborhood by Monday afternoon. The smaller python, a 12-footer, was spotted under the owner's porch.

The 23-footer was found basking in the sun in a backyard several blocks away.

"There is no leash law for snakes," said a police officer. So the owner will be facing no legal charges.

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on campus

Nelson-Sessler Duo to perform today

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Staff Writer

The deep pulse and steady rhythm of the guitar paired with the airy whistlings of the flute are sounds that command attention. These same sounds will be floating into the ears of those in the Elizabethtown College Zug Recital Hall on the evening of Feb. 5 by the Nelson-Sessler Duo. They will be performing a variety of songs highlighting the blend of the sultry guitar and the pure sound of the flute.

The Duo, made up of Paula Nelson and Eric Sessler, began their ensemble in 1998. The musicians met while teaching at the Community Music School located in Trappe, Pa. Nelson, who is the flutist in the Duo, has a vast background in music and education. She has received a doctorate in musical arts, a master's in flute performance and a Bachelor of Arts. She has taught at various schools, such as West Chester University and the University of Delaware.

Currently, Nelson works here at Etown in the department of fine and performing arts. She says that music has been a constant in her life.

"I grew up hearing my mother play the piano at home and in church," she stated. Nelson began studying the piano at the young age of 6 and her interest in the flute began at 10. Before teaming up with Sessler, Nelson performed as a soloist in many orchestras and symphonies, including the Irving Symphony Orchestra, Wilmington Community Orchestra and Philadelphia Classical Symphony. When she performs, Nelson likes to connect to the composer and their music.

"I try to be a vehicle for what the composer wants to express and to share those emotions with the audience, whether it is joy or sorrow," she said. "In a live performance, there is a very powerful relationship [among] the composer, performer and listener. I'm only one part of the equation."

Courtesy Photos

Nelson-Sessler Duo bring their flute and guitar talents to Zug Recital Hall Feb. 5. They began preforming together in 1998.

Sessler, who is an accomplished composer, received a doctorate of music and arts as well as a master's of music from the Julliard School, the ASCAP Foundation Award, the Charles E. Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts & Letters, and the Theodore Presser Music Foundation Award. Some of Sessler's favorite composers are Bela Bartok and Benjamin Britten. He stated that he originally got into music through popular songs: "First the Beatles, then Led Zeppelin." Some of his musical influences are a bit different than Nelson's. He used to be the guitarist of the rock band called Knightmare.

"We always had to explain that it was spelled with a K," Sessler said. "Not a brilliant idea." Even today, Sessler's work is influenced by his rock band past.

"The influence is felt much more in my composing," Sessler explained. "For the last few years, all of my works have been reflective of my rock roots in some way or another." The piece entitled "Hendrix's Haze," which is in the recital program, was influenced by famous singer and guitarist Jimi Hendrix.

Along with the rock-based piece, the program for the recital itself will contain a vast range of compositions.

"We wanted to highlight two of Eric's own compositions, 'Starbright Pavane' and 'Hendrix's Haze'. She later when onto explain Sessler's other composition in the program, "Starbright Pavane: "The pavane was originally a Renaissance dance form, and Eric's "Starbright Pavane" is a contemporary interpretation," said Nelson. "We contrast that with the popular 'Pavane for a Dead Princess,' written in 1899 by Maurice Ravel," she added. Nelson also explains that pieces within the program also serve to show the Spanish heritage of the guitar with Argentinean composers. What will also be showcased is the 19th century flute and guitar pieces done traditionally.

campus clubs

SPARC: Keeping students healthy, aware

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Are you interested in being involved with a club that throws condom parties and drinks mocktails on the weekends? Then Students Promoting Awareness and Responsible Choices (SPARC) is the right organization for you. SPARC, originally called Wellness Peer Educators (WPE), all about promoting healthy lifestyle choices by making students more aware of alternatives to drinking and drug use, as well as teaching safer sex methods.

"We offer information and advice to students about problems that arise, especially ones that pertain to college students. We encourage students to make smart, safer choices," sophomore Andrea Lynch, co-coordinator of SPARC, said.

Members of SPARC are all about keeping Etown students safe and informed. Their mission statement reads: "Students Promoting Awareness and Responsible Choices serve the Elizabethtown College community by providing programs and resources that encourage positive informed choices to create a healthy lifestyle."

"We believe that responsible choices[made]now will promote well-being in the future," Lynch says.

You may be familiar with the Toilet Talk or John Door News posted on the bathroom stalls each month. Thanks to SPARC, you are able to get some amusement every time you walk into your hall bathroom. Each month promotes a different awareness theme, and SPARC tries to embrace each theme to the best of their ability.

"We volunteer at the Blood Drives and try to do programs every month that have to do with that month's specific awareness; for example: Breast Cancer Awareness Month," sophomore Kelly Lurz, co-coordinator of SPARC, said.

SPARC holds activities such as condom parties where they find fun ways to teach students how to properly use condoms. They also distribute free condoms. They also have mocktails (virgin cocktails) at events such as the Stoplight Party in the fall to show responsibility for underage drinking. "We are hoping to have a Speed Dating program in conjunction with Valentine's Day and sexual awareness month next February," Lurz said. "We are also planning a Pajama Party Feb. 17 and we will be working the Blood Drive on Feb. 5 and doing something for Eating Disorder Awareness Month!' Lynch added.

Sandy Spayd, advisor of the club, has nothing but high praise for the club. "I have worked with the health center's student group all of my 28 years at the college. The role of the group has changed from giving smaller informational programs in the halls to a health promotion model. Research shows that this model can be more effective in encouraging a healthy lifestyle and in supporting behavior change."

"Right now the group is growing and is very engaged about their role in supporting a healthy campus. They are presently developing levels within the group so that a greater number of students can become involved depending on their level of interest and their ability to commit varying amounts of time to the program," Spayd said.

SPARC has also begun to receive more publicity around campus for their John Door News, Toilet Talk and other health-related promotions. "They have sponsored fun stress-relief activities as well as taking a key role with the campus Blood Drives which are four times a year. More recently they have collaborated on programs with SWEET, residence life, dining and counseling services and will be working with the SAMS in the coming weeks," Spayd said.

If you are interested in joining SPARC or have any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Lynch at LYNCHA@etown.edu or Lurz at LURZK@etown.edu. Become a part of a great organization that is all about benefiting you.

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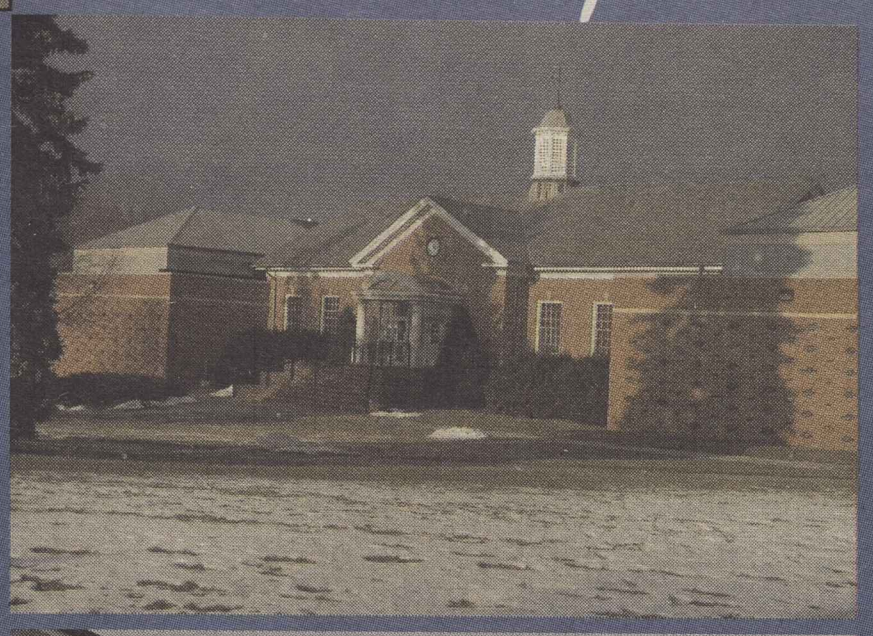
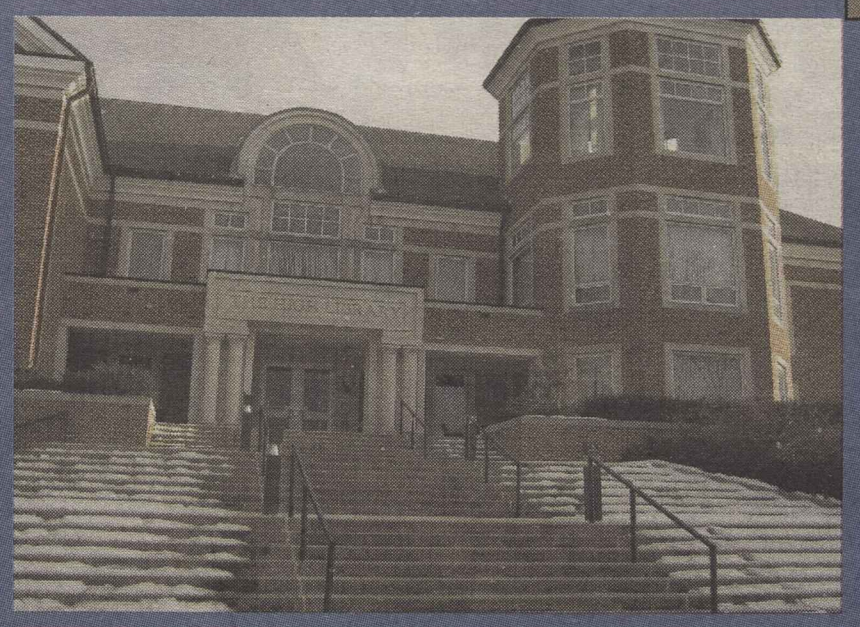
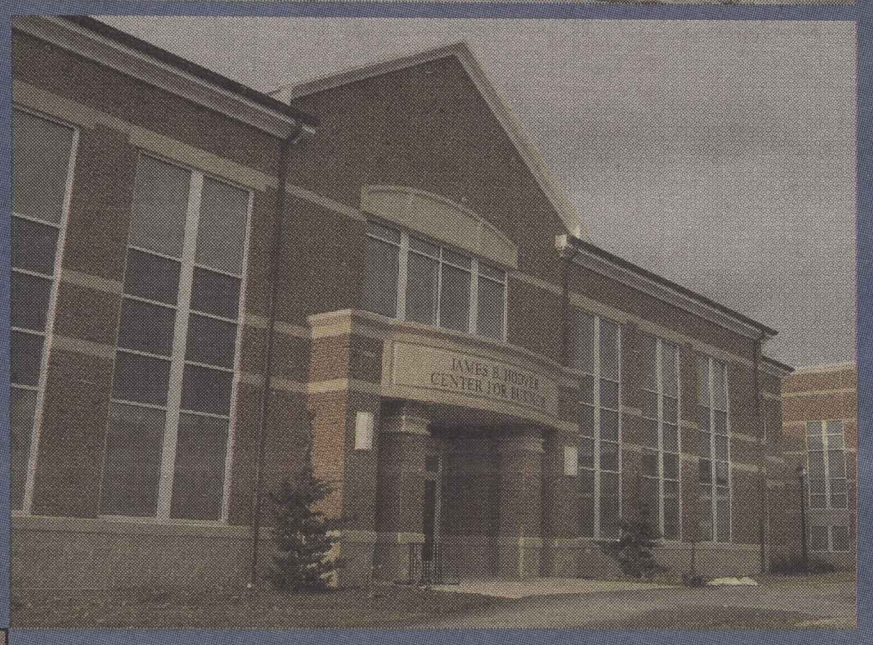
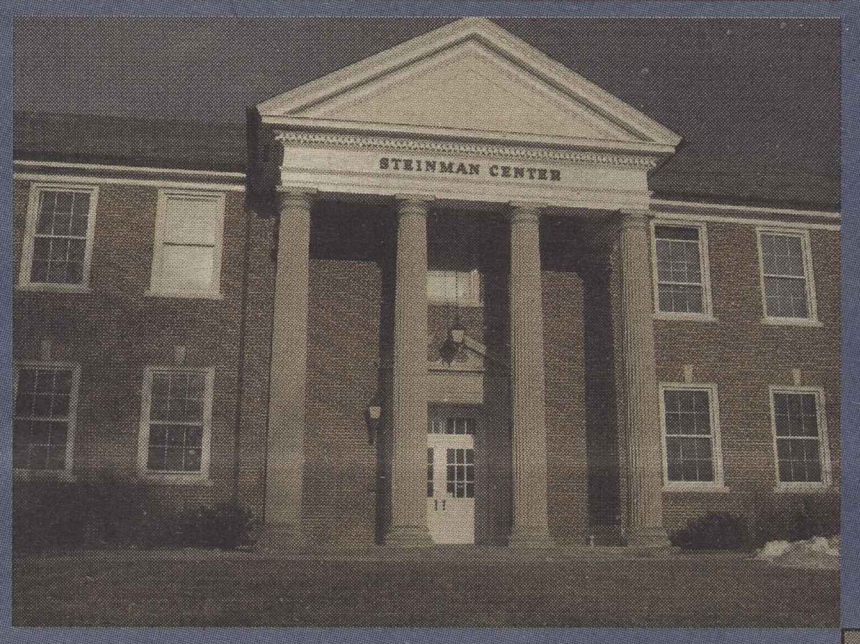
Somebody at Elizabethtown









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As a junior and senior in high school, finding the right college can be challenging. Many students aren't fortunate enough to pick the right school, which detracts from the college experience.

Students at Elizabethtown College are among the small percentage of lucky students who picked a school that fits like a glove. Each student has a different reason as to why the school matches up perfectly with his or her personality.

Etown receives 63 percent of its incoming first-year students from within the state of Pennsylvania. For many students, including sophomore Bryan Metz, Etown is just a short road trip from home.

Metz lives in a small town outside of Harrisburg, so for him Etown was always an attraction worth visiting.

"Being a part of the local community, I grew up watching the Elizabethtown versus Messiah games [marshmallow games]," Metz said. The friendly rivalry which, according to Etown's Web site, began in 1980, always draws excited sports fans and keeps pumping school spirit throughout Etown's student body.

Elizabethtown College has an excellent orientation and overnight program. "Try Etown on for Size" helps prospective students to see if Etown is a good fit. Sophomore Thomas Hagerty reflected on his overnight experience. "It was good for me as a high school senior to see what it is like at Etown to go through a normal day," Hagerty said. "We got to see what the classrooms, dorms, cafeteria, and other facilities are like."

When asked about his Elizabethtown orientation experience, Hagerty shared an interesting story that summed up his visit perfectly: "At one point during open house I was standing up against the wall [in the Event Space] and a lady asked me where the coffee was. I told the woman I didn't know, I don't work here, and she noted that I looked very comfortable. And that's when I realized: I felt very comfortable here."

Another aspect about Etown that wins students' hearts is the atmosphere of the campus life. Junior Julie Lindner, described E-town as a "home away from home," she added, "I feel comfortable here. Everyone is inviting and polite. I've never been on another campus where so many people hold the door open for you."

For many students including Lindner, returning to Etown for a new school year is like coming back home.

An important part of any good college is the professors. "The best thing about Etown's campus is the prevailing attitude of the students and staff." Metz said. "It always seems that the professors have a genuine interest in the students' well being as well as their education." This essential attribute separates Etown from other schools.

The topic of Etown's professors brought up a valid point about what makes an Etown education worth every cent.

"Because classroom sizes are smaller you have a better chance of acquiring a one-on-one relationship with your professors," Sophomore Michael White said. Small classes give students the feeling of getting personal attention, which means students will get a better education.

The size of Etown's campus is one of the biggest reasons students love this college. "It's a unique social dynamic." White explained. "The fact that [Etown is] such a small school allows for everyone to engage with one another in a way that would not be possible in a larger school."

Many students agree with White's statement on how the small school size really increases the potential for an excellent education. "I liked Etown because it is a smaller community," Lindner said. "It's nice being a name, not a number."

Each student has his or her own reason why Etown jumped out at them as the perfect school. It could be complex or a simple tease. Etown *was* the only school that gave out a whole carrot cake during the tour.

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CELEBRATE BLACK H

Success despite adversity, oppression and strife

Caitlin A. Carroll
Staff Writer

Blacks have been faced with adversity throughout history.

During the era of slavery, it was extremely difficult for blacks to receive any respect let alone a formal education or vocational training. During the Civil War (1861-1865), some Southern states even instituted laws to prohibit the literacy of blacks.

When blacks were faced with trying times, some overcame struggles in the field of education, either obtaining a formal education or educating themselves. Benjamin Banneker, George Washington Carver and Charles Henry Turner are all black men who have made a name for themselves through the study of science.

Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) was the first black scientist. Banneker was born in Maryland into a family free of slavery. He learned the fields of literature, reading, writing and math from both his grandmother and his Quaker school teacher. He taught himself advanced math and astronomy. One of his main accomplishments was the completion of an annual almanac based on his knowledge of the stars from the years 1791 to 1797.

He also predicted when solar and lunar eclipses would occur. All of Banneker's accomplishments have earned him a place on a U.S. postal stamp.

George Washington Carver (1865-1943), born into illegal slavery two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, was a Missouri native. Carver earned a degree from Iowa Agricultural College. He invented 300 uses for peanuts and discovered many functions for soybeans, sweet potatoes and pecans. Carver also offered improvements for adhesives, buttermilk, fuel, ink and instant coffee.

He created new crop rotation methods that helped to conserve nutrients in the soil. His largest accomplishments were the three patents he earned throughout his lifetime.

Charles Henry Turner (1867-1923) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was there that he received an undergraduate and doctorate degree in zoology from the University of Cincinnati. He became a school teacher so he could spend most of his time studying and researching insects. He discovered insects have the ability to hear.

Using his skills of research and observation, he published several articles on insects which included: **"Habits of Mound-Building Ants," "Experiments on the Color Vision of the Honeybee," "Hunting Habits of an American Sand Wasp" and "Psychological Notes on the Gallery Spider."**

When reflecting back on the history of blacks, first-year student Alikka Edwards said, "Progression of black rights in our nation has been a rocky hill. People have tried to move forward ..."

It is people like George Washington Carver, Benjamin Banneker and Charles Henry Turner who have helped push for the progression of black rights.

Edwards feels that Obama will be another major player in society who will help people be more open-minded to integration and less judgmental about a person's race or ethnicity.

As a black student, she hopes to see more people in the southern U.S. becoming open to integration and people not judging others based on their ethnic background.

Harriet Tubman | Frederick Douglas | W.E.B. Du Bois | George Washington Carver | Jackie Robinso | Ma Luth King

HISTORY MONTH

Reminiscing, remembering, retracing black history

Emily E. Knitter
Staff Writer

The month of February brings much celebration. Candy and cards are filling mailboxes all over the United States, birthdays of two very influential presidents are celebrated, and a groundhog comes out of its hole to let the country know how soon spring will be here. But there is one celebration that lasts throughout the whole month of February: the celebration of the influential blacks who have changed the world as we know it. February is known as "National Black History Month" and recognizes the lives and impact that blacks had on this country.

Black history in the U.S. dates all the way back to the 1600s when the first black slaves arrived in Virginia. Slavery was prominent throughout parts of the country for a couple hundred years, until finally in the mid-late 1800s when the first significant black leader, Harriet Tubman, led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Over the course of 10 years, Tubman took slaves through a secret network of safe houses on their journey to freedom in the North. Later in her life, Tubman became a leader in the abolitionist movement. Slavery finally ended in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln introduced the Emancipation Proclamation.

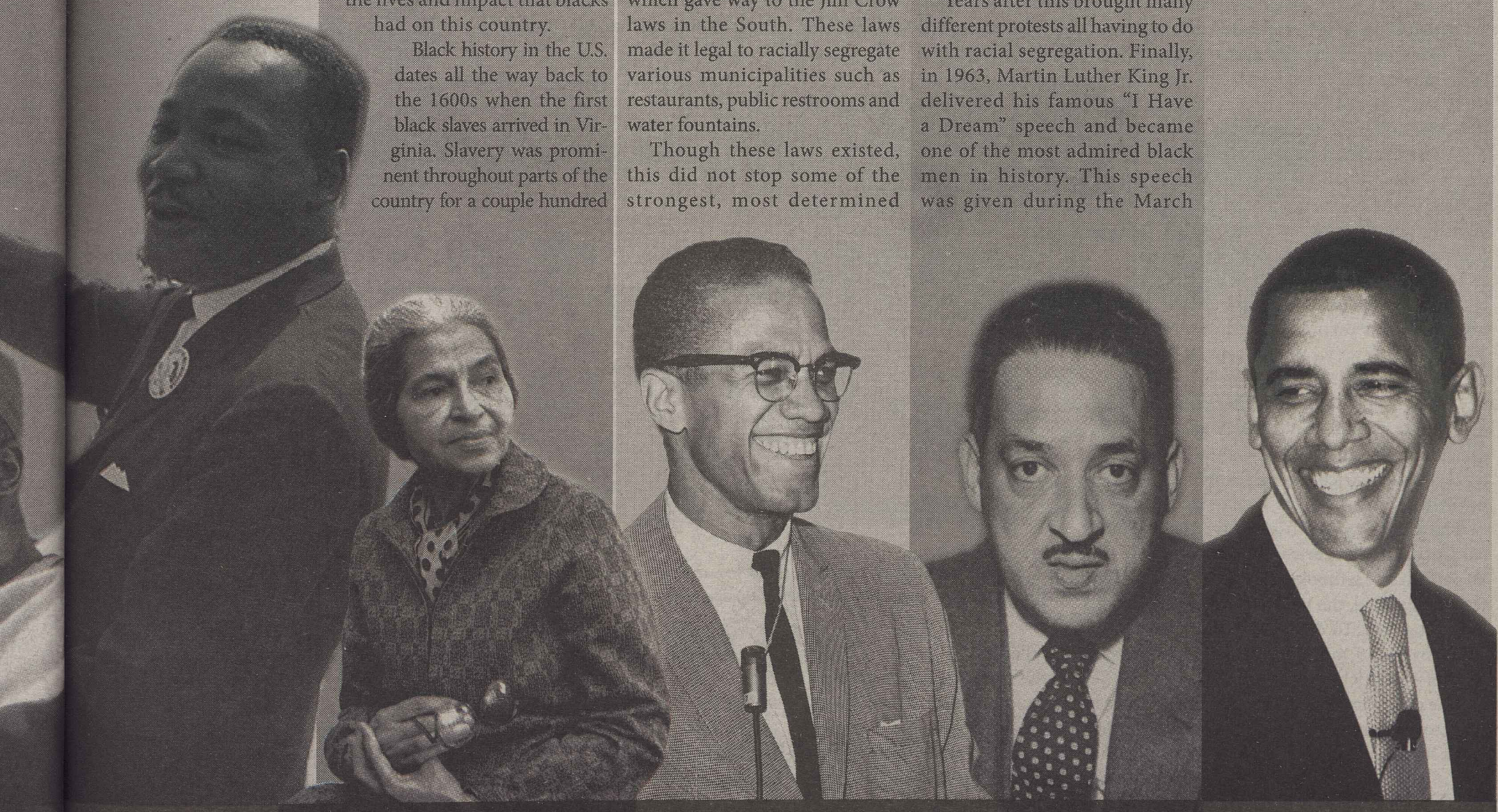
Though slavery was gone, by no means did black Americans have the same rights and privileges as white Americans. Racial segregation was deemed constitutional by Plessy v. Ferguson case in 1869, which gave way to the Jim Crow laws in the South. These laws made it legal to racially segregate various municipalities such as restaurants, public restrooms and water fountains.

Though these laws existed, this did not stop some of the strongest, most determined blacks from taking a stand. In 1909, W.E.B Du Bois founded the NAACP, which became the country's black civil rights organization. In 1947, baseball player Jackie Robinson broke the Major League Baseball's color barrier when he was signed to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

A few years later, in 1954, Brown v. the Board of Education deemed racial segregation unconstitutional. Just one year later, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger and was arrested. This led to a successful year-long bus boycott by the black community and eventually caused buses to become desegregated in 1956.

Years after this brought many different protests all having to do with racial segregation. Finally, in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech and became one of the most admired black men in history. This speech was given during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and was attended by over 250,000 people, making it the largest demonstration ever held at the nation's capital.

Now, five decades later, the nation has another great example of black leadership. Not only did Sen. Barack Obama become the very first black man to be nominated by a major party for president, but Nov. 4, 2008, he also became the country's first black president. With the country in such a large economic slump, newly-elected President Obama promises change for the future and is trying to bring hope to citizens all over the country.



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on campus

Broken, filthy machinery ruins Body Shop atmosphere

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Campus Life Editor

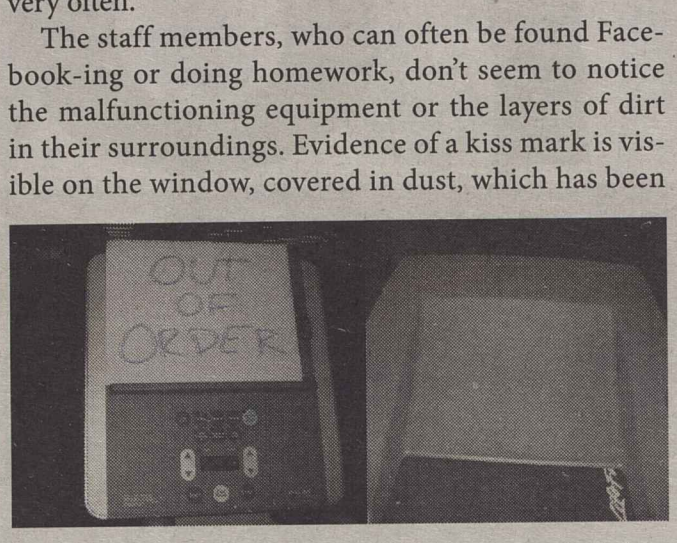
One of the main stops on a "welcome to Etown" tour is the Body Shop. From the doorway, the tour guides tell prospective students how awesome the gym is and how handy it is to have a full gym right on campus in the middle of everything.

Elizabethtown College boasts a new, healthy exterior. The gym, healthy Jay's Nest and Marketplace cuisine — "E-Fit," essentially — have become Etown's mantra.

Some would argue the Body Shop, in all its E-Fit glory, lacks elements crucial to workout-happy individuals. Overall, the Body Shop equipment consists of five treadmills, four ellipticals, five stationary bikes, one stair-stepper, various oddities of machines and many free weights to choose from. From that list, two of the elliptical and one bike have "out of order" signs on them, while everything else has a fine coat of dust, sweat, hair and other unidentifiable, dried goop covering it.

Although the Body Shop staff is required to clean the machines nightly, it doesn't seem like it is happening very often.

The staff members, who can often be found Facebook-ing or doing homework, don't seem to notice the malfunctioning equipment or the layers of dirt in their surroundings. Evidence of a kiss mark is visible on the window, covered in dust, which has been there daily for at least an entire year — meaning the Windex bottle must also be broken. Failure to notice such issues is a problem for Etown, as it makes our student staff look incompetent as well as unable to comprehend simple hygienic practices — not to mention it's immensely inconvenient for students.



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Experiencing some technical and asthetic difficulties, the gym has fallen from grace with students. The Body shop is Elizabethtown College's on-campus, student-run gym.

Another disappointing aspect is the "reserved" signs that happen to live on every working piece of equipment. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, small pieces of paper proclaim, "Reserved for class, 8:00-9:00 am," making a trip to the gym a wasted effort. Early risers find themselves unable to use most of the equipment and caught in the midst of a class.

Overall, the Body Shop is a sad mark on the College — instead of being a comfortable, usable place for students and staff to work out, most Etown students recognize that the body shop is a junkyard.

on campus

Buying, renting, selling: profitable ways to do each

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Copy Editor

Although college can be one of the best times in a person's life, there is one burden that is placed on all who enter the doors of academic buildings across the country: cost. College educations are expensive, and between food, dorms and extra expenses, the money can really pile up. Every year, students see their hard-earned cash slipping away to a common pool: textbooks.

Nearly every class requires at least one or more textbooks for each semester. Many books are priced outrageously, and few are returnable at the Elizabethtown College bookstore.

However, more options have recently come to light. Not only can students now sell their texts back to internet Web sites, but they can also rent their textbooks via the Internet.

One of these Web sites is *chegg.com*. *Chegg.com*, founded in 2005, is headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., but its textbook service was not launched until 2007.

The *chegg.com* Web site says that students using its service will save up to 80 percent on textbooks, and, with each textbook rented, the Web site promises to plant a tree. To date, students have saved over $19 million and planted a total of 150 city blocks worth of trees.

The proof, however, is in the numbers. An accounting book in the school store can cost a student between $140 and $190.

Renting that same book through *chegg.com* costs a little over $65 — a savings of almost $80. Of course, a tree is also planted, potentially saving a forest.

Even if students have already purchased books for the semester, *chegg.com* can still prove helpful. Simply selling it back to the school store often leaves students frustrated by the amount they receive in return, but other options are now available.

Selling the aforementioned accounting book back to *chegg.com* will yield a student over $68 if the book is in good condition. The Web site also utilizes "Chegg dollars," which serve as credit for future book rentals and purchases. The accounting book translates to over $75 in Chegg dollars, which is enough to pay for another book rental.

A popular class among Etown students is Psychology 105. The book for this class can cost a student around $65 to buy it used, and around $85 to buy it new in the College bookstore. However, on *chegg.com*, it can be rented for only $31 — less than half the price of buying it on campus.

At the end of the semester, students can sell it back to the rental Web site and get between $64 and $78.

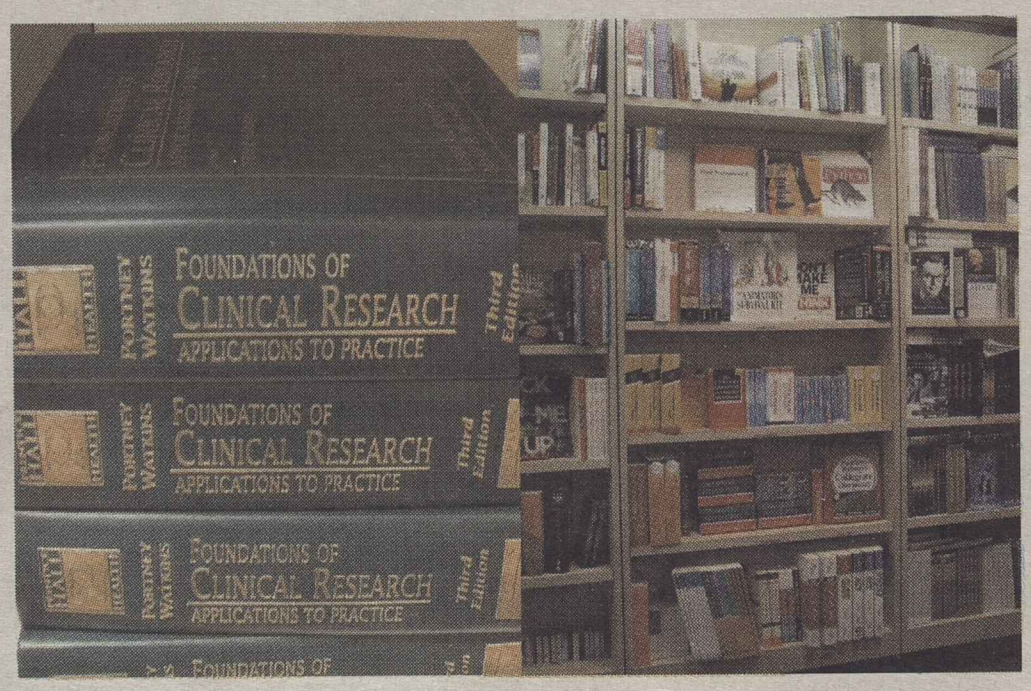
In short, *Chegg.com* can save hundreds of dollars per semester. If renting is not in a student's best interest, the Web site also sells books.. *Chegg.com* has a cash-back guarantee that assures the most money possible will be refunded after the purchase of the book.

Half.com, a branch of the eBay family, offers the same used book for the purchase price of $45. While *half.com* requires a level of cooperation with individual sellers — as on *ebay.com*, transactions are managed entirely by users — the ability to buy and sell textbooks means that a market-savvy student could actually *make* money.

For experienced eBay sellers, the *Half.com* user interface will be familiar and welcome. In fact, students with existing eBay accounts can use their current logins without re-registering. Even though dealing with strangers can be risky, the risk-management features set in place by eBay and PayPal make it easy and efficient to dispute a failed transaction. Additionally, *half.com*'s free-market atmosphere keeps the power strictly in the hands of the users. *Chegg.com* does not distinguish between books in varying conditions with *half.com*, photographs and quality assurance-staff can guarantee that you get what you pay for.

If you wait too long and need to fall back on an old standby, fear not! *Amazon.com* is still very much in business. The aforementioned PSY 105 textbook costs $23.99 used and $60 new — significantly less than any of the competitors listed here. Amazon also provides space for consumer reviews. (Thrift students take note: buy from Amazon. Sell on *half.com*. Profit.)

Whether buying or renting, online resellers are the cheapest alternative to buying from Borders, Barnes and Noble or the school store, and they are environmentally friendly as well. Do your research, and have fun saving.



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The Elizabethtown bookstore stocks books for every class the college offers. Recently, students have begun to use other options to obtain their textbooks.

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movie review

'Gran Torino:' authentic, tough

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Gran Torino" examines the characters of two men: Walt Kowalski, a grizzled Korean War Veteran and Clint Eastwood, the man who played him.

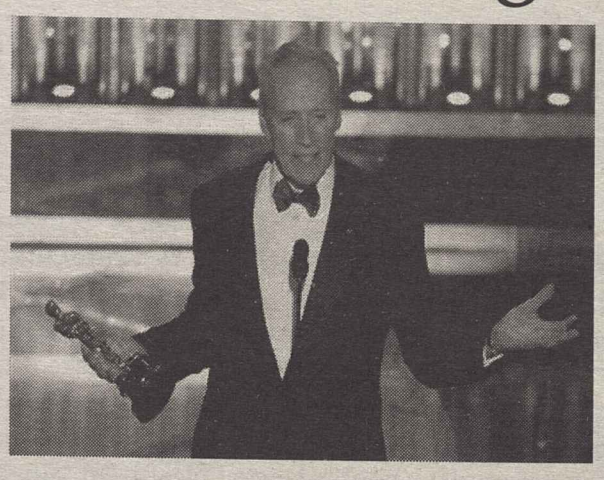
The legendary Eastwood dominates the entire film: he directs, produces, and lends his smoky vocals to the credit track. His son Scott cameos; his eldest, Kyle, wrote the score.

Constantly accompanied by a white coffee cup, semi-automatic pistol and golden retriever, Eastwood growls and snarls at his neighbors and children with surly-but-well-meaning disdain.

He is the product of a different age; his racism is (as the film explains) a habit after decades of bad relationships.

Kowalski's neighbor, Thao Vang Lor (Be Vang), tries to steal the old man's '72 Gran Torino and fails. Over the following weeks, Kowalski instructs the youngster in traditional American discipline, but local gangs provoke both men to violence.

"Gran Torino" is set near Detroit, and the city's poverty highlights Kowalski's disgust.



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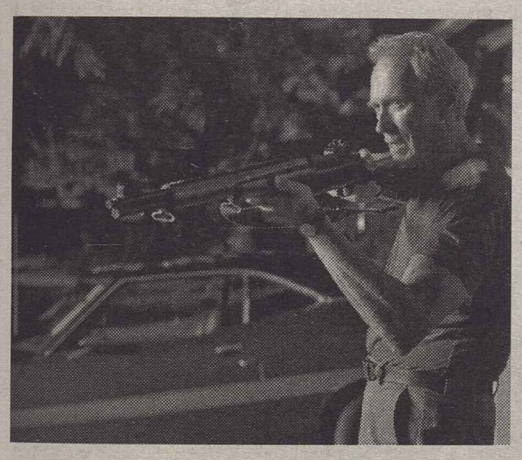
Kowalski worked in Ford factories for his entire life; his own Gran Torino (which he lovingly polishes each day) represents the hard-earned success of better times.

But gang warfare and civic indifference has ruined the old neighborhood. Kowalski sees a correlation between the region's escalating violence and its increasing Hispanic, Korean and black populations.

Furthermore, the low moral fiber of the city's white population disgusts him.

Kowalski's own children and grandchildren are pampered, fat and spoilt; his sons drive foreign-made SUVs and mock his pride.

Kowalski respects no demographic and no rank: he calls his own priest "an overeducated 27-year-old virgin who likes to hold the hands of old ladies and promise them eternity."



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But Kowalski's slur-filled speech also shows his closeness to his friends.

A barber and a foreman both share his vocabularies and his principles. As Kowalski teaches Thao to repair roofs and straighten gutters, the three of them act as father figures, all willing to recognize and appreciate each others' differences.

Eastwood is the film's greatest strength. He epitomizes the tired, beaten authenticity that makes "Gran Torino" so rewarding. Eastwood is the most noticeable member of an otherwise no-name cast.

The distinction between him — a venerable actor playing a venerable character — and his co-stars (who all mumble and gesticulate as though ad-libbing) is abundantly clear.

This gives the story a realism that is both clumsy and sweet.

The kids act like kids; the grandparents like grandparents. Though the writing is not overtly clever or sophisticated, the dialogue fits the setting perfectly.

Eastwood thoroughly examines the character of a man shaped by conflict, loss and brutality.

In short, "Gran Torino" is a film as mature and weighty as its lead, and deserves every scrap of attention that Eastwood's name can bring.

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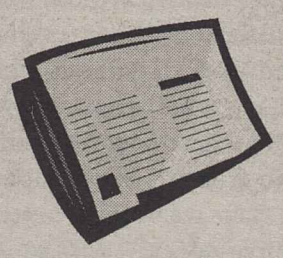

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The List

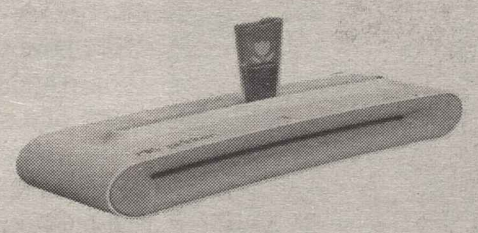
hot new gadgets worthy of an obsession

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Campus Life Editor

Attention all gadget mongers! New and superbly interesting gadgets to follow:

RITI Printer:

A money saving breakthrough for ink has been sent to the masses! Simply take your used coffee grounds (in the filter) and insert them into the cartridge — voila! By moving the RITI printer cartridge back and forth in the electricity–free printer, the words print out just like an inkjet, but with fantastically free ink. Although not on the market (yet), it has been entered in the Greener Gadgets competition by its creator, Joen Hwan Ju. Stay tuned to *coolestgadgets.com* for more information.



Intelliscanner:

An interesting new device from *thinkgeek.com*, this barcode scanner will quickly become an obsession. Able to scan and store 150 barcodes at a time with the option to download the new list to your computer, this handy little buddy can help its owner keep track of DVDs, CDs and anything else (*thinkgeek.com* recommends you keep better track of your wine collection). The multipurpose object can also be used to compile grocery lists and (gasp!) has been interfaced with easy-to-use "add" and "delete" buttons, so even your 5 year-old could use it. Although a tad pricey at $299.99, this nifty little gadget is worth its weight in barcodes.

Combi iPod Bouncer:

Sick of having Barney's "I Love You" or the Sesame Street theme song stuck in your head? With *thinkgeek.com*'s Combi iPod Bouncer, you can place your little one safely in a padded baby bouncer (it's motorized to bounce on its own!) and play all the Mozart or Star Wars sound tracks you have on your iPod. The Bouncer comes with an adjustable and removable wooden bar for three attachable toys, a 3-point padded harness, and MP3 features including bass, sound vibrations and rhythmic bouncing to keep baby soothed. For $79.99, this baby quieting contraption is worth the price.

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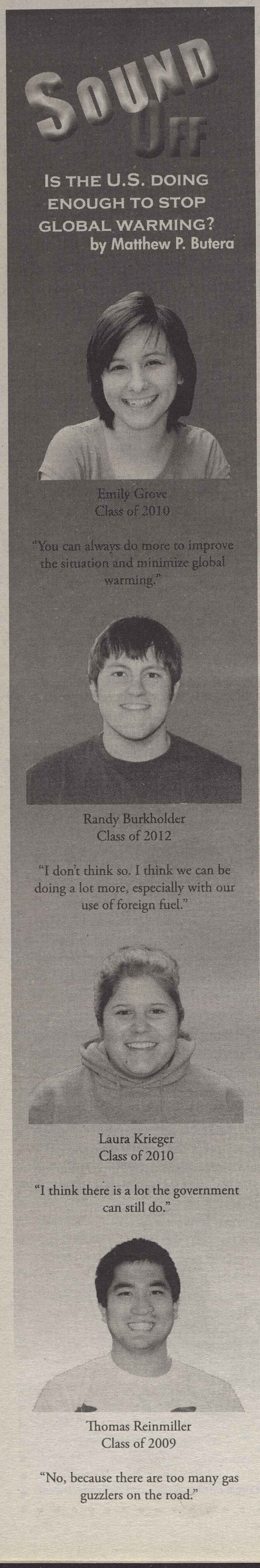

Emily Grove
Class of 2010

"You can always do more to improve the situation and minimize global warming."

Randy Burkholder
Class of 2012

"I don't think so. I think we can be doing a lot more, especially with our use of foreign fuel."

Laura Krieger
Class of 2010

"I think there is a lot the government can still do."

Thomas Reinmiller
Class of 2009

"No, because there are too many gas guzzlers on the road."

in the world
Closing Gitmo: Obama's new America

Julianne A. Keys
Staff Writer

With President Obama's announcement of his decision to close Gitmo, there have been many people who oppose his choice, and others who support it.

Are Americans going to be safe with these terrorists locked up in prisons in the continental U.S.? Some conservatives would not mind if the officials at Guantánamo kept treating the prisoners as they did during the Bush administration based on the fact that religious extremists showed U.S. captives the same amount of "hospitality" during World War II.

But doesn't this treatment make us just as bad as them? Is America really "the land of the free" when we waterboard and use other methods of torture with our captives?

If we took away basic human rights, such as fair trials, no matter how terrible the crimes, wouldn't we be going against all that our Founding Fathers fought for?

I believe that it is obvious, due to growing evidence, that what happens behind the scenes at Guantánamo goes against basic human rights. At least four former prosecutors who worked at Guantánamo have resigned for ethical reasons.

Last week, Rachel Maddow interviewed one of the former Guantánamo prosecutors, Lt. Col. Darrel Vandeveld. He went to the prison in Cuba thinking that he would prosecute guilty terrorists who had substantial evidence accumulated against them. Instead, he found that the files of the prisoners were unorganized and spread all over the compound in bookshelves and poorly-labeled plastic containers.

In addition, he found that the evidence which he thought would convict the prisoners was more often an indication of their innocence. There are prisoners who have been held captive for years without knowing the reason for their imprisonment and without a trial.

All of this has lead Guantánamo to become symbolic of torture, much like Abu Ghraib. Just look at how American media portrays Gitmo in "Harold and Kumar: Escape from Guantánamo Bay!" I believe that by closing the prison, the American image will improve greatly, and fairness will once again be a dominant trait of the United States.

While reading "The Daily Dish" by Andrew Sullivan, I stumbled upon a letter written by a reader of his blog. This reader had a point that I had not thought of myself, yet was completely valid. He wrote that by imprisoning terrorists or suspects of terrorism in a high-security compound such as Guantánamo, the inmates gain a "larger-than-life" reputation in the world of religious extremists. With the transfer of terrorists into prisons with common criminals and murderers, hopefully these religious extremists will begin to view the terrorists not as martyrs, but as cold-blooded killers.

When the terrorists are moved to prisons in the continental U.S., times should be set for their trials. The innocent will return to their family, and the guilty will be punished — and rightfully so. No human should have to wait as long as many of the inmates have for a trial.

Some Americans are afraid that by closing Guantánamo, the terrorists will somehow be more capable of attacking our country. Do they not trust the prison guards in continental America's prisons to keep the terrorists locked up? Sure, it is unnerving to know that terrorists are located in your local prison, but isn't it just as bad that serial killers and rapists also are in your town and, even worse, possibly free roaming the streets?

I believe that to fulfill the Founding Fathers' mission of spreading democracy and to restore the credibility of the country, closing Guantánamo and placing terrorists and alleged-terrorists into the United States' criminal justice system is the best way. Justice will still be brought to those who deserve it, and the innocent will be liberated.

in the nation
Poke this: Facebook spawns idle youth

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Opinion Editor

Image: *www.socsci.uci.ed*

As I'm sure many people are aware by now, Facebook turned 5 years old Wednesday.

I'm sure many people are also aware that it was started by Mark Zuckerberg in an attempt to stay connected with all of his Ivy League cohorts. It has since grown to be worth more than $5 billion.

Many college students would be lost without Facebook. They spend countless hours checking status updates, tagging pictures and worrying about who is in a relationship with whom (because we all know it isn't official until it's *Facebook official*). But where has this really gotten us? Has all this time spent in front of our computers significantly improved our life? Have we become better people because of Facebook? Of course not.

Every once in a while you hear an amazing story of a mother reunited with her daughter, or long-lost relatives in general finding each other, but how often does that happen to the average person? I would argue that I have found a friend or two who moved away when I was a child, but I do not actively keep in contact with them. We are merely "Facebook friends."

Maybe this provides comfort for the average teenager, but to me it marks the beginning of a more startling trend. Eighty-eight percent of teenagers have Internet access in the U.S. What's alarming about this is that 25 percent use the Internet for three or more hours a day for activities unrelated to schoolwork.

Also, according to the Facebook statistics page, Facebook has over 150 million users who spend a total of 3 billion minutes on Facebook every day. There is nothing so important on Facebook to justify spending 3 billion minutes on it.

Studies have linked Internet use to childhood obesity and shorter attention spans. Numbers have plummeted in bike purchases, Little League registration and activities as simple as pick-up baseball games.

So, where in the world am I going with this? It's simple. We are a generation that spends too much time doing absolutely nothing.

We are perfectly content to waste hours every day surfing the Internet instead of learning about real life. We know who has added pictures to a Facebook album, but nothing about the economic aid bill that is being tossed around in the House of Representatives. We can name all Facebook relationships in the past month, but not the trends of the dollar against the euro, the short- and long-term bond prices, the stock market or the inflation rate. We know how to shop on eBay, but not the process for buying a house.

In short, we are learning information that has no bearing on our actual lives. We are not furthering our ability to survive in the world. Instead, we are perfectly content to live in our little Facebook bubbles and ignore the world that spins around us.

The next time you are compelled to check Facebook, try a news site instead. Read up on the economy or politics. Maybe learn about business trends or scientific breakthroughs. Become educated.

on campus

On-campus housing beneficial

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Staff Writer

Every spring, Etown's campus is filled with flowers, birds chirping merrily away and the grumbles of disgruntled juniors and seniors who have been denied permission to move off campus. Sorry to disappoint you, kids, but Res Life does have its reasons. Every year, some committee gives them a specific number of students who are allowed to move off campus. This number is based off a bunch of calculations and projections, including how many new students will be moving in and how many will be graduating. They can't let too many people off campus, or the dorms won't be full.

Now, I know what you're thinking: what about all those people who were forced to live in transitional housing or those random triples in Schlosser? Well, even the best predictions are never completely accurate, so obviously the committee sometimes underestimates how many students need to move off campus. But really, why would you want to move off campus, anyway? When you live off campus, you have to pay rent and utilities, cook most of your meals (although I guess most people in the Apartments and Quads do that too), and basically become a grown-up. I prefer to save that for the real world, thanks.

Personally, I am all about the convenience of living on campus. I mean, what happens if you live off campus and sleep through your alarm clock? You wake up at 7:55 for your 8 a.m. class, throw on some clothes, go out to your car, and — damn — it snowed last night. So you spend five minutes chipping a small hole in the ice on your windshield, just enough to see out of. (P.S. — you are already six minutes late to class.) Then, after frantically driving to school, you can't find a parking space anywhere. You are now 10 minutes late to class. By the time you finally make it to class, you're hot, sweaty and 15 minutes late. On the other hand, if you lived on campus, even in the Quads (which are about 10 years away from anything), you probably would have been on time, or maybe a minute or two late.

I promise: it's really not that bad living on campus. I lived in Royer my junior year, and, honestly, I had a blast. You can't imagine how much fun my friends and I had. There were dance parties in the halls, our first-floor community pride wall, and who could forget the Royer Olympics? We did all this with an RA who was definitely not our biggest fan. So if you're one of those unfortunate juniors who can't move off campus or get an apartment or quad, fill your dorm with your friends. You'll have much more fun anyway.

I guess what I am trying to say here is that if you are unfortunate enough to be a rising junior or senior who wants to live off campus, but can't get permission, it's OK; you will survive. Living off campus can't possibly be that amazing.

on campus

The North Face: new obsession

Kelly A. Clayton
Staff Writer

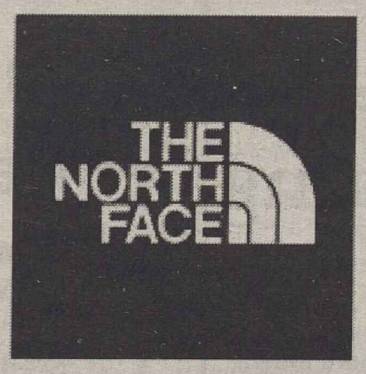
You may or may not have noticed what almost everyone on campus is be wearing during this brisk winter season: The North Face jackets. As soon as the weather becomes cooler, these jackets start to pop up all over. College students everywhere are wearing The North Face jackets every day for any type of weather. From Villanova to Elizabethtown College, students are keeping warm with The North Face fleece jackets as the latest fad. Just like Ugg boots, The North Face jackets have become a must-have on campus. Are these fleece-lined outerwear a smart investment to protect one from the weather or just a pure trend?

"I like them, and they are really nice; they are just terribly overpriced," said first-year Allyson Wells. Brands such as Columbia Sportswear Company and Eastern Mountain Sports are The North Face's only competition. Costing over $100, The North Face is about three times more expensive than other fleece jackets. The issue of whether you're paying for the brand or the product comes into question. Overpriced or not, people are purchasing not just The North Face jackets, but backpacks as well.

While the original intent of these jackets and backpacks were for skiing and hiking in the most extreme climates, college students seem to have taken a liking to this durable outerwear gear. When 12 Schlosser residents were surveyed about this on-campus must-have, seven students admitted they own a jacket and like it while five said they don't own one and don't wish to.

This survey shows that those who own a product of The North Face really like what they have and think highly of their product, while those who don't own anything from The North Face brand don't care about it.

A big part of the obsession with The North Face is that the brand is easy to find in stores. Jackets and backpacks can be found in stores such as Dick's Sporting Goods or Sports Authority at sale prices, which make the items accessible. So what makes The North Face so great? I own a The North Face jacket myself, and wear it daily. I feel that they truly keep you warm and will cut down on any wind chill, which is a big factor in this particular area. The biggest problem I personally have with them is when it is really cold or snowy, they aren't appropriate. A heavier jacket made of a material that isn't affected by precipitation would be more useful. But overall, for almost everyday wear, they are perfect.



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"The only reason half the kids at college wear them is because they are considered cool." First-year Brian Alport, owner of a The North Face jacket, said. Alport went into detail about how his mom bought him a jacket for Christmas, saying, "all the college kids are wearing them." With parents in the loop about what's trendy, it is almost impossible to escape the inevitability of owning a The North Face product.

Whether these jackets are just a symbol of social status, or practical for the colder weather of Lancaster County, is up for individual interpretation. Overpriced or not, people aren't having problems paying for the latest outerwear. The light-yet-warm multi-purpose jackets seem to have taken a permanent residence on college campuses everywhere.

The North Face is the answer to having useful and durable clothing while remaining trendy and cool on any college campus.

staff column

Unselfish?

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Copy Editor

Last Thursday afternoon, I discussed the flat-lining economy with a local barber. She was reminded of her grandmother's stance on President Herbert Hoover, a man often reviled for his failure to check the Great Depression. Hoover's principles of volunteerism ran something like this: too much government intervention breaks self-reliance. The legislative government must never hurl gobs of cash money at citizens' problems, since it'll keep the plebs from doing their duty. Instead, people should help each other without financial motivation, and the government should encourage that with special programs.

Our thirteen colonies were founded by planters, economists, prospectors and preachers all trying to find paradise. They differed in their goals and in their methods, but they all sought the good life.

Even though America has atoned for many of her past sins, the rampant covetousness of each generation still threatens the nation's stability. In days past, our greed drove us to take slaves and slaughter innocents. Today's ills — subprime mortgage woes and outrageous unemployment rates — all stem from fundamentally selfish desires to relax, to expand, and to consume.

Black Friday sales saw Americans trampled to death. Suicide bombers in the Middle East die and murder for one violent cause; holiday shoppers have fallen for the *far* stupider god of materialism. And even as marketing dollars move us to spend, they also move us to feel: we are incredulous at tsunamis, at heartbreak, at earthquakes, at AIDS, at poverty and at war.

Unfortunately, the differences between actual altruism and bourgeois-bohemian white guilt are entirely irreconcilable. If you feel your community's pain, then serve it. If you feel for the dead in Somalia or the dying in Zimbabwe, then tend to them. Join the Peace Corps. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Programs already exist for human beings to act selflessly and charitably; if your compassion outweighs your need for easy living then you're welcome to pursue it.

I don't know much about Hoover. I do know that financial security — or any kind of security — is, in this world, anything but certain. The next few years will likely leave you deep in both debt and sentiment. Life isn't easy for the rest of the world, and you haven't got any reason to expect it for you, either. But if you're going to be broke, then you might as well make yourself useful.

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etown women's basketball

Ladies fall to rival Messiah; look ahead to TCNJ today

Brielle E. Parady
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It was a steady week for Elizabethtown's women's basketball team as they fell short against Dickinson and Albright College but defeated Arcadia and Immaculata University.

The games against Albright and Arcadia were both Commonwealth contests, and this pushed Etown to a 3-4 record in the conference and a current fifth place position in the MAC Championship.

This year, the team hopes to play in the conference, and with five games out of the remaining six being Commonwealth games, this goal seems to be within reach. Etown is currently on the fence for the championship, but with the determination and strength of the team, Coach Yvonne Kauffman believes they can go all the way this year.

Kauffman hopes the team can perform in the last six games, making them among the top four in the conference and allowing them to play in the championship.

"I feel senior leadership is really leading this team and doing a good job," Kauffman said. "I'm very pleased with them."

The seniors have done their best to motivate the team throughout the entire season and continue to do an excellent job as the season winds down.Kauffman said that Dickinson had its best game of the season, yet Etown was unable to reach "that final touch to put it away." Although the Blue Jays have had some losses, the team believes that they still have a great shot of winning the conference.

"This season has been a rollercoaster ride with our wins and losses, but we have a very talented team," senior captain Megan Romano said. "As a team, we are expecting to make playoffs this year." The top four teams in the conference play for the championship, and with Etown currently in fifth place, the next five conference games are crucial.

For senior captain Jenn Montague, the next few games are her chance to help the team after being injured three weeks ago during practice. Last Friday's practice was her first time back playing with the team. As captain, she hopes the seniors can lead the team to the playoffs— something that they haven't seen in their four years at Etown.

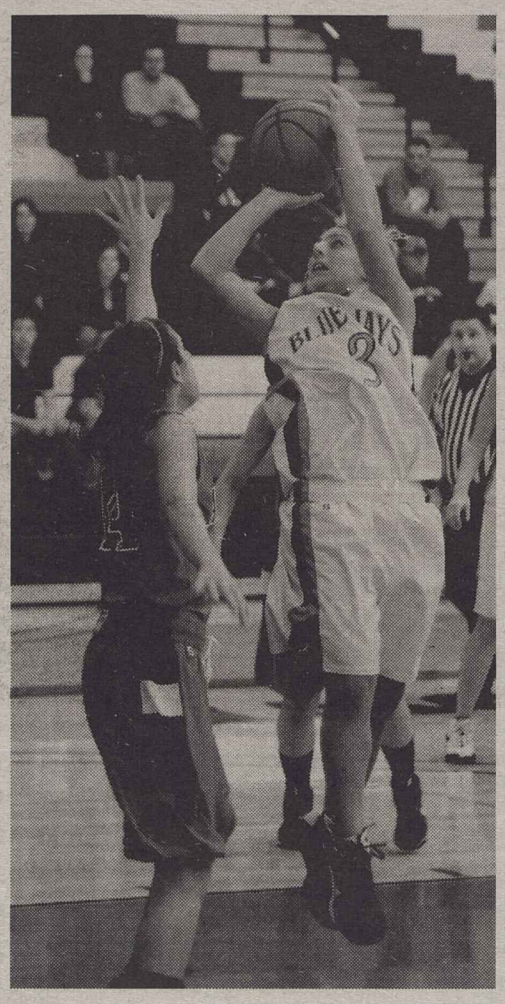


Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Senior Megan Romano goes for two against Albright College. It was the Jay's second back to back loss this season

"The past three weeks have been torture because I just want to be out on the court with my team," Montague said. "I have eight regular season games left to help our team make it to playoffs.

It's now or never. The three seniors have never been in playoffs, so we want it so bad. We have the potential to make a statement."

Last night, the Lady Jays faced rival Messiah College. The ladies put up a good fight but lost the match 61-42. The ladies shot only 28 percent in th game. However, senior Megan Quin was the only Jay to score in double fig ures, scoring 18 points. Quinn also ha five rebounds, and also five steals.

Kauffman observed that the wom en's basketball team has had some ver good wins and has constantly bee improving throughout the seaso The losses they faced have been clo games, she noticed, and the team ha yet to experience any bad defeats.

As the season wraps up, the tea will begin to play teams that they hav already played this season. Out the six opponents remaining, Etow has previously defeated three of the this year, two were close losses, an one hasn't faced the Lady Jays yet th season. This mix is both challengi and exciting for the women, who nee to push themselves a little further reach the championship.

Kauffman believes that winning fou of the six games will earn them a def nite position in the conference, whe hopefully they can show their skills an become conference champions.

This goal is going to test the wil power and strength of the women, b the basketball team has the drive an determination that is needed to con out on top.

The ladies will face The College New Jersey tonight at 7 p.m.

etown swimming

MAC Championships come soon for swimming

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Throughout the year, the men's and women's swim teams have both fought hard to gain respect from other teams in the conference. Both programs have succeeded; the women's team due to their impressive conference record and the men's team due to their tenacity and determination while being shorthanded all season.

The men's team will enter the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships Valentine's Day weekend with a chip on their shoulder as they try and prove their 2-11 record in no way represents the talent and drive of the team overall.

Although there are doubters among the swimming legions, men's captain Tom Hagerty opened up about the difference between the team on paper and the team in the water: "Our season has been rough. Our record reflects how many guys we had on the team and not the skill level of those guys. Several times this season we were able to win eight or nine out of the eleven events, but we would still lose the meet. We just didn't have enough guys this year to get us over the edge."

That said, the team still has the MAC Championships in Wilkes-Barre in a little over a week, and hopefully they can trump the quantity of the other teams with the skills of our own.

Although the men may be having a rough season, the well-staffed women's team has been able to take care of business in the water. They finished their season with an 8-6 record before the MAC Championships Feb. 13, 14 and 15. Even more impressive than their overall record, however, has been their conference record, where they have won six out of their eight meets and have put themselves in a great position to finish well at the conference championships.

"Having a strong conference record will help us, however, we are a strong and dedicated team," sophomore Rebecca Rose said. "We are not going to back down to the other teams next weekend. We are hoping to come out successful with a third place finish."

The women's record is especially impressive considering that this year is Dan DeHass' first as head coach, and hopefully he will be able to guide them to a strong finish this season and a great start next year.

etown wrestling

Men l 4th at Pete Wilson-Wheaton Invitational

Rachael A. Marsteller
Features Editor

The wrestling team travelled to Wheaton, Ill. for the Pete Wilson-Wheaton College Invitational and two days of tough competition. The Blue Jays finished 14th out of 31 teams.

"We did a good job and had the highest place finish ever in school history at the tournament. We could have had a few more place winners and easily placed really high as a team, but we had a respectable showing," first-year Tyler Erdman said.

Erdman and junior Tim Katzaman placed in the finals and quarter-finals, respectively. Erdman finished second in the 125 lb weight class after losing by a 3-1 decision against nationally ranked Cody Zimmerman from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Erdman is ranked seventh in the Division III and has a record of 27-3 for the season.

To make it to the championship match, Erdman won with a 7-2 decision, three falls, and a pin against 7th seeded David Copp from Lakeland College in 4:00 during the quarterfinals.

"He also had age and experience on me. I think he is a redshirt sophomore ranked sixth in NCAA Division II.

I also could have been more dominating in some of my earlier matches," Erdman said.

Katzaman advanced to the quarterf nals at 285 lbs. He won with a pin and technical fall against Steve Durham Rose-Hulman Institute of technolo with a score of 19-4. He pinned Tr Foster of Mt. St. Joseph College in seconds in the first round.

Unfortunatly, in the quarterfina Katzaman was pinned by Jon Schmi of University of Wisconsin-Whitewat in 52 seconds and he also lost in close 4-3 match in the fourth rou of consolations Saturday against To Carothers of Heidelberg College.

Juniors Jordan Becker, Paul Conn and Jereme Heisy, sophomore Mar Marnish, and first-years Ronnie Cu and Kyle Deeds all had wins during t invitational as well.

Cuff won with a pin over Trum State. and Connor won with a pin ov Truman State.

The team will face off against Wilk at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday, the Blue Ja will wrestle Hunter and York at Yo at 12 p.m.

The final match of the season is King's College at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"All three teams are beatable. We ne everyone to be ready to wrestle and n give them anything," Erdman said.

"We had a close match with Wilk last year. We lost no starters and th lost a few. We also match up well wi Hunger and York, so a 3-0 weekend very possible."

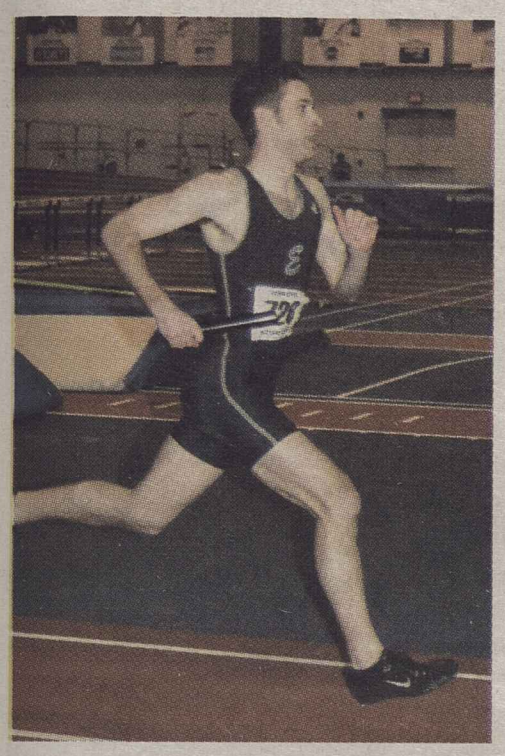
etown indoor track

Teams compete at PSU; head to New Balance Games

Thomas D. Hagerty
Staff Writer

The men's and women's indoor track teams got back to their usual form last weekend following their lackluster performance at Ursinus. Friday night, eight Blue Jay athletes participated in the Penn State National Invitational. Only the men and women's distance medley relays made the trip to State College, Penn.

The distance medley relay consists of four athletes running four different distances: first the 1,200m, then the 400m, 800m and the 1,600m. The men's distance medley relay ran a time of 10:21.45, which is the eighth fastest time in program history.



The women's team, which ran a 12:27:46, captured the fifth best time in program history.

The women's relay finished seven seconds in front of the team from the University of Pennsylvania, a Division I program.

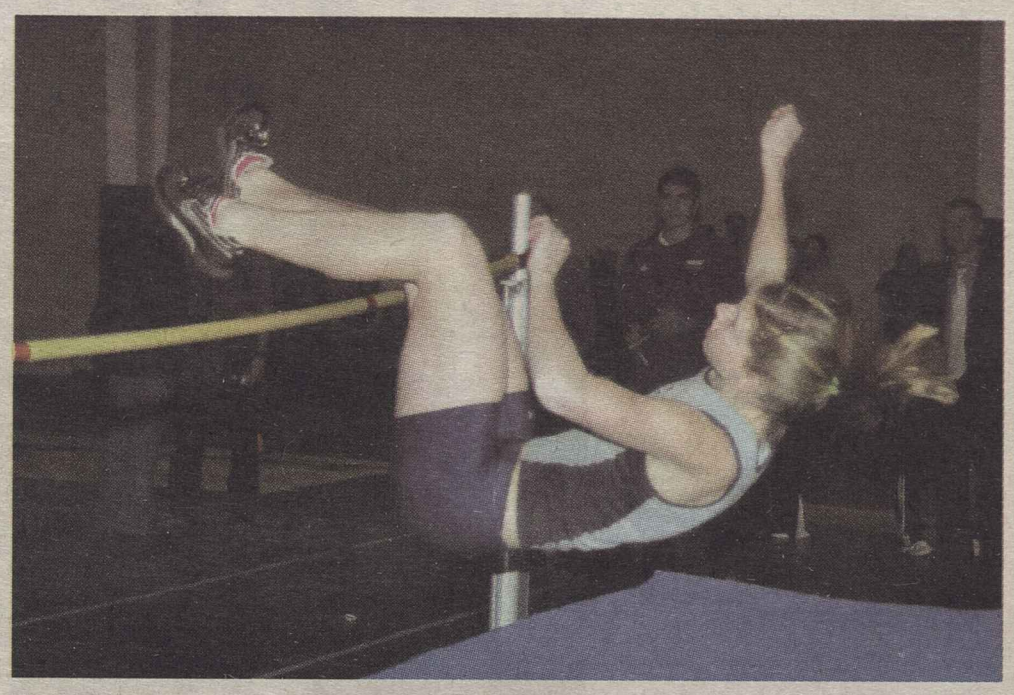
The successful relay team included seniors Chelsea Miles and Tiffany Kulp, junior Megan VanDenHengel and first-year Kathryn Howser.

That was just Friday night. The very next day, the Blue Jays were back in action at Haverford College. The Seamus McElligott Invitational brought out the best in the Jays.

For the women's team, Miles was outstanding yet again, winning two events and taking second in another. She won the high jump and the triple jump and took second in the long jump. Senior Amanda Daws took second place in the women's 5,000-meter run. She crossed the line with a time of 18:36.29.

For the men's team, the 5,000-meter run was a great success. Sophomore Chris Heisey and senior Jeremy Matula were the first two to cross the line, finishing just two seconds apart.

Senior Dylan Rulander took third place in the men's 800 meter run with a time of 1:56.23. Rulander was called the "core of the middle-distance team" by Coach Chris Straub.



Photos: Drac Williams

Senior Chelsea Miles (above,) goes for a high jump at the Ursinus Classic on Jan. 23. Miles finished third in the event. Senior James Munelly (left) runs in the Men Open 4,000 meter distance medley relay at the Penn State National Invitational Jan. 30.

When asked about the secret for the teams' successes, there were several different responses.

"Great coaching plus hard work equals great athletes, period," sophomore Rich Greco said.

"The team atmosphere is so positive," first-year Case McGarvey said.

Russell Speiden said just one word: "Determination." Whatever the secret is, hopefully the distance medley relays can continue to thrive as the will head next to the New Balance Collegiate Games in the New York City Armory track tomorrow.

"We did great time-wise at PSU," said Howser. "Our goal for the New Balance Games is to make nationals. I'm really excited to go."

The games are especially important because they are one of the last opportunity for the relay teams to qualify for nationals.

special report

NCAA bans five flavors of Vitamin Water from athletes

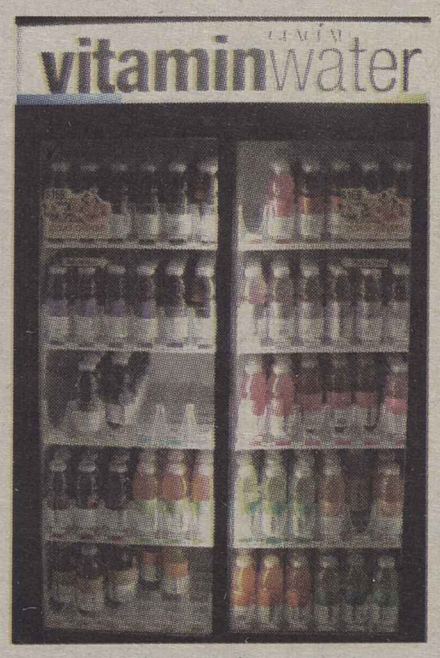
Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

What do you think is on the National Collegiate Athletic Association banned substances list? Steroids? Check. Cocaine? Check. Marijuana? Check. VitaminWater? Umm — check?

That's a decision currently in debate among the NCAA substances panel, which is looking into the possibility that certain VitaminWater flavors, produced by a NCAA partner, Coca-Cola, may create an unfair advantage during collegiate games.

The NCAA has approved most flavors to date, though some are still left unapproved, including Power-C, Energy, Rescue, Vital-T and Balance. Because the products have not been approved, any detection of them in an athlete before a game or match will result in loss of eligibility.

Is this policy taking it too far? Is the NCAA still looking out for the well-being of its athletes and the sport, or has it stepped on the toes of the athletes' freedom by telling them what they can and cannot eat and drink? How much more "Power," "Energy," and "Balance" do you really feel after gulping down a bottle of VitaminWater? That's the question that has been running through the minds of many critics of the NCAA's new look at popular beverages, especially after they signed a new partnership to serve VitaminWater on the sidelines of most championship games back in October.



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It looks like athletes at Etown will have to avoid this vitamin water fridge in the Jay's the next time they go for a drink before the big game.

Although the sideline branding may come across as hypocritical, David Klossner, the NCAA liaison to the Competitive Safeguards Committee, recently stated, "VitaminWater Revive (fruit punch) will be the only VitaminWater flavor supporting NCAA championships. VitaminWater Revive does not contain any NCAA impermissible or banned substances."

Also, this review of soft drinks really isn't all that new, and, in fact, all the flavors in, question would have disqualified athletes in the past due to their ingredients. For example, VitaminWater's Energy flavor has 134 mcg/ml of caffeine and guarana, versus the minuscule amount of 15 mcg/ml allowed by the NCAA.

So, are the critics right? The consensus around Etown says that they are not.In fact, most student-athletes side with the NCAA about this issue.

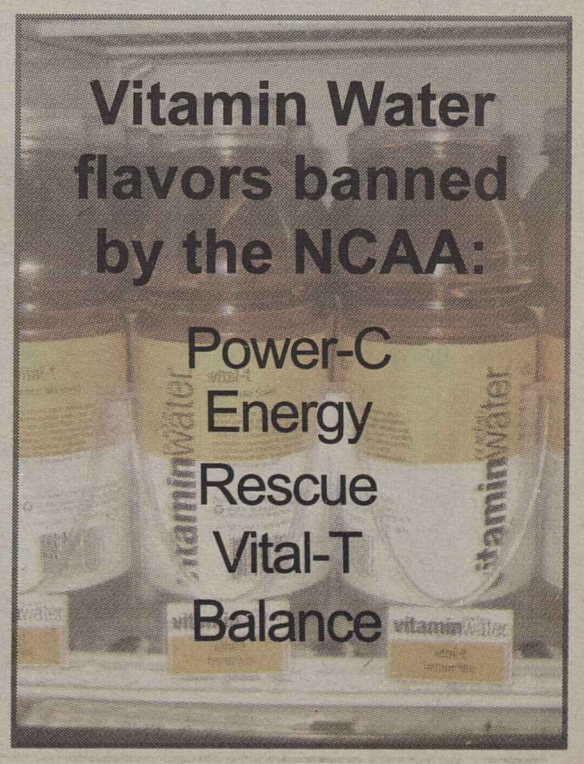
"I think it's good that the NCAA is strict about what athletes can put into their bodies, but it seems a little strong that something like a sports drink can affect your eligibility," senior softball player Lauren Hoover said. "Even though it seems pretty strict, I don't think the NCAA should change their policies because it keeps everyone safe and the playing field even."

The feeling crosses over to men's sports as well, as sophomore swimmer and staff writer for *the Etownian*, Tom Hagerty agreess. "I'm not opposed to what the NCAA is doing. I feel like they are considering everything and keeping the level of competition without compromising fairness."

At best, the NCAA is attempting to keep athletes fair with as little chance of outside enhancement as possible. At worst, they're cutting into beverage freedom and stripping away a possible choice at the vending machine. Either way, how hard is it to take flavored water out of your diet? Save your Jay Bucks and go fill up a water bottle with water.

We can't forget that although VitaminWater has always been marketed as a sports drink, it is certainly not the first beverage to be impacted by the banned substances list.

To keep the games fair, the NCAA does have to explore all avenues and possibilities. So athletes, start drinking water. It's cheaper, healthier for you, and overall,better for the environment. Who could complain about that?



etown men's basketball

Blue Jays face strong conference opponents

Glenn P. Knight
Staff Writer

Ask Elizabethtown Blue Jays how they feel about the home conference game against the Albright Lions, who challenged them 80-93 last time. They will say that while the intense struggle is upsetting, playing the game is all a matter of destiny.

"We'll learn from it, but it's definitely frustrating," sophomore guard-forward Joe Flanagan said after the disappointing 65-69 Albright game Saturday. Flanagan was one of the top scorers at the intense Commonwealth Conference game, gaining six points total for the Blue Jays.

Despite top scorers like Flanagan, it wasn't till the second half when junior center Mike Church made a slam-dunk, tying up the game with two minutes and twenty-six seconds left. It was a heated battle between the Lions and the Jays, ultimately causing the game to go into overtime.

Though the game caused the Jays to tie with Albright 4-3 in the conference rankings, Flanagan remains hopeful.

"We still control our own destiny; we're still towards the top, so we're just going to take it one game at a time," he said. "We got Messiah on Tuesday. If we take care of business and play every game like a playoff game we'll be alright."

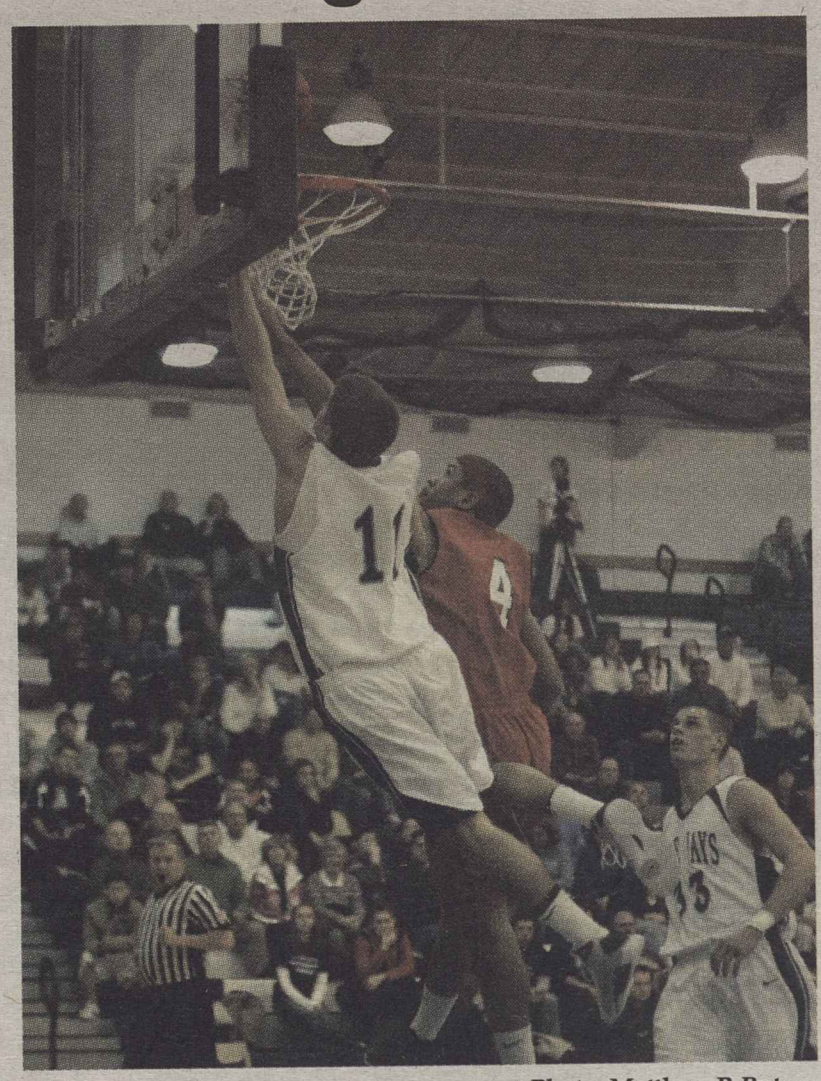


Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Going for the shot, sophomore Keith Fogel (11) leaps ahead of Justin Plummer of Albright College. The team lost in overtime this past Saturday.

Like his players, head coach Bob Schlosser also believe in "controlling the destiny," saying, "We have to control what we can control and not have to hope that somebody else wins or loses. If we get a couple wins on the road now, we'll be right back in it."

Overall, Schlosser felt the loss was due to lack of points on the board from perimeter shooters like Flanagan and Keith Fogel. Though there was "more positive than negative," Schlosser said, "We need at least one of those guys to get some points on the board."

He was also impressed with other players in the game. "I was pleased with guys off the bench for us. Kyle McConnell did a nice job coming off the bench. I think Houseal and Church played well," he said.

"When we needed to make one more, we couldn't, and when they needed to, they did," Schlosser said of Albright's lead. "I think our guys were into it and played hard, and at this time of year, there's no moral victories. You can't say, 'Well, we did well, but just came up short.' We've got to learn from it and move on."

Moving on in the conference games, the Jays will play Widener University Saturday, Feb. 7, with a competitive team that both Schlosser and Flanagan are highly anticipating.

"We have a couple tough games coming up on the road. We've got to get ready. Widener will be one of our tougher games along the road," Schlosser said.

Widener marks one of four conference games coming up in the future for the Jays.

The Albright-Elizabethtown game will serve as a reminder of the "outstanding effort" the Jays put forth for the challenge. Schlosser sums it up, saying, "That's the way this league is — always games are like this; they're battles."

Etown battled rival Messiah College last night but fell short by a close 67-64. The Jays entered halftime down by 17 points but was able to connnect and cut that lead to three. They men will face Widener University Saturday.

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Athlete of the Week

Chelsea Miles

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

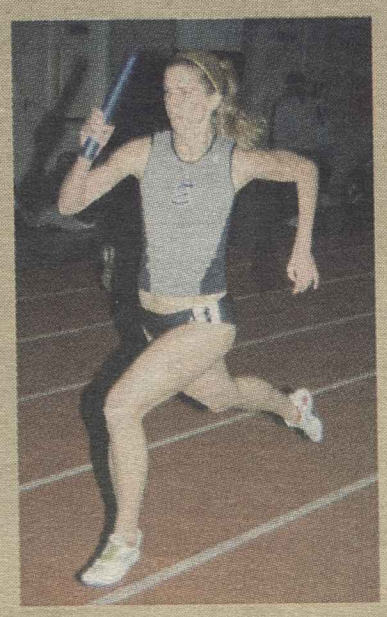
The Etownian is thrilled to name senior track and field athlete Chelsea Miles Athlete of the Week!

Saturday Jan. 31, Miles competed (along with the rest of the Etown indoor track and field team) at the Seamus McElligott Invitational hosted by Haverford College, where she proved her dominance in the field.

Miles took first place in the high jump with a mighty leap of 4' 11." To put that in perspective, Chelsea could completely jump over Joelle Atkinson, *the Etownian's* assistant Campus Life editor.

She also won the triple jump with a final length of 33' 10 3/4".

In case you were wondering, that's the length of a giant squid recently captured in Antarctica that weighs roughly half a ton. That's a long hop, skip and jump.



Speaking of long jumps, Miles soared into second place with a bound of 15' 11" which is just one inch shorter than a python that stalked and ate a family dog one year ago in Brisbane, Australia.

Once Miles graduates, she hopes to continue running and participating in road races as she gets older.

Good luck to Chelsea and the rest of the track and field team at the New Balance Games and congratulations to Chelsea Miles for being named *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week!

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Turkey pretzel melt

Something not many people know about me:
I've traveled to ten different countries.

Favorite Sports team:
E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!

Favorite TV Show:
House

I can't live without my:
my Etown track and field family, and my lovely roommates.

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on campus

Math, science education events make children SMILE

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This past Saturday, over 100 elementary school students crowded the rooms of Nicarry Hall to participate in the first-ever Science and Math Institute for Learning in Elizabethtown (SMILE). A collaboration between the College and the Elizabethtown Area School District, the goal of this event was to get younger students excited about learning math and science through fun activities and experiments.

The students ranged from kindergarten through fifth grade. They visited different stations set up around the rooms in 10-minute rotations with their "Adventures in Math and Science Passports." With names such as "It's Raining Money," "Tangram Teasers" and "Sink and Float," each station had a different activity or experiment related to math or science. For two hours, the children played with balloons, dice, cereal and more, while also learning about concepts like magnetism, geometry and probability. Etown students stationed at each table were encouraged to ask probing "how" and "why" questions to promote inquiry from the youngsters.

Courtesy Photo
Seniors Crystal Illigasch (left) and Valerie Miebach help a student with a science activity. The SMILE event held Saturday combined several education department programs.

Amanda Golas, a senior math education major, ran the "Cereal Chains" station, where children threw two die and added the resulting numbers together. Depending on if the number was higher or lower than six, children put one of two different cereals on a string, making a necklace. Golas explained that the purpose of this station was to help the children learn not only to add but to compare numbers.

SMILE was designed not only to benefit the children, but also the various majors involved, especially those in math, science and elementary education. The students at each table were paired with an Etown student of a different major.

"It's helpful because I'm used to working with older students, so [my partner] could pull from what she knew to get through to the kids," Golas said.

In previous years, the science and math clubs held separate events: Super Science Saturdays and Family Math Nights. This was the first year the two clubs combined their events, with the addition of the education club, into one simultaneous learning experience.

Planning for the event started in November and involved students from majors such as math, science, elementary education, actuarial science and computer science. The activities were designed by the students both in classes and on their own. Several of the children at SMILE had attended the separate events in the past and returned as repeat participants.

With generous food donations from Food Services and Stauffers of Kissel Hill, the inaugural SMILE had a better turnout than previously seen with the clubs' separate weeknight events.

"It was so successful and popular because of our collaboration with the [Elizabethtown Area] School District," Deborah Gochenaur, assistant professor of mathematics, said. She expressed hopes that the clubs continue to do this every year, adding, "It's a great volunteer opportunity. This is what 'Educate for Service' really means — it's not just about being a teacher, but wanting to work outside their schools. This is an investment in the community."

on campus

JuicyCampus shuts down; reactions mostly positive

Carey E. Betts
Staff Writer

If you are a college student, or a student at all for that matter, you are likely familiar with gossip. You've heard it, read it, been gossiped about and maybe even contributed to it. Maybe you're an avid viewer of shows like "Gossip Girl," where rumors and the details of others' lives are major themes. Just about everyone likes a little gossip now and then. This is probably why the Web site JuicyCampus has been so successful.

Established in August 2007, JuicyCampus was a Web site where college students could log in and gossip anonymously about their school, faculty, students and more. However, the Web site won't be able to offer these services anymore. As of Feb. 5, 2009, JuicyCampus has officially been shut down.

Founder and CEO Matt Ivester issued a press release Wednesday, the day before the shutdown, explaining why the Web site would have to be terminated.

"In these historically difficult economic times, online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved," Ivester's statement said. "JuicyCampus' exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn, and as a result, we are closing down the site."

During the year and a half that JuicyCampus had been afloat, it stirred up a lot of controversy. Over 500 college campuses have been a part of the site, which has gathered national attention over personal attacks and lawsuits.

While many students think of JuicyCampus as a source of entertainment and college gossip, some think of it as just another outlet for cruelty.

"I think that the idea of Juicy Campus is cool, but some people just take things too far," junior Shannon Twigg said. "It was probably for the best that it shut down."

In many cases, students have been harassed online and teachers have had their reputations tainted.

"I know people who have been really hurt by this Web site and the things put on it. I have also heard stories of teachers having their jobs and reputations compromised," first-year Katie Moyer said. "The Web site is better shut down."

In his press release, Ivester acknowledged the "mean-spirited and personal attacks that no one will miss" but also recognizes that the site had been a "place for fun, lighthearted gossip of college life."

While some people thought JuicyCampus was just another form of bullying, others didn't think it was all that bad. "I think that sometimes, things are just written in jest," first-year Kristin Corum said. "You shouldn't take everything you see so seriously, especially on the Internet."

Ivester ended his announcement by thanking all of the viewers and contributors of the Web site and hoping it is remembered in a good light. So far, though, it doesn't look like it will be missed very much.

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Illegal Immigrants leaving America

In a startling turn of events, a great deal of illegal immigrants throughout the American south are returning to their countries of origin. The reason is simple: the economy is so bad and the labor force is so high that only 5 percent of workers can find work on any given day in most cities. It has gotten to the point where most workers might have a better chance at finding work if they return home. When asked for his reasons for returning to his home country, a worker responded, "If I have to suffer, it's better to suffer in Guatemala with my family." It is unknown exactly how many illegals are leaving the country.

Man Arrested for Obama Threat

An unidentified man was arrested in Washington, D.C. Tuesday under suspicion that he was making threats against President Obama. The man in question had approached a barricade near the Capitol building in his vehicle. When questioned by authorities the man said he had "a delivery" for the president. After confirming the man had a rifle in the car, authorities arrested him. He offered no resistance.

Tornados Strike Oklahoma Towns

A series of tornados and severe thunderstorms struck south-central Okla. Tuesday, devastating entire neighborhoods and killing at least eight people. The town of Lone Grove was hit hardest, amounting for all of the casualties. Mercy Memorial Health Center in nearby Ardmore received 46 people with injuries, seven of them considered serious.

Firefighters and emergency workers have begun to work with the injured and those who have lost their homes.

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in the nation

ID restrictions tighten for travel; be aware

Julia N. Hadinger
Staff Writer

With spring break approaching fast, large numbers of people have planned or are starting to organize their travels. While many college students plan to leave the country, numerous things need to be kept in mind while traveling.

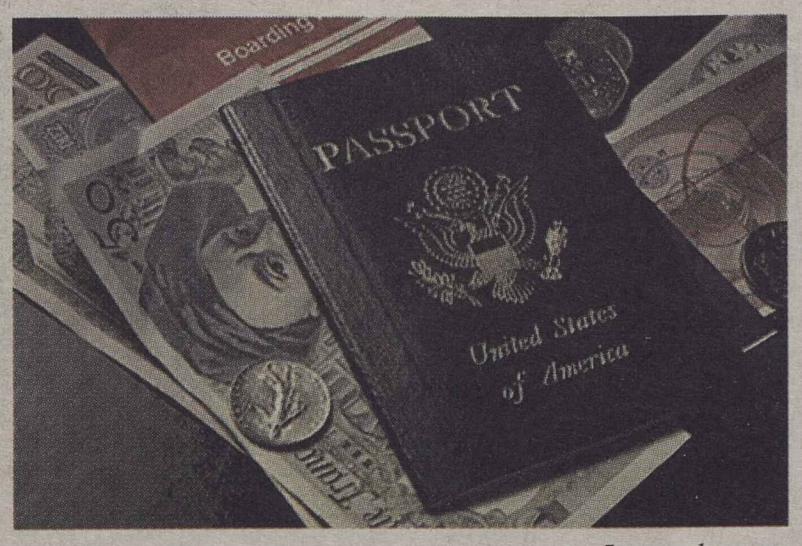
No matter where you are going, if you travel by airplane, you need to have a passport. This law went into effect Jan. 23, 2007. Since Jan. 31, 2008, persons entering the United States from Canada, Bermuda, Mexico and the Caribbean can also enter the country with a U.S. passport card or an enhanced driver's license.

U. S. citizens must show identification and proof of citizenship, such as a driver's license and a birth certificate. Starting June 1, 2009, traveling will become a little stricter when the Western Hemisphere Travel Initative (WHTI) goes into effect. This will require even U.S. citizens to show a document that displays both identity and citizenship when entering the U.S., whether it is from an air or a sea port.

Children under the age of 16 can show an original or copy of their birth certificate, and students ages 16 through 18 traveling in groups with adult supervision will also be able to enter with copies of their birth certificates. Currently, borders accept oral declarations of citizenship, but travelers will now need to produce documents proving their citizenship.

Other than remembering to carry passports, vacationers will also need to keep in mind the laws of the countries to which they travel and the consequences of breaking those laws.

Every year, more than 2,500 U.S. citizens are arrested while traveling in other countries. Around half of these arrests are due to possession of illegal substances like narcotics. Prescription medications that are legal in the U.S. may be considered illegal in foreign countries.



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Students traveling out of the country during spring break should make sure to carry proper identification.

An easy way to prevent any problems is to carry the medication in its original container, as well as an explanatory note from the prescribing doctor. Also, many embassies' Web sites have information on this issue.

The consequences can be very severe for being in possession of, using or even importing any amount of illegal drugs to foreign countries. In some countries, the penalty is imprisonment for a year without bail before the case is even tried, and after that, a conviction can mean even more jail time in a foreign prison.

Another common cause for American citizens' arrest is alcohol. This includes being publicly intoxicated, drinking underage and driving under the influence. While many students feel they are invincible because they are from the U.S. and will not be penalized for anything they are wrong.

An easy way to avoid a similar situation is simply to know the laws of the country in which you are traveling. Steering clear of underage drinking and overconsumption of alcohol while in other countries may not only avoid possible arrests, but also prevent violent crimes such as rape and assault as well as any accidents.

While traveling to foreign countries, it is important not only to have the proper documentation to enter the country, but also to obey the laws, to be safe and be aware of your surroundings.

in the world

Iceland elects first openly gay world leader

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Under two weeks after the United States realized a milestone by electing its first black commander-in-chief, Iceland broke new ground by appointing the world's first openly gay leader. Johanna Sigurdardottir, 66, who is openly a lesbian, was appointed to the post of interim prime minister Friday, Jan. 30. This announcement comes less than a week after French Secretary of State Roger Karoutchi revealed that he is also gay.

Sigurdardottir's appointment came amid daunting financial and social strife in Iceland. These hardships reflect the worldwide economic struggles that contributed to the resignation of former Prime Minister Geer Haarde. As a sign of the heightened tension, police had to use tear gas to disperse rioting protestors for the first time in half a century in the week prior to Haarde's resignation.

In Iceland itself, the reaction has been rather subtle, as Sigurdardottir's selection of an equal number of male and female cabinet members has generated more attention than her sexual orientation. Prior to her appointment, she served as a well-regarded leader of the country's ministry of social affairs and a cabinet member for her Social Democratic Alliance party. Although Iceland's reaction to the world's first gay leader may have been one of measured indifference, some openly homosexual ex-politicians abroad had a positive reaction to the concept of an openly gay world leader.

Matthew Parris, who served as a member of Great Britain's parliament from 1979 until 1986 and came out during his term in office, said to a news source, "Speaking from my own experience, I was sort of in the closet when I was an MP, and I always imagined that the world would fall in if people found out. Well, when I finally did come clean, it turned out most of my constituents had guessed already and didn't give a damn!"

He said he believed that the sociocultural fabric of England had evolved enough to permit a gay prime minister to run the country.

Silvia Jaen, ecretary-general of Spain's Federation of Gays, Lesbians, Transsexual and Bisexuals remarked that many in the country had moved beyond the Orthodox Catholic moral background. While there are currently no openly gay members of Prime Minister Jose Luis Zapatero's government, Jaen believed that most Spaniards would welcome a gay leader with open minds.

Sigurdardottir's career has been a long and eventful one, as she once worked as a flight attendant for Icelandair before entering politics in the 1970s. She was a renowned union organizer for flight attendants before becoming a member of the Althing, the Icelandic parliament, in 1978.

She eventually became the deputy speaker of the Althing, a position to which she was re-elected in 2003. One of the contributing factors to her appointment was her tremendous popularity in this position.

According to a December 2008 poll by Capacent Gallup, she enjoyed a 73 percent approval rating (which was the highest of any Cabinet member) and was the only member of the Icelandic government to gain approval over the same time in 2008.

Sigurdardottir was married to Borvaldur Johannson during the 1970s, and the couple had two sons, one born in 1972 and the other in 1977. Once they divorced, author Jonina Leosdottir became her life partner, and the two were united in a civil union in 2002.

When Iceland legalized civil unions in 1996, it was among the first nations in the world to do so.

While ALLIES members were not available for comment on this late-breaking development, members of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community were enthused about the development.

On the *hillarysvillage.com* Web site forum, a host for fanfare about Hillary Clinton specifically and women's interests in general, users agreed that Sigurdardottir's appointment was a major victory for acceptance of alternative lifestyles and wished that our country would be more accepting.

Since the recent presidential election shattered ethnic tensions about who could hold the office of president, perhaps an election in the future will see similiar results for candidates with alternative lifestyles.

on campus

Classmates remember a life well-lived: Craig Anderson

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Editor in Chief

Craig was a great guy. To sum it up, the world would be an infinitely better place if there were more people like him," junior Mike Mauger, said.

Craig Anderson, a student who struggled with cancer for almost three years and recently lost his battle, was a well known member of the campus community. He was a Peer Mentor, a student assistant for Admissions and an elementary education major. Through all of these activities and his determination to live a "normal" college kid life, Craig met numerous students and faculty and impacted countless lives. This article will feature memories and comments from students whose lives Craig touched.

"I met Craig my freshman year while working in the Admissions Office as a tour guide and student assistant. I was new to Elizabethtown, but, as we all know, Craig had a way of making you feel extremely welcome. Craig always had kind words of encouragement when you were having a bad day or would just listen when you needed to vent. He was the ideal friend — one who was always there when you needed to talk, and one who always helped you look on the bright side of things. I feel extremely blessed to have known Craig — he had a courageous spirit like no other. Words cannot explain how much he will be missed," senior Angeline Alessandri said.

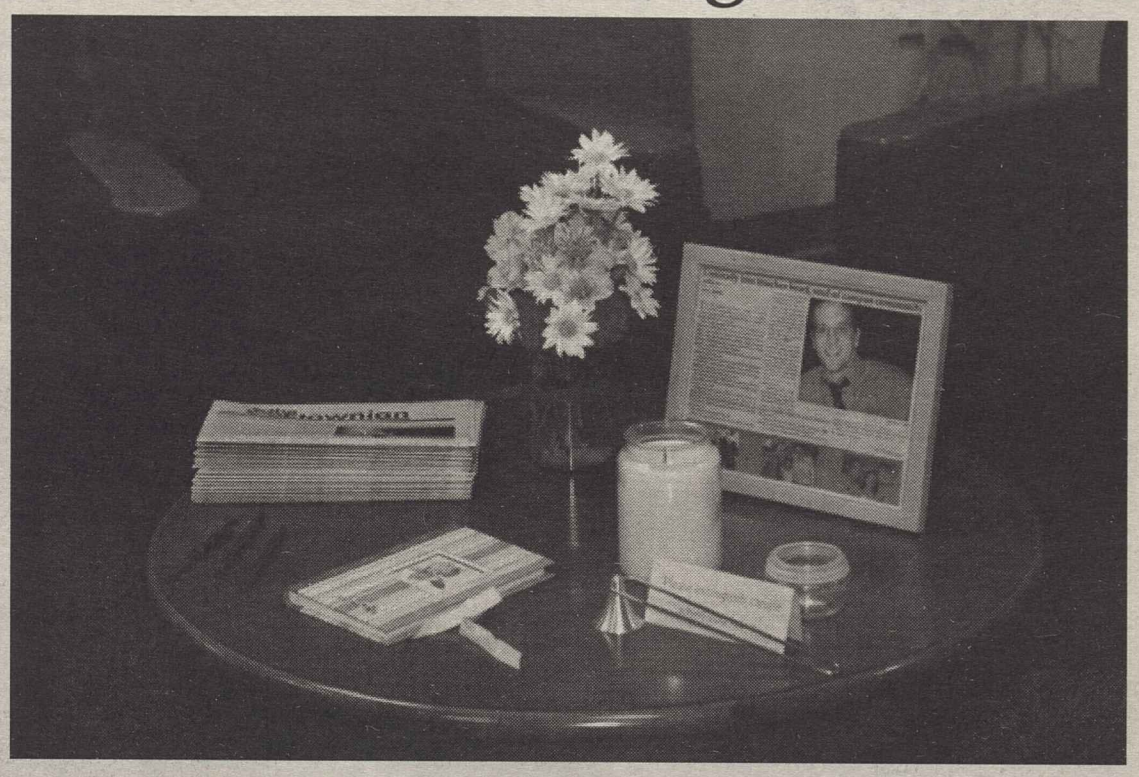
"Craig was always such a happy person. He was always there to help me out with anything that I needed whether it was advice or help with an education assignment for a class. We loved sharing stories when he lived below me in the apartments last year; usually the stories were of our weekends; that [was most of our] time spent together. I will always remember him as a true friend to myself and to everyone he knew in the campus community," senior Niki Teran said.

"Craig will leave an everlasting impression on all who knew him. He has touched my heart personally and taught me to be grateful for the small things in life. Craig was a humble friend and classmate whom I will always remember and never forget," senior Crystal Illigasch said.

"I was in Craig's junior block class in the fall 2007 semester, and he was always a bright, happy person that always looked out for his friends. He didn't want people to worry about him; he just wanted to live the college life that everyone else was able to experience. He left such an impact on this campus and, through his battle, he taught us all that [it] is so very important to live life to the fullest and take every opportunity that comes your way," senior Laura Herr said.

"Craig and I shared a special bond over the Phillies. We could talk for hours upon hours about them. He had this passion for them that was unmatched, but it was not that about him that impressed me most. What impressed me most was his passion for life. The kid could brighten a room with that smile and laugh. I will no doubt miss his smile, laugh and incredible passion for the Phillies, but more importantly ... life," senior Mike Azzalina said.

Today at 5:30 p.m. in Leffler Chapel, a memorial service will be held to celebrate Craig's life. Those organizing the service ask attendees to dress in Phillies or Etown attire.



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This memorial is available on the second floor of the Brossman Commons for those who wish to come and remember Craig Anderson. He passed away last week after a battle with cancer.

in the nation

Octuplet mother subject of concern, scorn, questions

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Think having six children is tough? It could be worse. Single mom Nadya Suleman, who once had six children, is now adding eight more to the mix. Taking care of all 14 children will no doubt prove to be quite a challenge.

Suleman, 33, gave birth to the octuplets, six boys and two girls, at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Bellflower, Calif. in early January. The babies were born nine weeks premature, but all are stable in intensive care so far.

Questions have been raised about Suleman, who is unemployed, and who knew she was implanted with six embryos — far more than many fertility clinics' policies allow. She said she was hoping for twins at the most, but acknowleged she was taking a risk by implanting so many embryos, two of which split to make two sets of twins.

Suleman and her mulitiples have been the focus of international attention. Some experts say that Suleman is irresponsible and careless for not foreseeing the many complications that would accompany the addition of eight more babies to her already large brood.

Suleman's friends say that she is an outgoing and friendly person, except for what her mother has called an "obsession with children." In 2001, Suleman gave birth to her first child through in vitro fertilization. Five more followed. Suleman filed for bankruptcy in March 2008 after divorcing her former husband, Marcos Guiterrez.

Many experts in the medical field warn that the price of keeping the octuplets in intensive care will be enormous. The cost for delivering the eight babies alone amounted to $200,000. Many question how Suleman will pay for medical expenses, education and food for all of her children, or even how she will be able to provide them all with individualized attention and love.

Others are concerned with how this will change the medical industry. Dr. Margaret McFarland, head of the social work department, said, "This will set the stage for more regulation and restrictions in the medical industry. It's like adoption; you have to go through all the regulations, medical and psychological examinations to see if you are fit to adopt children."

In her first interview with NBC Feb. 3, Suleman defended her decision to have a large family and denied accusations that her actions have been selfish.

"I'm providing myself to my children," Suleman said. "I'm loving them unconditionally, accepting them unconditionally [...] I'll stop my life for them and be present with them and hold them and be with them. And how many parents do that? I'm sure there are many that do, but many don't. And that's unfortunate. And that is selfish."

Since the octuplets arrived, Suleman has received a flurry of offers for paid television interviews, book deals and other business contracts. She has denied accusations that she made the decision to have so many children in order to secure such offers.

"I feel as though I've been under the microscope because I've chosen this kind of life," Suleman said. "I didn't intend on it being unconventional. It just turned out to be. All I wanted [...] was to be a mom. That's all I ever wanted in my life."

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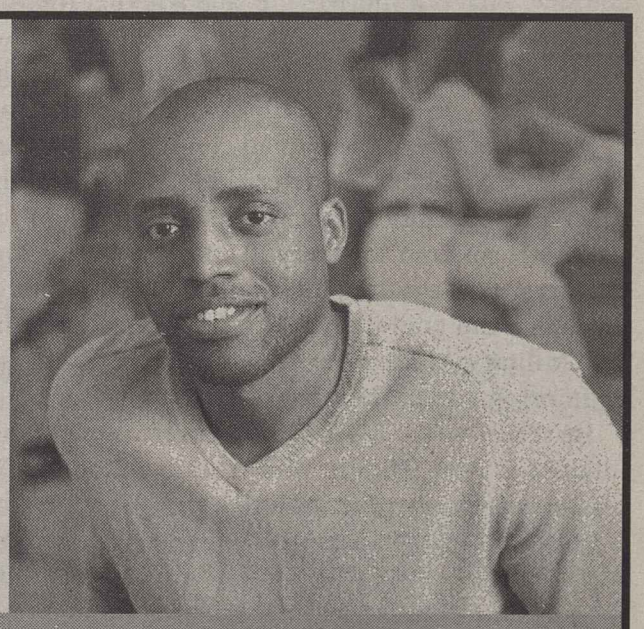

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on campus

'Cleanfall' returns, performs after release of new album

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Originating in both the United States and the United Kingdom, indie rock has flourished since the '80s, with various bands popping up here and there. The genre has gotten international exposure as its popularity increases. Elizabethtown College's own version of indie rock blossomed about three years ago.

Four Etown students started playing together in the basement of Zug Memorial Hall. At first they weren't a complete group, but by August of 2006 the members of the band became clear: Matthew Collins and Dan Buckley, graduates of 2007, and Jim Pollak and William Secrist, graduates of 2008.

Collins, Secrist and Buckley play the guitar and bass, while Pollak plays the drums.

Collins is also lead singer, and Pollak sings backup vocals.

"We record indie rock that we try to keep dynamic and melodic," Collins said. "It is in the same vein as Nada Surf, Death Cab [and] Pedro the Lion."

Cleanfall had spent about three years collaborating on their first complete. The album, titled "Idle Talk," debuted last month.

"It was written over a period of 3 years," Collins said. "We all decided which were the best songs from our beginning to present times and recorded them.

"It is inspired by negative thoughts and experiences, but how they ultimately make you a better person — or at least make you realize the kind of things in life that are important to you. Hopefully, from there, we can find and realize those important things."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Cleanfall has just released their new album "Idle Talk." They performed last night with Flint in the Event Space.

Collins wrote the base elements of the songs, and then the other band members further expanded the structure. It took all members to finish the end product. "It's mostly guitar-based rock stuff," Collins said.

Collins' favorite track is "Ogg Vorbis," track nine on "Idle Talk."

"It's a song about being an optimist," he said. "I'm also pretty fond of 'Timequake' [number five], which is just about the ways that people consciously make mistakes, regret them and then do it again anyway. Such a vicious cycle!"

Cleanfall played in the Event Space last night at Etown, invited by Flint, an on-campus acoustic rock student band. Cleanfall has played at Etown multiple times before at Soul Cafes and even the Puppypalooza for two consecutive years. "It's an awesome place, and it kinda feels like going back home for us."

Cleanfall has also played at venues such as the Chameleon Club in Lancaster, the Championship in Lemoyne and the Khyber in Philly.

The hometowns of the members include Collins from Manheim, Secrist from West Chester, Buckley from Phoenixville and Pollak from Trenton. Buckley as a paralegal, Collins a barista, Secrist is employed for a bookstore, and Pollak works in insurance.

"We are taking things one step at a time," Collins said. "Right now we are trying to get the word out on the album and hopefully catch the attention of some people, gain some momentum, and take it from there."

The group plans to follow up with another record this upcoming summer or fall.

"It will be an EP with seven songs," he said. EP stands for "extended play" in music lingo, when the project is shorter than an actual album but longer than a single. An EP normally has about four tracks, with the prospect of a future normal-length album of that music.

"I don't think we are a competitive band," Collins said. "We just try to write music that we enjoy and hope that it works for others as well. I personally don't care about having lots of friends on MySpace or anything like that. I actually kind of hate the whole MySpace thing."

"We love to waltz," he added. "Please come out to our shows and waltz with us."

on campus

Casteel author of 'Letters from Abu Ghraib'; speaks

Nancy C. Briscoe
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In the wake of George W. Bush's eight-year presidency and the first 120 days of Barack Obama's administration, many have contemplated where we stand in Iraq. It seems everyone has an opinion on whether troops should continue to occupy the country, what our motives are, and whether the war is morally justifiable.

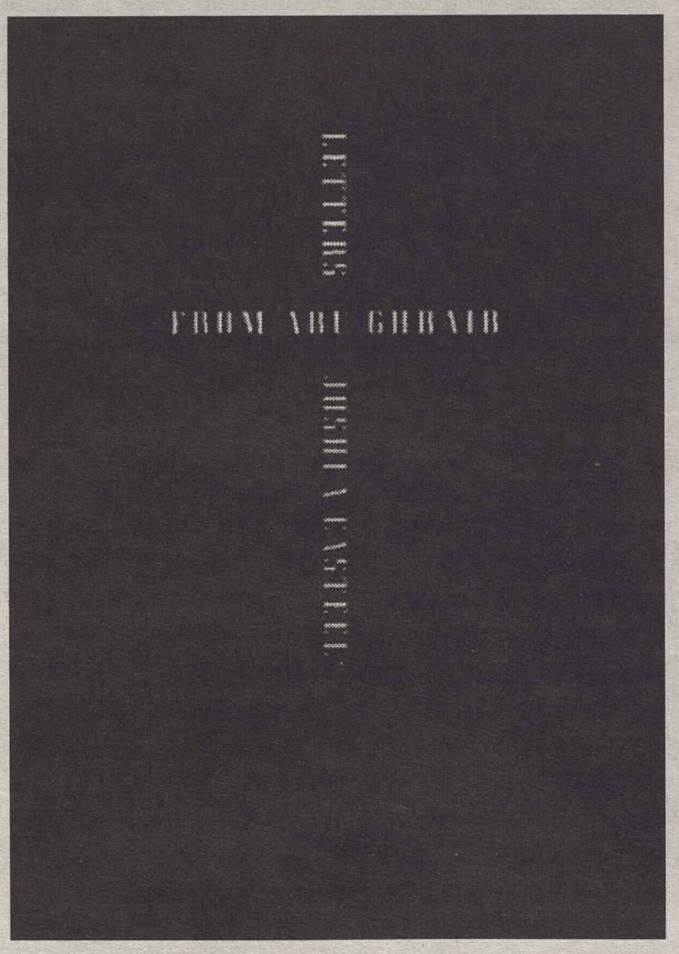
Feb. 16 and 17, Joshua Casteel will visit Elizabethtown College to present a film and lecture on war, peace and power of the human conscience. Casteel, a former U.S. soldier, was named the 2009 Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellow.

A native of Iowa, Casteel enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves at the age of 17, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. At 18, he enrolled at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He trained as an interrogator and was later deployed to Iraq.

He served as a U.S. Army interrogator and Arabic linguist at Abu Ghraib. Abu Ghraib is the prison infamously known for its Iraqi prisoner abuse by U.S. soldiers in 2004. According to the Iraq Veterans Against the War's Web site, Casteel served at the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center at Abu Ghraib. He was a part of the interrogation units sent to patch up the prison after the abuse scandal became public between June 2004 and January 2005.

At 25, Casteel was honorably discharged from active duty as a conscientious objector. Nancy Neiman-Hoffman, director of the Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellowship (ECAPF), describes a conscientious objector as someone who believes war is wrong.

Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., Casteel will present the film "Soldiers of Conscience," directed by Gary Weinberg and Catherine Ryan, in the Gibble Auditorium in Esbenshade Hall. This thought-provoking film examines U.S. soldiers' concern for killing during active duty. It follows four soldiers who become conscientious objectors during their time in Iraq, Casteel included.



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Joshua Casteel, author of "Letters from Abu Ghraib," was named the 2009 Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellow. He will speak about his book and experiences Feb. 16 and 17.

Flipping through the channels one night, Neiman-Hoffman stumbled upon "Soldiers of Conscience."

"It was a moving piece," Neiman-Hoffman said. "Joshua was particularly moving."

Neiman-Hoffman graduated from Etown in 1955. She defines the ECAPF as a group of alumni held together by a concern for the peace identity of the College. Every year they bring an advocate of peace to Etown.

She extended the honor and a three-day peace fellow residency to Casteel shortly after viewing the film.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m., Casteel will lecture from his new book, "No Graven Image" in the Young Center.

According to the College News section of the Etown Web site, "The lecture will address the question of whether it is mere coincidence that a culture so far removed from material creativity (manufacturing industries, patronage of the arts) is simultaneously so heavily invested in the materials which destroy cultures, and whether it is mere coincidence that a country founded on 'concepts' vs. blood or common heritage and culture finds itself producing the very tools which destroy those cultures?"

"No Graven Image" is the second book that Casteel has penned. The first, "Letters from Abu Ghraib," is a collection of e-mails sent by Casteel to friends and family during active duty. It is a raw account of a soldier's moral conflict with his duties.

"This book is a knock out, an incredible read," Neiman-Hoffman said.

Casteel and the ECAPF are working toward educating Etown students on the values of peace and nonviolence. Attendants of the film and lecture can gain knowledgeable insight on the war in Iraq and the power of the human conscience.

on campus

National Peace Corps president comes to speak at Etown

Patricia A. Cangelosi
Staff Writer

National Peace Corps Association President and CEO Kevin F. F. Quigley spoke last week at Elizabethtown College's Leffler Chapel. Quigley also visited many classrooms Monday and Tuesday, where he hosted interactive discussions about the significance of the Peace Corps Etown students and for the world. Tuesday evening, he spoke to an audience of 35-40 people, mostly students, about the process of obtaining a Peace Corps position and how such a position might affect one's future career.

Wednesday's speech focused on President Barack Obama's Public Service Agenda and its impact on the Peace Corps Obama pledged from the time he was a candidate to double the Peace Corps by its 50th Anniversary in 2011. In fact, as Quigley pointed out, this was one of the only issues that Sen. Obama and Sen. John McCain agreed on during their campaigns. Presently, 7,800 Peace Corps volunteers serve in 74 countries, and Quigley expressed confidence that these numbers will increase drastically over the next couple of years.

"As in my youth," he said, "our country is again witnessing a growing service movement championed by a charismatic, energetic and inspirational president." He referred to President John F. Kennedy, who founded the Peace Corps in 1961. In an article published in World View Magazine, then-Sen. Obama also mentioned a more global approach to service, expanding the Peace Corps to engage the youth of other nations "so that we work side by side to take on the common challenges that confront all humanity."

Some may argue that politicians will say anything to gain public confidence, but Quigley believes Obama is sincere in his message. "For this president," Quigley said, "service is a core value, not a rhetorical statement."

Quigley emphasized that the Peace Corps, which has been referred to as "the best face of America overseas," needs both expansion and renovation. The world has changed over the past 50 years, and the Peace Corps has essentially remained the same. New goals Quigley proposes for the Peace Corps to help more urban areas; branching out to "rising country powers" such as Brazil, India and Nigeria; forming alliances with other organizations that send volunteers overseas; and "being much more nimble in [the U.S's] use sof technology." Having the support of the nation's president, Quigley said, will truly make a difference and help to transform these ideas into reality.

Courtesy Photo
National Peace Corps Association president and CEO, Kevin Quigley spoke to Etown studens. He talked about Obama's Public Service Agenda and its effect on the Peace Corps.

"Educate for Service," Etown's motto, rings true for several members of the College community who have served or plan to serve in the Peace Corps. Provost Dr. Susan Traverso lived in Morocco from 1983 to 1985, teaching English to high school students. She first became inspired to serve others because of her own fortunate circumstances.

"I felt that when you have privileges, you have obligations as well," she said. She tries to encourage students to join the Peace Corps, citing financial incentives such as loan deferment and personal gains, such as better career opportunities. Traverso acknowledges that it is difficult for young people to commit to a cause so far from home for two or more years. However, she said, "Sometimes the most challenging choices we make are the most rewarding ones."

Senior Jess Pandolfino, who plans to join the Peace Corps after graduation, says she wants "to get a better sense of [herself]." She would like to use the skills she is learning in college with her sociology/anthropology major to assess the needs of various communities overseas. Although she is flexible about where the Peace Corps places her, Pandolfino admits that she is "hoping for somewhere warm."

College officials, including Dean of Faculty Christina Bucher, found Quigley through the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Program, an organization sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). The program includes 125 fellows, who are people of prominence in their fields who are not involved in academia, such as not-for-profit association professionals, politicians or journalists.

As CIC Program Manager Michelle Friedman explains, colleges wanting to host a fellow must apply and can specify certain criteria (i.e. an expert on African history). CIC and the Visiting Fellow Program then try to match a fellow with the college as accurately as possible. The goal is to generate dialogues between those involved in academics and those in outside fields, exposing students and faculty to ideas and perspectives they may not be getting in the classroom.

For Quigley, the chance to interact with students and staff at liberal arts schools is one he values. As a literature major with minors in history and religion, he originally intended to teach at a college similar to Etown. Since his journey has led him elsewhere, he compares his career path to Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken." Quigley enjoys the opportunity to meet and connect with college students. "Young people ask me what you can do with a liberal arts education," Quigley said, "and I answer, 'Anything and everything.'"

on campus

Res. Life office offers alternative spring break to D.C.

Abigail R. Kramer
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Spending a week in a basement isn't the ideal spring break trip that most college students seek. However, for several Etown students a basement will be their home from March 1-7. Residence Life Area Coordinator Joey Allen will lead a group of students to Washington, D.C., to participate in several social justice programs throughout the week.

The group will stay at the Pilgrimage, a hostel beneath the Church of the Pilgrims in downtown D.C. The Pilgrimage was founded in 1973 specifically to house service organizations to stay. Along with providing dormitory-style boarding, the Church of the Pilgrims organizes specific service trips for the groups.

"I used to go there with my college, and that's how I got introduced to it," Allen said. "I went four times [at the University of North Carolina-Greensburo], but this will be my first with Etown."

Bringing the Pilgrimage service trip is something that Allen has been working on for the past three years. According to Allen, it's an experience that won't be forgotten.

"This trip is different a most typical spring break trips. It provides students with somewhere different to go. Not every student wants to go home for break or go party in Cancun," Allen said. "It's going to be constructive. For every new person going, it is an once-in-a-lifetime, eye-opening experience. It's really neat to see how students progress from when they first arrive to the time they leave."

What's different about this service trip is that it will provide participants with an up-close look at styles of living that students are not used to seeing on a daily basis. Unlike most community service this trip offers students a chance to see the distribution process of service first-hand. The main areas that students will be participating in will be hunger, homelessness and HIV/AIDS awareness.

Assisting Allen with the trip is junior Autumn Metcalf. She was asked by Allen to be a student leader for the trip. Since Metcalf has actively participated in community service since she was in high school, she knew this trip would be a fun and great opportunity in which to get involved.

"I've been doing social justice work for a while. My high school was located closer to the D.C. area, and I got really involved helping in urban areas," Metcalf said. "Since Etown isn't exactly near a city, it's a great opportunity to get involved in areas we aren't as used to."

According to Allen, this will be the first chance for some students to get that first hand experience in an urban environment.

"I've never dealt with the homeless and people who are in need like that before," sophomore Adam Reece said. Reece, along with 19 other students, will be participating in the trip. "I'm a little nervous, but I think it's good to have that anxiety."

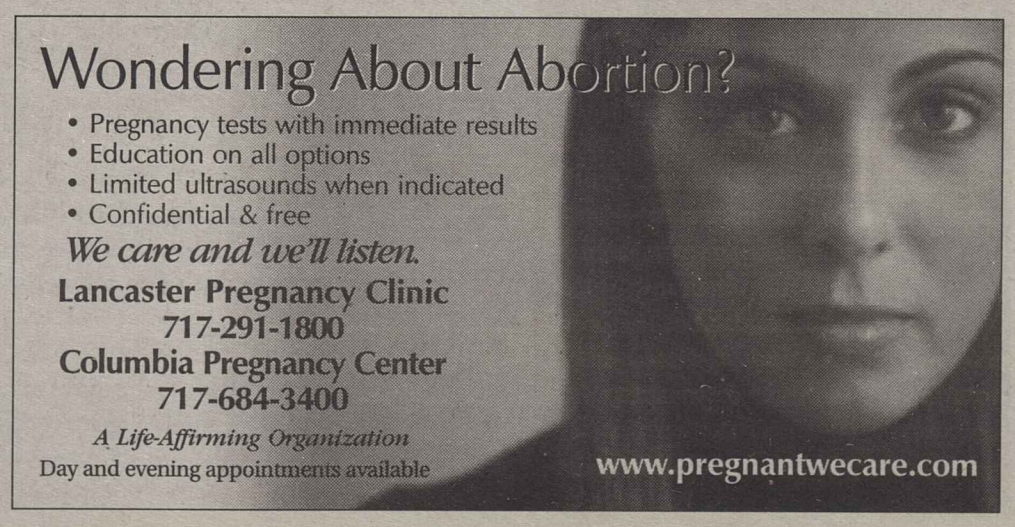
This will be Reece's first service trip. He looks at it at like mission trip, which is something that he has always wanted to do.

"It didn't matter to me where the location was. I would've gone anywhere," he said.

Though the trip will include many activities, students will have free time to explore the city. They have a open day built into their schedule, and Allen is working on getting the group a tour of the White House during that time slot. They also will be meeting with the local Lancaster representative, Joe Pitts.

"I always take every opportunity I get to go and help in the D.C. area," Metcalf said. "I'm really excited for it."

Whether it's the intense volunteering that will take place or simply just the adventure in itself, Allen ensures that the memories made from the experience are "unlike any other."



The Jayd-ed edge

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Features Editor

Sweet deal!

Police say an Ohio teenager tried to pull off a sweet deal by ordering more than $37,000 of candy online and charging the bill to his former high school.

Police say the 18-year-old used a Middletown High School purchasing number to place orders for thousands of lollipops and candy bars from Michigan-based The Goodies Factory.

The candy company became suspicious, contacted the school, and was told by detectives to send an empty box.

The teen faces two counts of felony telecommunications fraud. He is being held in Middletown City Jail on a $30,000 bond.

911 busy

Authorities said a man was arrested after calling 911 Saturday to complain that a fast food restaurant ran out of lemonade. After a drive-through employee failed to respond to the man's threat of contacting the police, the irate diner called 911, a police report alleges.

He spent about five minutes talking to the 911 operator.

The man was charged with abuse of 911 communication.

In a separate issue, authorities said a 40-year-old man was arrested for calling 911 to complain about a convenience store clerk.

Officials said a convenience store clerk called 911 early Saturday morning and told the dispatcher that a customer was threatening her because she would not sell him any more beer. Minutes later, the man called 911 and was "abusive" to the dispatcher.

Deer knows where to go

Workers at an Ohio pet shop are used to worried pet owners bringing their animals in to be treated at the store's clinic.

But last Saturday, an unaccompanied visit by a deer to the PetSmart in Rossfield was a first for the store.

Manager Trudi Urie says the wounded doe was hanging out behind the store and then ran through an open door into a stockroom.

Staff members ensured the animal couldn't enter the shop area and called police and a veterinarian.

A staff member had the deer brought into the clinic and closed a wound on its hind leg with dissolvable stitches.

Following the procedure, the animal was released back into the wild.

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on campus

Alumni talks about 'Life after Etown'

Patricia Cangelosi
Staff Writer

Megan Policicchio and Jeff Taylor, 2007 Etown graduates, presented their version of "Life After Etown" in Hoover Friday, Feb. 6. An audience of about 50 students and faculty attended. Both grads majored in business administration, but their presentation could apply to any student thinking about finding a job after college.

Policicchio, with a concentration in marketing and a minor in psychology, originally planned to find a job closer to her Michigan home but met with little success. She e-mailed Dr. Edward Chung, an Etown business professor, and he advised her to search in the Washington D.C. area. Through online research and participation in the American Marketing Association (AMA), Policicchio obtained a position as a research coordinator for Corporate Executive Board. "It didn't fit my personality or what I was looking for in a long-term career," she said.

Pursuing interests in environmental awareness and volunteering, she began to search the non-profit sector, which offers many opportunities in the D.C. area. Drawing on AMA, online research and bulletins, Policicchio discovered a smaller company called World Wildlife Fund (WWF), where she currently works. The goals of WWF include preserving nature, protecting populations of plants and animals, and advocating more efficient ways to use energy and resources. Although her first job would have, in time, offered higher pay, she is happier with the one she now holds.

"You have to rank what you think is most valuable," she said, adding that "working for a cause" is more fulfilling for her than working for a large paycheck.

Taylor, who also had a concentration in marketing, took a somewhat different approach to finding a job after Etown. His plan was first to find the ideal company and then search for openings within that company. He did this by researching on sites such as Google, LinkedIn and even Facebook. Before graduation Taylor decided that he wanted to work for Kellogg's. He went to Career Services to ask if a Kellogg's representative would attend any Etown job fairs, and found some very useful information: essentially any student can attend any job fair, regardless of school affiliations.

An excited Taylor drove an hour and a half to Philadelphia, where the Kellogg's representative was quite impressed. Taylor ended up getting a job at the company and relocated to Tallahassee, Fl., soon after graduation. However, like Policicchio, Taylor realized after a while that this first job wasn't for him. He moved back to his home in Boston and asked the critical question: "What would I want to spend my day doing?"

The Internet was among his top interests, so Taylor started to look for a Marketing job that involved the web. Again he searched using Google and Facebook ("Keep your profile somewhat clean and normal," he advised to find and contact potential employers. He discovered a company called New Media Strategies that seemed to fit what he wanted. He wrote on the wall for the company's Facebook page to request an informational interview, which led to his current position there as an online analyst. The company works on Web development for larger companies, showing them new ways to promote their products and services.

Policicchio and Taylor, like most college grads, did not find jobs they loved right after graduation. Both agree that this is nothing to worry about. "Don't be afraid to try something out for a while," Policicchio said. "If you don't like it, you'll always learn from the experience and can move on to something else."

This year's Etown seniors take these words to heart. "It's all about staying positive and being confident that there is a job for you out there," senior theatre and communications major Elyse Venturella said. Her struggle is with job postings that need to be filled immediately, when she is not able to start until May. However, the College's Career Services department has been "extremely helpful" for Venturella in formatting her resume and networking with alumni. Because of this and her academic experience at Etown, Venturella said, "I feel prepared because I know what I'm searching for."

Mary Krikorian, Career Services' outreach and alumni liaison, advises anyone looking for a job in today's economy to "use as many tools and techniques as possible."

For Etown students, she strongly recommends Jobs for Jays, a free online service available through the Career Services Web site. Students who sign up will receive an e-mail every two weeks with the latest job and internship postings in any field he or she chooses. Krikorian, like Policicchio and Taylor, noted that most students don't know what they want to do. At least a third of college students change their major at least once, she said, and the average American changes careers three to seven times in a lifetime. "With most majors, there are more things you can do than you can't do," she said.

on campus

'A South Divided' nominated for award

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There are many accomplished professors on our campus. Recently Dr. David Downing, R. W. Schlosser professor of English, was nominated for the 2008 Lincoln Prize, which is administered by the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. It is a $50,000 prize for the best non-fiction book of the year about the American Civil War. There were two winners last year: James Oakes, for his book on Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and Elizabeth Pryor, for a new biography of Robert E. Lee.

"There are several dozen nominees each year. But, as the saying goes, 'It's an honor just to be nominated," Downing said.

Downing's book is called "A South Divided: Portraits of Dissent in the Confederacy." Lots of hard work and research are required to write such a highly-acclaimed book as Downing's.

"I began serious research and writing on the book in the summer of 2003, when I took a research tour down south and talked to dozens of local historians and Civil War buffs in places such as Richmond, Va., Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Asheville, N.C.," Downing said. "I set the project aside for the next two summers, as I got offers from two different publishers to write books on C. S. Lewis in 2004 and 2005 because of all the interest generated by the first Narnia film, 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.' Then, in the summer of 2006, I went back and finished 'A South Divided.'"

The book is popular history, mainly for Civil War buffs who want to know more about what was taking place behind the battle lines. Downing tried to write the book as "creative nonfiction," using the novelistic techniques of description, dramatic tension and even some dialogue to try and make individual stories come to life.

"I called my book 'A South Divided' because I wanted to portray all the Southerners who were in the Confederacy, but not of it. These were people who didn't agree that the South should go to war over states' rights or slavery. I wrote about more than 180,000 Southern blacks (mostly former slaves) and 100,000 Southern whites who joined the Union cause, sometimes fighting against their own neighbors or family members," Downing said. "There are a lot of fascinating individual stories — a young slave in South Carolina who commandeered a Confederate warship, a Quaker woman in Virginia who served as a Union spy, and many others who fought their own private wars behind the battle lines."

"I was reading the memoirs of General Grenville Dodge, one of General Sherman's commanders in the famous March to the Sea. General Dodge mentioned that Sherman's headquarters escort was the 'First Alabama Cavalry, U. S. A.' That looked to me like a misprint: 'First Alabama Cavalry, U. S. A.?' One would expect it to say 'C. S. A.' for 'Confederate States of America.' When I looked into it further, I discovered there really was a whole regiment of Alabamians, 2,000 strong, in the Union cavalry — mostly mountain folk who didn't own slaves," Downing said. "As I researched those Alabamians in the federal army, I kept running across more and more interesting stories."

Right now Downing is also working on a book tentatively titled "They Didn't Fade Away: The Adventures of Civil War Leaders after the Guns Fell Silent". When asked what his next book was about, he replied, "Everybody's heard of Civil War leaders like Ulysses S. Grant, who became the nation's president, and George Custer, the Indian fighter defeated at Little Big Horn. But other Civil War leaders became famous arctic explorers, best-selling authors and captains of industry. Still others became foreign mercenaries in the Middle East, notorious outlaws out West — or secret leaders of the Ku Klux Klan. I think there are a lot of untold stories there, a kind of sequel to 'A South Divided.'"

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concert review

Flint show brings groovy tunes to Event Space, Soul Café

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The Event Space was alive and rocking Wednesday night when past and present Etown student bands Cleanfall and Flint came to play at the Soul Café. The concert was casually attended.

The designers of the event utilized a Valentine's Day theme. The room was filled with round tables covered with red-and-white tablecloths, along with crayons, playing cards and pink bottles of bubble solution to keep attendees entertained.

Off to the side, attendees enjoyed a make-your-own-cookie bar featuring heart-shaped sugar cookies, two types of icing and a plethora of sprinkles. Coffee and tea were also provided.

Flint took the stage. Flint is a band of current Etown students, headed by junior Todd Lewellen.

Lewellen played guitar and provided the lead vocals for the group. Flint's musical style consisted of calm, folky riffs accompanied by Lewellen's serene singing.

Their lyrics are all tranquil, yet passionate and heartfelt. It was easy to tell just how honest Lewellen was with his vocals. The band's instruments ranged from the typical guitars, bass and drums to bongos and the occasional ukulele. The result was a quiet yet bright folk-rock experience that all concert-goers enjoyed.

Flint was also enthusiastic about audience participation. At the outset, Lewellen announced it was the birthday of an audience member and tried to engage the audience in celebration.

More people piled into the Event Space while Flint played their hour-long set. Most talked quietly as the band performed, causing a mild din to build up against Flint's calm music.

Other people listened while still others drew on the tables. Some folks were even caught doing homework.

Image: *facebook.com/pages/flint*

Flint is a student band at Eizabethtown College. They recently performed at Soul Café, Feb 11.

The concert was superbly lit. Small yellow pinpoints of light spun across the room against a backdrop of yellow archaic symbols. Lewellen and his compatriots appeared to shine on stage as they sang. The rest of the room was spotted with red undertones.

Flint's "Top of the World" was easily the most beautiful song of the night. It was initially a solo sung by Lewellen.

Of the song, he remarked, "Yeah, I wrote this two weeks ago ... during a fire alarm. So be happy I wasn't sleeping." Most of the audience seemed to be overjoyed by that fact.

After Flint vacated the stage, the alumni band Cleanfall began to perform.

Check out the profile in this issue's Features section for more information on the band's history.

Cleanfall's style was far louder and ambient than Flint's. They rocked the Event Space. Cheers from loyal fans accompanied their loud style of rock. The band played songs off of their recently released album "Idle Talk," which they sold after the concert.

They also made sure to let the concert-goers know their CD is available on iTunes.

Some songs called for bassist Will Secrist to scream into the mic as vocalist Matthew Collins continued singing. Cleanfall's music is also quicker and more energetic, though Collins and Lewellen have similar singing styles — both are soft and reserved.

All in all, this Valentine's-Day-themed Soul Café was a success. Considering it occurred Wednesday night, with competition with TV shows such as "Lost" and "Top Chef," it was good to see that people were eager to support fellow students and alumni in their musical pursuits.

While some people in attendance were unresponsive, the crowd was, for the most part, happy to be there and made sure that the bands knew it. The Soul Café program is a continuous program and more events are planned for this year.

For more information on Flint, feel free to check out their Web site at *http://www.facebook.com/pages/Flint/41926670988*. For more information on Cleanfall, please check out their Web site, *www.myspace.com/cleanfallband*.

V-day or Singles Awareness Day?

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Feb. 14 is a day anticipated by couples and believers but dreaded by hopeful singles everywhere. As it approaches, people scramble to prepare for or avoid that special day devoted to love: Valentine's Day – or, as some refer to it "Singles Awareness Day." While some plan to spend the day preparing a romantic dinner and receiving lots of gifts, others plan on cozying up on the couch, eating self-bought chocolates, and drowning their sorrows in the romance movie classic "Casablanca." Then there are those who prefer to treat it as just another day and avoid acknowledging its significance.

At one time, Valentine's Day was an opportunity for couples and crushes to express their affection for one another. Today, roses, cards and chocolates seem to herald this occasion. Believe it or not, Hallmark research has shown that 188 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making this special (to some) day the second most popular card-giving occasion. The History Channel shared that more than half of the U.S. population celebrates Valentine's Day by purchasing a card. In the materialistic world in which we live, billboards and advertisements catch our every glance, making it difficult to remember the true reason we began celebrating this holiday.

Many people argue that Valentine's Day has become another Hallmark holiday and is merely for show-and-tell purposes.

First-year Erin Healy was brutally honest when she admitted, "Valentine's Day is so stupid! If you supposedly love each other, then there shouldn't just be the climax on one particular day."

Fellow first-year Tess Lutz agreed: "It makes single people feel stupid unless your friends get you stuff. I do really like chocolate and roses; that's really the only thing good about it."

Other students who shared their opinions about this day thought that it began with good intentions but was turned into a Hallmark holiday from the excess marketing of cards and gifts. However, believers should not be discouraged. There are a lot of people out there that believe Feb. 14 is a real cause for celebration.

When asked if she thought Valentine's Day was just a Hallmark holiday, first-year Kara Luzik responded, "So what if it is? It's one day out of the year when we can reflect on those around us and what they mean in our lives. It's kind of parallel to the Fourth of July. Everyone's an American 365 days a year, but on the Fourth of July, they show their patriotism a little more. You love someone 365 days a year; you just show it a little more on Valentine's Day."

Agreeing that Valentine's Day is a day to express devotion, sophomore Dillon Gaul said, "I think it is a holiday designed specifically for couples to reunite their relationship and puts everything else out of the picture and just focuses on love."

If you find the idea of Valentine's Day cheesy, but you can still appreciate its romance, then you can agree with first-year Chelsea Decker when she said, "I think it's okay to be cynical, but when you least expect it, you'll have someone for it and totally buy into it."

So all of you aware singles who are ready to make this Valentine's Day special, think about the appreciation these students have for this lovey-dovey holiday.

If you are aiming Cupid's arrow at a special someone this year, know that Americans love giving and getting the perfect Hallmark card. If you are someone dodging Cupid this year, make the best of your escape from the short, chubby-winged toddler.

lentine's Day

Remember way back when?

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Here in America, Hallmark nabs 'em while they're young. For the fourth-grader, the weeks leading up to Feb. 14 serve as an intense period of preparation. We all remember carefully decorating tissue boxes with mushy stickers or assembling heart-shaped envelopes from construction paper back in the day. The cool kids distributed valentines bearing the likenesses of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers; less cultured classmates stuck with "Precious Moments," kitty-cats, or cartoon trains proclaiming,"I Choo-Choo-Choose You."

Regardless, in elementary school, Valentine's Day heralded pink-and-red classroom décor, more candy than any child should ever consume, and — most importantly — a plethora of tiny paper cards that inevitably wound up in the trash the next morning.

This ritualistic display of yearly affection ends up teaching us to buy into the lovey-dovey commercialization of Valentine's Day from a very young age — and these lessons in capitalism aren't easy to leave behind.

Even though I'm a 21-year-old junior in college, I know I'll be getting my fair share of pre-printed, Disney-sodden salutations in my school mailbox this week.

Even my mother (who, suffice it to say, is a bit older than 21) sent me a pink-and-purple V-Day package full of chocolates, socks and air fresheners (bless her heart).

Now, don't get me wrong; my mom and my friends just want to remind me they care, and I fully appreciate that sentiment. But is a dumb little piece of paper with a cute animal on it really necessary?

At this point, I know what you're thinking: this chick is seriously cynical. While that observation isn't too far off base, I promise I'm not some bra-burning, down-with-love feminazi. I don't hate Valentine's Day. I even participate in holiday traditions. Every year on Feb. 14, my friends and I order Chinese food and watch "2ge+her" (yes, I'm referring to the MTV original movie about the fake boy band). What's more, I secretly love all the stupid little cards; I save them in a box on my bookshelf at home.

Just to be clear, an anti-love manifesto is the last message I want to convey. On the contrary, I love love. We could certainly use some more love in the world these days. As the doe-eyed Karen Carpenter once sang, "It's the only thing that there's just too little of." Why do we limit our heartfelt expressions to an arbitrary day in mid-February?

We should be showing our friends, family and significant others how much we love them every day — because we want to, not because Corporate America beseeches us to do so.

club happenings

OSA sponsors "positive-Wii" exciting research campaign

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This semester, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) wants to deliver a message to the College: "Wii want your input."

OSA director Toni Kupchella and a committee of researchers are conducting a campaign to measure the campus-wide perception of both OSA and the student-run entertainment group SWEET. In efforts to raise audience interest, several Wii game systems will be awarded throughout the campaign.

According to Kupchella, the research campaign has two major goals: to collect data regarding the scope of programming for both OSA and SWEET, as well as to understand the perceptions of programmatic needs regarding student activities at Etown, according to Kupchella. The research committee, comprised of four current members of SWEET and four OSA student assistants, is headed by Kupchella. Junior Carmen Fusco, a recent addition to the team, serves as the publicity chair.

A series of individual research events will take place before the end of April. These offer students, staff, faculty and administration to voice their opinions and needs.

Focus group discussions will be held in each residence hall and the Schreiber Quadrangles on Feb. 16, 17, 23 and 24. Students living in SDLC's are invited to attend the focus group located in the quads.

At each of these focus groups, as a reward for attendance and participation, students who partake in the discussion and provide input will have a chance to win either a Wii system or $250 in cash reward by winner's preference. In addition, focus group meetings will provide free pizza for all attendees regardless of their level of participation in the discussion. The Office of Student Activities has set aside funding to cover both the Wii systems and other prizes, as well as refreshments provided at dorm focus groups.

These prizes, according to Fusco, should serve as incentive to students hesitant to attend the meetings.

"With this campaign, we're more concerned with getting a little information from more students than receiving a lot of feedback from just a few," Fusco said. "There are a lot of incentives for students to participate throughout the whole thing. We are offering different forums to make it less inconvenient."

The second part of the campaign involves two separate town hall-style meetings, both of which will award a Wii system or the choice of $250 as a raffle winning. The first of the two meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 in the Event Space. The second will occur in early to mid April. Door prizes, in addition to the Wii gift offering, will be awarded.

The town hall meetings are open to the entire campus community, representing the voices of students, faculty, staff and administration all at once.

Also coming as part of the campaign is a student survey, expected to be implemented shortly after spring break. The survey will ask more detailed questions about students' expectations and perceptions of OSA and SWEET, and it will render all participants eligible for a $50 gift card.

At the same time, a separate survey will be administered to faculty, staff and administration. Finally, personal interviews between the research committee and members of Senior Staff, key personnel and perhaps academic department chairs, depending on the availability of each. The interviews will be held to adequately balance the perceptions of students with administration.

"There are standards for how campus activities should support the educational experiences of the students, and this will be the focus of these interviews," Kupchella said.

Throughout the entire campaign, a comment box will be placed in a currently undetermined location to provide campus members with one last chance to express their opinions.

The research efforts aim to answer questions about exactly who students understand both OSA and SWEET to be, and how these organizations can better meet the programming and entertainment expectations of the student body and faculty.

"Students really care about student activities, and I hope they show that support by attending the activities we've planned," Kupchella said. "We really try to stay connected to what students are talking about."

In light of the current economic status, a common concern is whether the College will be able to afford any additional funding required as student programming develops.

"Budget is currently an uncertainty. In times of economic hardship, decisions must be made regarding the priorities of any institution. Student support [for this campaign] would really make a statement that student activities are important to the campus," Kupchella said.

By the end of the campaign, she hopes to have an effective method for the creation or redivision of our student entertainment groups.

"The research is future focused talking about what the students would like to see on campus in the future and not so much focused on past event evaluation," Kupchella said.

When asked about the chance of a merge between SWEET and OSA, Kupchella said it is always a possibility.

"If the data shows that it would be beneficial, we'll look into that," Kupchella said.

Most importantly, the campaign is intended by its committee to be a fun, relaxed way for the College community to open up about their future expectations. Both OSA and SWEET dedicate themselves to hearing and responding to the voices of students.

"This is meant to be a fun process," Kupchella said. "We want to get to the heart of the matter: what will get students out of their residence halls and doing something. We're very open to feedback."

location review

Stolen games, controllers makes fun MIA in Birdcage

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Last spring, Elizabethtown College finally figured out what to do with the communter lounge in the BSC outside of the dance studio and Tempest Theatre.

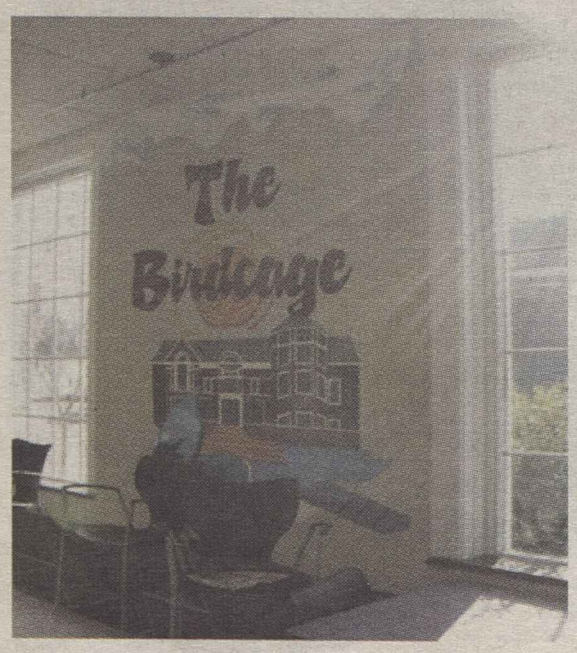
After applying a fresh coat of paint and getting new furniture, the College unveiled the Birdcage.

The Birdcage is a space where students can relax or play games. Etown has provided students with a pool table, ping pong table, and foosball table.

There are also several board games and puzzles including Battleship, Guess Who and Chinese Checkers. However, since the opening, a few of the board games have gone missing.

"I want to know what happened to the rest of the board games," senior Katlyn Howes said. "I thought Etown was a place where people didn't steal things."

Hanging prominently on the wall is a large flat screen television where students can gather to watch their favorite shows.



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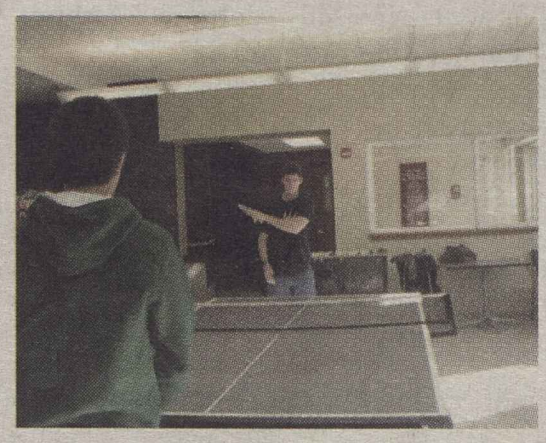

The Bird Cage is a game room/lounge that houses games and other forms of entertainment for the student body. This room was once the commuter lounge.

Earlier this year, a viewing party was organized to watch the Phillies win the World Series. A Nintendo Wii system is also hooked up to the TV.

"I like the Wii system," junior Leighanne Spitzer said. "My roommate and I come to play Wii bowling all the time."

However, like the board games, the Wii system has also been subject to theft. A bright neon green sign is now taped to the cabinet door saying, "Wii control missing. Please return." If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the Wii controllers, please return them to the Birdcage for student use.

Some students only use the space on rare occasions. "I honestly don't use it unless I'm waiting for dance practice," sophomore Melissa Fitts said. "But I do know a lot of people do. Some people have ping pong tournaments."

The Birdcage has come a long way from being just a random space. Students can now refer to it by name instead of just saying "that place outside the dance studio."

It has also been an opportunity for student artists like Katie Kressler, and other painters to showcase their skills with a mural painting of blue jays and popular buildings on campus.

The theater department has decorated the hallway with posters and photos from past performances.

Despite some minor issues, the Birdcage has been a successful use of space on campus.

With several board games, electronic games and of course the ever-popular pool and ping pong tables, it has become a hideaway for students who want to escape studying, papers and roommates. In being one of the newest additions to Etown, it is certainly one of the most relaxing.

Editors Note:

Due to the mixed reactions to last weeks Body shop article, *the Etownian* is welcoming letters to the editor to run in the opinion section. Letters can be sent to EDITOR@etown.edu.

event review

Lil' Sibs, stampeding good time

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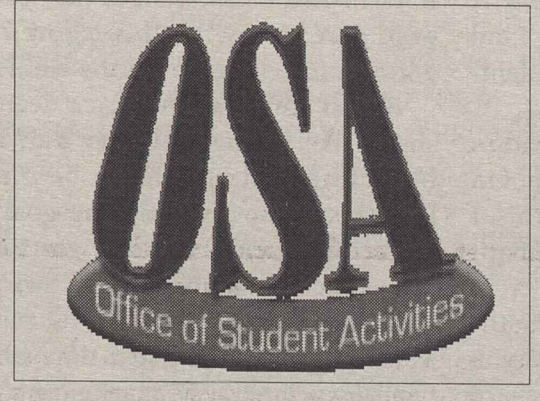
Lil' Sibs weekend 2009 started off like a Bolt … or a stampede? The Lil' Sibs "Bolt into Etown" theme was cut short when the release date for the movie "Bolt" changed and the quick-thinking OSA staff had to show another kid-friendly movie, "Madagascar 2."

The weekend, which allows Elizabethtown College students to bring younger siblings or other relatives (for the "sibs-less" people out there) to the campus to stay from Friday night until Sunday, offered activities which ranged from coloring to a Super Powers fair that took place in Thompson Gym later Saturday.



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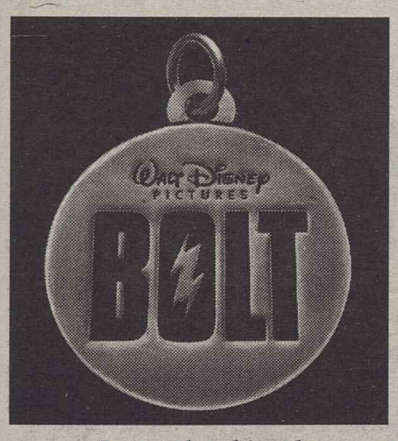
This year's sibling weekend was held from Feb. 6 - 8 and was organized by the entire OSA staff, who were involved throughout the entire planning process.

This event occurs biennially, and the college participants are charged a small fee per sib (only $5, which can be charged to your student ID) to pay for the small arts-and-craft activities, as well as the extras involved in the theme. Shirts are also sold for the event, so Big Sibs and Lil' Sibs can match for the weekend.

As mentioned, this particular weekend was themed around the kids' movie "Bolt" and included the Super Powers fair and coloring pages themed around the movie. The surprise change to "Madagascar 2" constituted no thematic changes, only a differentiation in the options for coloring pages — there were still some "Bolt" pages mixed in.



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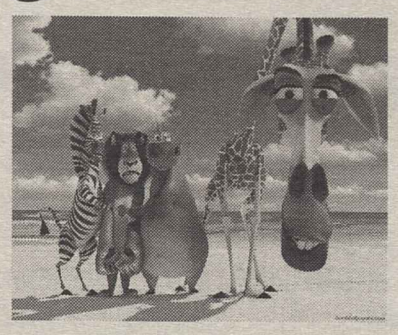
The only negative aspect of the weekend was the poor quality of the morning arts and crafts time. The staff was inattentive, and the crafts included paper bag puppets or coloring. Past years have included making buildings for E-Tropolis and building race cars to allow the sibs to "Race into Etown."

Along with the main themes of past years, sibs and their college counterparts could make picture frames, construction paper flags (to cheer on your race car, obviously) and an array of other fun and interesting projects.

According to the students who attended, the Super Powers Fair went a bit better than the arts-and-crafts time that OSA had scheduled, complete with crazy racing trikes and kid-friendly inflatable devices. OSA also provided vouchers for the sibs to have Sunday brunch on campus so students could save their meal swipes or precious Jay Bucks.



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Students could have also traveled to Hershey's Chocolate World with their sibs to take advantage of the fun, free chocolate ride, and the opportunity to ply their small counterparts with as much candy and milk shakes as physically possible before sending them home the following day.

In the end, Sunday came — and crying, stubborn children who did not want to leave were found all over campus with exasperated (yet relaxed) parents dragging them into cars. Ready for the next OSA-sponsored Lil' Sibs weekend, students relax … and wait.

Event Reminder:

The Etownian would like to remind you about the "Amish Grace" author v. critics panel taking place tonight in the Bucher Meetinghouse at 7pm.

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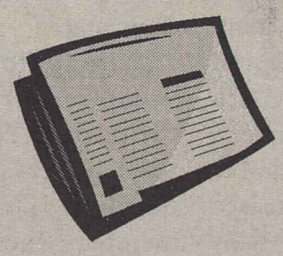

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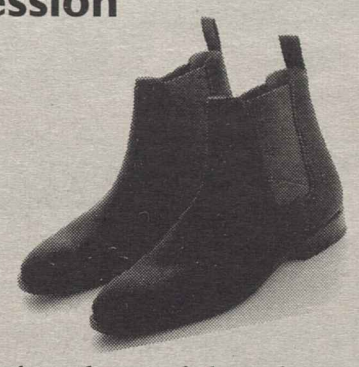

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For dudes:

The quick version: everything that was fashion-forward last year is now fashionable. Fashionable stuff is presently mainstream. Classic nonsense like white oxfords and selvedge denim are perennially cool.

On the footwear front, Sperry Top-Siders and desert boots will grow more and more common, following cardigan sweaters and western-style shirts back into shopping malls and residence halls. You might notice more adventurous students adopting shawl-collar blazers, knit ties and even Chelsea boots. On the runways, designers are moving back towards roomy clothing with lots of unbuttoning, so don't be afraid to loosen up your (Bengal-striped) shirt a bit.

Navy is the new gray; boutiques like Urban Outfitters and Banana Republic are promoting the color heavily. Expect to see it more on television and in the movies. The stars will wear navy blue one-button suits, though you probably won't see them on anyone in Etown.

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Campus Life Editor

For the betties out there:

Think of what used to be ugly and multiply it by 10. Rewind to the '80s and apply a kissable pout to your lips. Voilà!

Once again, Uggs are one of the front runners for your feet this year, followed swiftly by the gladiator-inspired sandals we saw last year. Gladiator straps on any shoe – boots, sandals and even wedges — have sprung to life for spring.

Long sweaters in neon colors are hitting spring again; find your favorite "Flash Dance" inspired color and cross your fingers it passes your knees — don a belt and you're ready for the town. If your sweater isn't long enough, remember that leggings aren't lagging behind anymore – even the stars are showing off their stems in some rowdy, '80s-inspired clothes. Denim leggings, which can be found at Urban Outfitters, are all the rage around the world.

Lastly, don't be shy this year. Get out your animal prints (faux, of course) and bright colors, pair them with some gladiators or a pair of the Cardi Uggs (I'd like a pair in black, please), and head on out the door!

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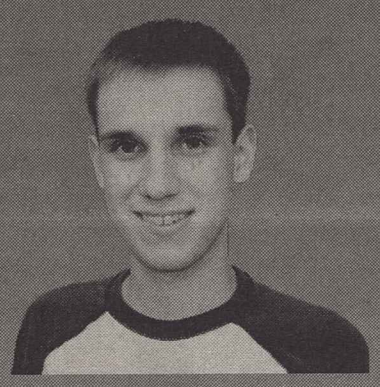
Sound Off

What should be in our country's economic stimulus package?

by Matthew P. Butera

Melanie Sturm
Class of 2012

"A portion should be put toward aid for college students."



Graham Stokes
Class of 2009

"Some should definitely go to cars because they are failing miserably."

Tom Hagerty
Class of 2011

"I feel that we should invest in renewable resources so we don't suck the earth dry."

Shannon Brown
Class of 2012

"Let's put some into the Arts, for tourists. It will be a win-win situation for everyone."

in the nation

Smoking cannabis no longer that serious

Craig H. Meaney
Assistant Features Editor

Leave Michael Phelps alone.

If 14 Olympic gold medals don't qualify you to smoke a little reefer, then what does?

Oh yeah, nothing does. It's illegal.

I can only imagine the dismay of students over at the University of South Carolina when they found that one of their own has cast the beloved Phelps into the throngs of British tabloids.

I wonder how much the photographer was paid to tarnish the reputation of an American icon. It must have been worth it; who deserves freedom of choice anyway?

Phelps even apologized for his behavior. Err, well, kind of: "I engaged in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment.

"I'm 23 years old, and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again," he said.

So here the 23-year-old is, apologizing for acting youthful? How dare he? Doesn't he know that the minute you find yourself in the public eye, you are stripped of every shred of privacy? Only "normal" adolescents are allowed to make bad decisions.

"It's not a shock. It shows that American icons are human, too. In today's society, I feel like it's more common for a 23-year-old to smoke pot than to not — or at least to have tried it once," first-year Matt Freedman said.

In the United States, 47.4 percent of college students and 56.7 percent of young adults have reported using marijuana once in their lifetime, according to a 2007 survey by the Office of the National Control Policy (ONDCP). Let's define morality by what is culturally normal for a second here.

Why should we subject people like Phelps to this kind of scrutiny when roughly half of our population has done the same exact thing? Aside from perhaps advertising contracts and youth influence, why should Phelps and others like him have to endure added pressure to behave morally?

Some may call this phenomenon a double standard. The 13-year-old who catches Phelps' face on his Wheaties box in the morning won't necessarily think it's going to earn him some Olympic fame to smoke a joint. After all, the ONDCP notes that, in 2008, 15 percent of eighth graders had already tried pot. The influence Phelps may contribute is miniscule in comparison to that which is already existent in secondary schools and the media.

Phelps' advertising demographic is likely to remain untarnished in the wake of his "youthful mistake." I would even dare to say that his fellow 20-year-olds might have gotten a nice laugh from the whole ordeal.

And if corporate America decides to halt his sponsorships (like Kelloggs already did) what will this mean for Mike financially? Will he be unable to reach his $100 million sponsorship-earning goal for the '08 Olympics?! Lucky for Phelps, he's still got some sweet watches (and a steady cash flow) from the Swiss manufacturer Omega. He'll scrape by.

I think we're living in a time where many of the stereotypes associated with marijuana use are being torn away. I mean, the messianic figure (as far as Democrats are concerned) otherwise known as President Obama has smoked weed. Even Mayor Bloomberg has hit the bong. Once called lazy, stupid and un-aspiring, pot-smokers are now receiving Olympic gold medals. They are becoming the president of the United States.

If you ask me (and I know, you didn't), the proverbial "war on drugs" has gone on for too long, at least as far as marijuana's concerned.

Nix the stimulus plan; let's legalize mildly psychotropic drugs and tax them more than we do cigarettes. Maybe the new generation will be a bit dumber, but we may have some gifted artists to boot.

letter to the editor

Equipment effective despite appearance

In response to Elizabeth C. Kirk's Feb. 5 article entitled "Broken, filthy machinery ruins Body Shop atmosphere," I'd like to offer up a counter opinion that speaks more from the perspective that not all appearances matter. I've been a staff member of Elizabethtown College for over three years and have used the Body Shop quite extensively over that span of employment.

When I first came here in 2005, there was about one exercise machine per type (maybe there were two bikes), one weight bench and a far less kempt look about the place. The new staff manager has done an excellent job in bringing a much greater selection of exercise equipment, new padding, and better organization to the free gym (not to mention increased hours for staff and faculty during many semester breaks).

Let's go over that again: *free gym*. I can't emphasize enough the advantage of having a fully-stocked workout room available to you at all hours of the day. I've paid professional gym membership fees, and it's not a cheap undertaking. The cost to keep yourself in shape can quickly spiral out of control and deflate the whole purpose of staying healthy when it makes your checking account very sick.

That said, to see some of the equipment broken down and the general area not as clean as one might like is a bit disheartening. While it would be nice if the student employees took a bit more responsibility with their charges during work hours, it can be understandable that they already have quite a bit on their plate.

Wiping down exercise machines would probably not make the top of the priority list when you have three term papers and a biology test the next week. I have noticed that the staff members who also use the shop (either at the time they are working or just in general) tend to take a bit more pride in keeping things clean and tidy, and this is appreciated. Still, if it is your job to do something, you really might want to consider fulfilling the role for which you were hired.

Even if the outward condition of the Body Shop may not seem as pristine as your local Gold's, it cannot be understated that the use of such a facility is immensely helpful. In this day and age it seems so many people have more excuses for not doing something that is unequivocally beneficial to themselves. Tacking on the appearance of a gym as a reason for not using what is there strikes me as just another one of those excuses. At the very least these articles will hopefully bring to light some of the problems the Body Shop has had over the years, but let's not bemoan a fantastic resource for what it is.

Finally, to all of my fellow users of the Body Shop: try to clean up after yourselves. Whether it's wiping down a machine you just used or putting weights back where they belong, this is really common courtesy and fifth-grade-level cleanliness. This goes especially for those that use the weights. They all have homes, and so often I find weights of various shape and size strewn about in some strange reenactment of a Hansel and Gretel workout ballet. Perhaps it is simply a matter of being tired; if it is too much to ask to put the weights you used back where they belong, perchance your efforts of Herculean strength have left you too exhausted to return the weights back home and you may wish to consider scaling back your routine.

Humbly,

Sam Rothermel
Elizabethtown College staff

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letter to the editor

Language placement exams beneficial to all

Joelle E. Atkinson suggests that there is discontent among some students concerning the modern language department's restrictions on enrollment in beginning-level language courses for students with prior formal instruction in that language. While we, the modern languages faculty, acknowledge that there may be some student frustration with our notification procedures, we should also like to take this opportunity to explain our rationale for placing restrictions on enrollment in our beginning language classes.

Here's how the procedure works: currently, all students complete an online placement exam prior to enrolling in any French, German or Spanish class (students taking Chinese or Japanese need to contact the instructor). Students receive immediate results that confirm their appropriate placement. Furthermore, the department reviews course rosters before the start of the semester to ensure that students have enrolled in the correct course, thereby allowing sufficient time for students who are in an inappropriate class to switch levels and adjust their schedules. We do recognize that there may be a need to improve the way we relay these results, and we shall take steps to refine our methods of notification.

But why, you may ask, does modern languages department restrict ML 111 courses to students with little, or no, prior exposure? We do so partly because of concerns over fairness. Students who have studied a language, however imperfectly, have a serious advantage over true beginners. Quite understandably, such beginners expect a level playing field: they do not wish to be in the same class as those with considerable prior exposure to the language. For the sake of fairness, we strive to ensure that all students placed into language classes are at a comparable level. Students with a documented disability should get in touch with the department, as they may still be eligible to take an ML 111 course. However, those who intentionally hide their knowledge of a language on the placement exam are giving themselves an unfair advantage over true beginners. Moreover, anybody who does so is violating the College's Pledge of Integrity.

The department asks students deciding which language to study to consider the following points: which culture are you most curious about? How was your experience with foreign languages in high school? If it was largely positive and you did well, you might consider continuing with that same language. If it was unpleasant and you encountered considerable difficulty, then you might want to think of taking another language.

Which language would best complement your major?

Study abroad is an exciting opportunity, and one that all of us in modern languages strongly encourage. If you plan to study at a site where language proficiency is required, then, rather than sitting bored and under-challenged in a class, you should try to build effectively upon your prior knowledge.

Our goal is not to "kick" you out of class and "bar" you from pursuing a particular language, but rather to place you appropriately. That way, rather than taking the easy way out, you can develop your language skills quickly and effectively. Only then can you learn the language and possibly go abroad to learn more about the perhaps already not-quite-so-"foreign" culture of your choice.

Mark Harman, Chair
On behalf of all faculty in Modern Languages.

staff column

No harm, no foul — I'll miss you, George

Dear George Bush,

You probably just took breakfast up to Laura, and I think that's really sweet. I think you're a genuinely sweet person. Never mind what haters say; I think you're a stand-up guy. I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I hope the two of you enjoy your house in Preston Hollow.

Iraq was sort of a mess. I wouldn't have invaded, but you made a call and stuck with it. No harm, no foul, right? In 40 years, when they're manufacturing flying cars or whatever, we'll all see you like we see Jimmy Carter. These things have a habit of working out.

The bunkum your man Gonzales started with the U.S. Attorney appointments — that, right there, was ridiculous. But he's probably bringing Rebecca Turner some breakfast of her own right now. Frankly, though, I'm a mite peevish about the way your administration's Department of Justice mangled the Constitution. His midterm dismissal of seven U.S. Attorneys showed an unprecedented amount of partisan malarkey, and it makes me sick. Gonzales is a Bad Man, and you shouldn't be friends with him.

I don't honestly mind your NSA surveillance claptrap, and I don't even understand what you did to the Clean Air acts. Gitmo overwhelms the moral ambiguities in both. Shame on you. But that doesn't make you a Bad Man. It makes you a human being, prone to thoughtlessness and mortal shortcoming just like everyone else. Don't let it get you down.

Honestly, Mr. Bush, you've had a very good attitude through all of this. I hope that people don't throw shoes at you when you visit Walgreens.

If you read this, I'd love to catch a football game or something. Thank you for being my president. I'm sorry that it didn't work out.

Later bud!

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

in the nation

Make V-day about friends, family; not goods

Khouri E. McGrann
Assistant Opinion Editor

It is that time of year again. The time where guys wonder "Flowers? Chocolate? Both?" and girls consider which shoes ("The black ones? The red ones?") they should wear out on their special evening.

It is Valentine's Day, when young and old couples share kisses and singletons either bury their feelings in cynicism or smile at the merrymaking and go on their way.

Many claim that Valentine's Day has become a "Hallmark holiday": all sappy sayings and material trappings without any true emotion or sentiment to back them up. These people may argue that Valentine's Day is just another reason to spend money, and, in some cases, they may be right.

On the other hand, many say that Valentine's Day is a very important holiday. It is an opportunity for the nation to celebrate love and commitment. At least one day out of the year deserves to be set aside for times of reflection on these values. Let this day be a time for people to celebrate their love for one another.

I, personally, am a fan of Valentine's Day. I enjoy it without any strong sentiment for or against it. I think the day is an excellent time for couples to celebrate one another, and I would certainly never turn down a free meal, but I do not need two pink bears that play Barry White every time their magnetic noses touch. That is ridiculous.

I think it is up to whoever wants to celebrate Valentine's Day to choose how to celebrate it. I do not believe that Valentine's Day should only apply to dating relationships. It is a day to celebrate love! Everyone should spend some quality time with friends, family or a special someone, and reflect upon how much they love us and we love them.

So do I believe Valentine's Day is just a commercial holiday? No. I think love is incredibly important and should be celebrated. However, I do think that American advertisement and media take it too far — as they always do, for everything. That cannot be helped, though, and my opinion on the Barry White bears is not going to stop them from being produced or people from buying them.

To each his or her own on Valentine's Day. If you are all about big gestures and going all out, just like in the commercials, then go for it. If you prefer some quiet conversation over a home-cooked meal, then go and rock that, too. If you are single (and even if you are not!), tell someone you love them. And if you love *me*, then please go buy me some Barry White bears, because I think they are ridiculous, but I absolutely love them anyway.

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etown wrestling

Wrestlers still optimistic despite late losses in season

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown's wrestling team ended the weekend on a good note, defeating Hunter College after falling short against Wilkes University and York College. The team anxiously awaits the Metropolitan Championships Sunday, Feb. 22.

Etown has had a rocky season, but remains optimistic despite past setbacks.

Throughout the season, the team has dealt with numerous injuries that have affected the outcome of many matches.

"We are relying on a lot of first-year students and asking them to fill in some pretty big shoes," Walker said.

Even though there is added anxiety on the first-years, they have still maintained a positive outlook for championships.

"We've had some trouble coming together as a team, but this [past] weekend we started to really step it up and feed off of each others' energy on the mat," first-year Tim Goldkamp said. "With the postseason coming up soon, we're starting to work harder than we have all season."

The Metropolitan Championships spots consist of the winner of the tournament as well as six wildcards voted on by coaches. These few will go on to nationals.

With the championships approaching, the men are preparing mentally and physically to do their best. Etown has a chance for a few of the team members to qualify for the championships, which would be a first since 2005.

"The team seems to be doing about average," Walker said. "Although there have been injuries, for the most part we are doing about as expected with improvement from some of the guys."

Although this season hasn't shown the full potential of Etown wrestlers, the team has collectively continued to improve between each match.

The men believe that these improvements will be carried on throughout the next season.

"We wrestled a lot of the countries' best D3 and D2 teams this year and our record really doesn't show how talented we are," sophomore J.R. Hewitt said. "We only graduate one senior this year and are looking to bring in another talented group of freshman next year."

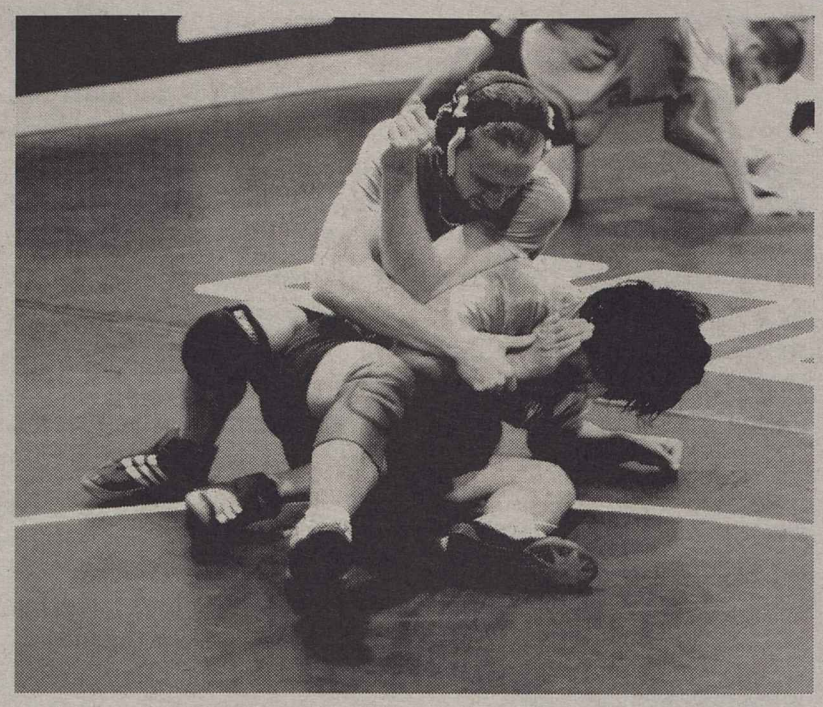

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Junior Chris McCooey practices his moves against first-year Kenny Nakagawa. The wrestlers are practicing for MACs on Feb. 22.

"Our win over Messiah, who was ranked top 30 in the country at the time, really showed our potential. Individually, we have the potential for everyone to place at conferences and qualify multiple wrestlers for nationals."

While the team had several goals for this season, reaching a double-figure win was a preseason objective.

Although the double-figure win wasn't attained this season, the men feel this is possible in the near future. With the promise of incoming first-years — and hopefully less injuries — the team believes that their record will show the talent they possess this year.

As the season wraps up, the team begins to focus on the championship and their winning potential.

This season showed improvement on the team, and although it wasn't reflected in their record, the team believes they did the best they could while working together.

They look forward to next season and hope they will have the chance to show their talent in accomplishing a double-figure win, which has not happened since the 1999-2000 season.

Etowns win over Hunger College gave them extra confidence about the championship ahead. sWinning a remarkable six out of nine bouts, the team hopes this will give them the strength needed to succeed in the nearing championships.

The wrestlers will take the next week to train before heading off to the championships. The Metropolitan Championships will take place next weekend at York College.

etown swimming

Men and women prepare for championships this weekend

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

With less than a week until the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championships, the Blue Jays' swim team is wrapping up its final practices and getting ready to head to Wilkes Barre, Pa., for the competition. The team is slated to compete against rival school Messiah, as well as Lycoming and Kings Colleges, Misericordia and Susquehanna Universities.

Fourteen members from the women's team and four members from the men's team will compete in the MACs. They have been practicing since the regular season ended.

"Practices have been a lot of work," junior captain Matt Drob said. The swimmers are currently in their taper, where they drop off yardage and instead focus on sprints. This maintains the conditioning they've built up over the season while also putting better racing form for the rigorous championship events. While the practices are physically demanding, sophomore captain Tom Hagerty admits they are also a lot of fun.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Taking a dive, (from left to right) junior Matt Drob, senior Laura Quigley, junior Dan Provence, sophomore Becca Rose and first-year Amanda Martin practice their moves for upcomming championships. The swim teams will compete at MACs this weekend, which will he held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The women's team enters MACs with an 8-6 record for the season— their first winning season in 10 years. Last year, the team had two major highlights: then-junior Gretchen Geiger won second place in two events, and former sophomore Lindsay Riley took a gold medal in the 50-yard freestyle. This year, Coach Dan DeHass has expectations for the women to make a strong showing at MACs. According to DeHass, the greatest potential lies in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke with Geiger. The only event that may give the Elizabethtown swim team trouble this year is the butterfly, which has been the weak stroke on both teams throughout the season.

The men's team leaves for the MACs with a 2-11 record, but this won't prevent them from improving their fifth place finish from last year. Senior Chris Miller leads the men, with a bronze medal under his belt from last year in the 500-yard freestyle.

Drob, who had his best time at the MACs last year in the 100-yard freestyle, is also a front runner. Hagerty also stands out on the men's team.

Last year at the MACs, Hagerty, then a first-year, managed to knock 34 seconds off his starting season time in the 500-freestyle, ending with an impressive time of 5:23.55 at the championships.

But with only four team members competing this year, the men will be at a disadvantage in terms of numbers. Messiah College, however, will have 16 men competing, though it is only the team's first year.

However, the Blue Jays are sure to put up a tough fight in all their events, with Miller, Drob and Hagerty leading the way.

This is also the first year that the team is heading to the MACs with DeHass, who teaches nearby at Lancaster Bible College.

DeHass used to coach soccer before coming to Etown to coach the swim team.

"From my side, there is a steep learning curve to overcome," DeHass said.

However, with the season finished and the team approaching the championships this weekend, it seems he managed to pull off a successful season for the Blue Jays, as well as adequately prepare them for the MACs.

Overall, the team is looking forward to going to the MACs this coming Valentine's Day weekend.

"I can't wait for MACs!" Hagerty said.

"It's always great to get everyone together from the conference and get the highest level of competition we can."

The MAC championships will be held in Wilkes-Barre from Feb. 13-15.

etown track and field

Relays participate in NYC; teams head to Dickinson

Shana M. Mihovics
Staff Writer

After their successful performances at both the Penn State National Invitational and the Haverford Seamus McElligott Invitational last weekend, the men's and women's indoor track teams continued to excel at the New Balance Invitational Friday, Feb. 6.

The New Balance games gave the team the opportunity to run at a professional track and a different change of scenary.

"We did really well in New York," first-year Kathryn Howser said. "It was a lof of fun warming up because instead of running around a college like we are used to, we got to see the city and dodge people on the sidewalks."

Because of a large delay in the events, the women's team was frustrated because they warmed up too early.

They women had to warm up again to make up for the time that they sat waiting for the event.

So far, they've competed in the Ursinus Winter Invitational, Susquehanna Orange and Maroon Classic, Ursinus Collegeville Classic, Ursinus Pentathlon, the National Invitation at Penn State, and the Haverford McElligott Invitational. With the MACs approaching, the team is constantly working.

"We put in a lot of hard work, and everyone is always there cheering each other on," first-year Nicole Lipari said.

Both the men's and women's teams participated in a variety of events, including the distance medley, which is made up of four different distance events ranging from the 400 m to the 1,600 m, with the 1,200 m and the 800 m in between. The athletes did an outstanding job in the distance medley followed by great performances in the other events, especially the women's medley.

In this event, the team had their second best time in program history, compared to last week's meet at the Penn State National Invitational where they had their fifth best time in program history. The team consisted of seniors Chelsea Miles and Tiffany Kulp, junior Megan VanDenHengel, and Howser.

The teams have just two more meets and then they are on their way to the MAC Championships. As they get deeper into the season, the runners are trying to shave off every possible second off their times. In the field event area, the athletes are pushing themselves to get the best results possible.

The teams are always supporting each other as well. At practice, they have "buddy groups" where distance runners, sprinters and field events are put together in different clusters daily. This forms a bond between all the team members. Instead of practicing in their individual areas every day, they are training together during the most vital time of the season.

The track teams seek motivation and determination with the help of their coaches. Without the coaches' help, the teams could not perform with such success.

"Every point counts," Lipari said. Even though track can be seen as an individual sport, every member of the team must do his or her part. The runners must push themselves to collapse over the finish line blinded by sweat, the jumpers must try whatever it takes to get that extra height, and the throwers must strive just as much to achieve that extra distance.

At the rate the teams are going now, they will most likely end the season with the same success with which they started the year.

For seven years in a row, the men's track team has kept its indoor MAC title,so there is no doubt they will keep up the hard work.

Hopefully, the women will follow the success of their first-ever team championship in 2006.

etown men's basketball

Men confident about end of season; look ahead to playoffs

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Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

These past few weeks have been rough for men's basketball. Coming off of a loss at Messiah, the Blue Jays were once again ready for action this past Saturday at Widener University. The men overcame a seven-point deficit in the first half of the game.

They went on to lead by five in the second half before the Widener Pride gained an advantage. The final score was Widener 66, Etown 62.

Junior captain Mike Church scored eleven points to lead Etown for a majority of the game. A 12-2 run turned a Widener lead of 36-31 into 43-38 in favor of the Blue Jays, following a three-pointer by sophomore Keith Fogel.

Widener came back with seven of the next nine points, and the teams continued to trade the lead back and forth for quite some time.

Etown tied the game for a final time at 1:11, with a layup by Chris Hill. However, the Pride gave up the ball on its final three possessions, and Bobby Edmunds hit two free throws with only 25 seconds left in the game.

"We played a solid game," Church said. "It came down to a three minute stretch that we struggled under pressure [from the Pride]. They have the best record because they keep the pressure coming, but they should be worried to see us again."

Fogel and sophomore Joe Flanagan each scored nine points for the Jays while senior Phil Schaffer recorded seven points, with seven rebounds and nine assists. Overall, Etown shot an average of 45.6 percent from the field and held an edge in rebounding with 35-27 over the Pride.

With only three games left in the season, players look back on past games as well as forward to the rest of the season. Their current 10-11 record may look unimpressive on paper, but considering five of those 11 games were lost by only single digits, Etown could be a team in position to compete realistically for the conference crown.

"Our mindset is finishing up these last three games [with] wins, taking each game one day at a time," sophomore Chris Hill said.

Although the men have lost their last three games, they are the favored to win the rest of their regular season matches, as they have beat each team earlier in the season.

Ultimately the real focus of the team are playoffs and the MAC championships.

"One of our main goals was to win our conference, which we still have a legitimate shot at," coach Bob Schlosser said.

We always strive to play with high intensity and enthusiasm and I believe we have done that on a consistent basis."

The men faced conference opponent Lycoming last night. The Jays defeated the Lions 76-56.

With the season winding down, the men appear more focused and determined than ever and hope to add a conference championship trophy to the new cases in the JayWalk.

This would be the perfect end to a season marked by constant determination from all the players and fans and a great precursor for the season to come.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Junior Josh Houseal looks for a teammate in a match against Albright College last week. The Jays lost in overtime at home.

Opening Days for Spring Sports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 **Baseball:** @ Shenandoah **Women's LAX:** vs. York
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etown women's basketball

Ladies lose sixth straight; still have high hopes

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The struggles have continued lately for the women's basketball team. Thursday night, The College of New Jersey traveled to Thompson Gymnasium to take on the Lady Jays, who were already in the midst of a three-game losing streak.

TCNJ hit the ground running with their not-so-secret weapon, 6-foot-3 center Hillary Klimowicz. Klimowicz is a transfer from Saint Joseph's University following her first-year campaign, when she was the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year.

The Blue Jays are not the only team to have problems against Klimowicz, as she leads the New Jersey Athletic Conference in points per game, rebounds, shooting percentage, and blocked shots.

"It's not every day you play against a former Division I player. She had size and skill," junior Courtney Kofeldt said.

The Lady Jays had to put TCNJ behind them quickly as they had another contest Saturday, traveling to Widener University to take on the Pride. The Jays kept the game close, as they were only down three points with less than six minutes to play. The only problem was Elizabethtown's shooting.

In the final minutes of the game, they only hit a pair of free throws by Megan Quinn. They missed their last 12 shots from the field, and Widener increaced its lead to a final score of 57-43.

Saturday's loss to Widener brings the team's losing streak to five. The Jays know that now is the time to turn it around if they want to make the playoffs.

"It's imperative for us to win out the rest of the way to even have a chance at the playoffs," Toczylowski said. "We've been working really hard. I think we just need to lighten up a little and start having a little more fun."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Senior Jenn Montague takes a shot against the College of New Jersey. The ladies will play Lebanon Valley this Saturday.

With a five game skid, some kind of change is definitely needed. "We have been discussing things we need to change, one being our motivation and attitude coming into the game," first-year player Teanna Ziegler said. "We've changed our warm-ups before games, and the coaches are now taking suggestions to help us improve in games. Hopefully, we will see something positive come out of it."

Like Toczylowski, Ziegler knows the team needs to win its final three games for playoff possibilities, but she sees another reason that the team would benefit.

"I think it's really important to end the season positively because we are losing three extremely strong assets to our team, and ending on a good note will give our returning players more confidence in the team for next season," Ziegler said.

The women's basketball team has three more chances to boost their confidence for next year and, more importantly, three more chances to get a shot at this year's playoffs. They hosted Lycoming last night in Thompson Gymnasium. The ladies lost the match 65-52.

Sophomore Megan Strohman finished the game with an impressive 17 points. She also had 7 rebounds.

The Lady Jays are back in action this Saturday at Lebanon Valley College. They are scheduled to take on the Flying Dutchmen at 2 p.m.

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Athlete of the Week

Deron Sharp

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is electrified to name junior wrestling heavyweight Deron Sharp as Athlete of the Week.

Sharp, who has been wrestling for seven years, started off his impressive week by posting a 5-3 win over Andrew Feldman of Wilkes University Friday Feb. 6 at a dual meet at Wilkes'.

After only one night's rest, the Blue Jays traveled to York College to compete against both York and Hunter College. Sharp used the momentum he gained the previous match to help him defeat both oppenents.

Sharp gave York's Shane Cooley the cold shoulder as he downed him by a score of 9-4. Sharp then pinned Hunter's Day Heydebrand in one minute and 10 seconds.

Image: *etown.edu/wrestling*

Two wins in one day, now thats a good day at the office.

Sharp's fourth win of the week came Tuesday night when the Blue Jays faced off against the Monarchs of King's College.

Sharp proved he could be counted on to pull through.

He battled through a tough match until he finally came out victorious in the fourth overtime!

The Jay's will be training hard leading up to the Metropolitan Championships, held at York College, on Feb. 22.

Good luck to the Jay's and congratulations to Deron Sharp for being named *the Etownian's* Athlete of the week!

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turkey pretzel melt
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A community remembers: Craig Anderson honored

Photos: Matthew P. Butera

A memorial was held last Thursday night in Leffler Chapel to honor Craig Anderson, an Etown senior who passed away two weeks ago. The ceremony included music and several speakers. Friends and family filled the chapel to pay their respects, including Craig's fellow Peer Mentors, seen in the photo on the left.

in the world

U.S. woman caught Ebola in Uganda, brought it home

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Copy Editor

The January appearance of the Marburg hemorrhagic fever, a derivative of the Ebola virus, startled the North American public. Diagnosis of the fever in a Colorado woman marked its first-known human case in the U.S. She allegedly contracted the fever from disease-carrying bats, thousands of which she encountered while touring a Ugandan cave.

While the woman has since almost fully recovered, this presents a new challenge for authorities such as the Center for Disease Control. Its presence increases concern over once-unknown diseases affecting Americans.

"Most of the time when you hear hoofbeats in the infectious disease world, it really is likely a neighborhood horse; but there are those rare-but-ever-growing chances that it could be a zebra," Dr. Michael Osterholm of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota said.

According to Canadian Press, the globalization of diseases becomes far easier as global travel and interactions increase. Medical authorities remain concerned, as they were during the SARS scare of 2003-2004, that foreign-born diseases could become common among the sicknesses infecting American patients.

The telltale sign of a severe case of Ebola is hemorrhaging, or bleeding, out of all orifices of the body. However, such bleeding only occurs in half of all cases. Diagnosis proves difficult in those who do not display the symptoms. Initial tests for Marburg returned a negative result on the afflicted woman. However, she became concerned after reading about a Dutch man who died of the disease in 2003 after visiting the same python cave, which is located in western Uganda's Maramagambo Forest.

The first case of Ebola was diagnosed in 1976 in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo). A native died 14 days after first showing the symptoms. Reston, Va. experienced a nonhuman Ebola outbreak in 1989, when the disease was found in a number of Crab-eating Macaques.

The disease is believed to be primarily zoographic, as it is endemic to monkey populations in Central Africa.

"It is not surprising that, statistically, not many tourists are infected," Etown biology professor Jane Cavender said. "When you look at the total number of yearly outbreaks even for the native population, it is actually very low. This is especially apparent if you compare the number of cases to influenza."

Ebola will not likely sustain itself in America. "There is really no way that Ebola, Marburg, Reston or Zaire could spread to a significant number of people in the U.S.," Cavender said. "First, it would probably be brought into the country from a tourist, just as in this case. The disease progresses rapidly, and it's mostly contagious through fluid products of the infected individual. However, by the time an individual is 'bleeding out,' they would be so severely ill they would have been hospitalized. Hemorrhagic fever can be diagnosed, and then the patient would be quarantined, thus limiting the spread.

"It is true that hospital personnel would be exposed, but knowing that the individual was severely ill, [they would take] precautions when dealing with an unknown contagion."

Those traveling to Central African regions should receive immunizations against indigenous diseases and avoid bat bites. Fortunately, the odds of contracting the disease remain low, equivalent to the odds of being struck by lightning.

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news in brief

Recently, House majority leader Nancy Pelosi met with Catholic Pope Benedict XVI. There, the pope reprimanded Pelosi over her views on abortion. The Congresswoman is both Catholic and pro-choice.

Benedict explained to Pelosi that all Catholics, especially legislators, must do their best to follow Catholic doctrine regardless of their political beliefs. This also entails following religious ideals when drafting and voting on laws. Subsequently, Benedict scolded Pelosi for supporting abortion despite being Catholic, and asked that she stop supporting the legality of the issue.

The meeting lasted only 15 minutes, and Pelosi neglected to mention the incident in a mailing she sent to her supporters.

In light of the deepening economic crisis, the Federal Reserve Board released a report yesterday outlining its predictions for the rest of the economic year. The Fed announced that despite all the government's efforts, the economy will shrink throughout the year. Also, the reserve predicted that unemployment would rise from its current rate of 7.1 percent to as much as 8.8 percent. This ever-increasing trend of unemployment is expected to continue until about 2011.

Chinese health authorities recently announced that AIDS has become the number one most infectious disease in their country. Officials reported that nearly 7,000 Chinese people have recently died of the disease, adding to the nearly 35,000 who have died of the illness since it first appeared in 1985.

Since 2005, the number of HIV infections in China has doubled from 135,000 to 260,000, though officials say there could be as many as 700,000 citizens with the infection. However, there is no way to prove this figure as a huge majority of the Chinese people are wary of getting tested. Efforts are currently being made to combat the disease.

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in the nation

New stimulus bill narrowly survives Senate

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When President Obama was sworn into office at the start of this year, he immediately confronted one of the biggest problems that this country has been facing: the continual downward spiral of the economy.

The House and the Senate have approved Obama's $787 billion stimulus plan to hopefully jump start the economy. The bill was approved last week and Obama signed it Tuesday in Denver, Colo.

One part of the package will cut taxes for the people. The plan will provide a tax credit equal to 6.2 per cent of earned income. This would be up to about $400 for people on their own and about $800 for couples this year and next. This also means that people with no federal income tax liability will get money back, and the credit will phase out for people who have a higher income.

Unemployment compensation will expand as well. The plan's original benefits to people who are unemployed would have ended in March, but will be extended to the end of the year. The average weekly payment for people who were unemployed was $300, but this will be upped by $25.

Another section of the stimulus package tackles education. The plan increases financing to the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. This allows more children to participate in these programs. Additionally, the plan provides $1.4 billion to low income school districts. States will distribute the amount to the schools. The plan also allots more money to special education programs and for schools to update their technology and science labs. The package will aid public schools as well as public universities, giving them about $40 billion.

Image: Associate Press

Vice President Joe Biden looks on as President Barack Obama signs the $787 billion stimulus bill in Denver, Colo. Tuesday.

Grants that will be given to public transportation will impact many who live in cities or who don't own cars. The plan will give $9.3 billion to rail companies. This money shall expand passenger capacity and invest in projects that contribute to high-speed railway technology.

To maintain trust with the American people, Obama also launched the Web site *www.recovery.gov*. The site is a basic outline of how the stimulus bill will work.

"Instead of politicians dolling our money behind closed doors, the important decisions about where taxpayer dollars are invested will be yours to scrutinize," Obama said in a speech on the Web site's home page.

Recovery.gov has a good deal of charts, timelines and other data so that people can have full knowledge of where the money goes.

While the climb back to economic prosperity will take some time, Americans can at least take some comfort in watching the government's efforts as the recovery goes on.

in the world

Arsons at home, abroad result in devastation

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Residents of Coatesville, Pa., have been sleeping with one eye open since the beginning of the year, when the 2009 arsons began. Since then, a total of 23 arsons have occurred. So far, there have been 18 arsons and five more in the surrounding areas, the most recent of which occurred Feb. 13, when a trailer home outside of Coatesville was set ablaze.

Image: *theaustraliannews.com*

Sam the koala receives a drink of water from volunteer firefighter David Tree in Victoria, Australia. Her survival in the face of the country's worst bushfires has provided a glimmer of hope to those who lost everything.

Luckily, no citizens have been killed, and authorities hope to keep it that way. City officials have been handing out smoke detectors and batteries, and plan on purchasing motion-sensing porch lights in bulk, which they will sell to residents at a discounted price. Additionally, the city may pass an ordinance requiring residents to install motion-sensing floodlights in an effort to prevent further arsons.

Residents were also required to remove all items from their porches, because, according to authorities, many of the arsons were started on porches. Many residents hope these tactics will save their homes, but for some, it is already too late.

Jan. 24, around 11:30 p.m., a quick-moving fire ripped through a block of homes, destroying 15 residences, displacing 60 people and causing upwards of $1 million in damages. Many of the residents who were displaced as a result of the Jan. 24 fire have no fire insurance, making their situation even more dire.

These events have made residents of the neighborhood feel very uneasy. Emily Stanzione, an Elizabethtown senior who lives just outside of Coatesville, said that some people are even "leaving all of the lights on in their home in order to scare people away."

In an effort to bring some comfort to the community, a group called the Guardian Angels has stepped up to help the police patrol the streets at night. The Guardian Angels are volunteers who guard urban areas from dusk until dawn. Unlike the police, they are unarmed; however, their presence usually acts as a deterrent for criminal activity. To help keep the streets clear at night, the police have also issued an 8 p.m. curfew for anyone under the age of 18.

City officials are optimistic that they will find the person or persons responsible for the arsons, but they are facing another challenge: a "no-snitching" code to which Coatesville residents adhere. The no-snitching code runs deep in the community; many residents are reluctant to give police any information they may have regarding the arsons. According to Stanzione, many residents feel that the police don't do their job right.

"In fact, recently, the police chief failed to obtain certification in Pennsylvania, leaving him unauthorized to make an arrest or carry a gun," she said. "The police force does not seem to even have a strong leader, and that is another reason residents don't bother with them."

Despite their negative reputation in the community, the police are offering a $20,000 reward to anyone who can provide details leading to an arrest and conviction of the arsonist. However, until the arsonist is caught, the police and Guardian Angels will continue patrolling the streets to ease the burden of worry that many residents bear.

Sixteen thousand miles away in Churchill, Australia, many communities can relate to the emotions felt by those in Coatesville. Feb. 7, the worst brush fire in Australian history ripped through Victoria. In its wake, it left upwards of 189 people dead and at least 200 homes destroyed.

The fire was started by 39-year-old Brendan Sokaluk, who has since been charged with one count of arson causing death, one count of lighting a fire that police said killed 10 people and another count of possession of child pornography.

Sokaluk faces a maximum of 25 years in prison for deadly arson, 15 years for lighting a fire and 5 years for possession of child pornography. Sokaluk is not the only suspected arsonist in the fire, and police are still investigating. Although no more arrests have been made, residents find peace of mind in knowing that the criminal responsible for the destruction of their community will be behind bars for a long time.

The arson incidents in Coatesville and Victoria have crumbled communities and left many residents distraught. However, they have also brought people together in an effort to safeguard and protect what has not yet been destroyed.

As police continue their investigations in both cases, the residents can take solace in the fact that someone is seeking justice for the damage to which they have fallen victim.

on campus

Jay Walk complete; bright, comfortable space for all

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A newly completed building now stands between the Thompson Gymnasium and the Brossman Commons: the Jay Walk. After nearly a year of construction, students living in the Founders dormitories, Vera Hackman Apartments or Schrieber Quadrangle will be able to access the academic quadrangle without having to walk all the way around the BSC or gym.

Inside, the Jay Walk is bright and cool, with an abundance of natural light streaming in from skylights toward the ceiling and the Etown colors of blue and gray providing a soothing atmosphere. The floors have not yet dulled beneath hundreds of pairs of feet. New chairs and benches invite students to settle down and do homework or to sit and chat with friends.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

The new Jay Walk, located between Thomspon Gymnasium and the Brossman Commons, will allow students to easily access the academic quadrangle. It also includes new athletic offices and a conference room.

The outside appearance of the Jay Walk is still a bit rough; gravel driveways signify where paving has yet to occur, and landscaping has not been finished. However, Joe Metro, director of Facilities Management and Construction Services, has said that the Jay Walk should reach its full aesthetic potential by the spring.

As a tour with Metro revealed, however, the Jay Walk is much more than a pretty passageway. An athletic hall of fame will soon be installed, where lights will gleam down onto display cases showcasing various accomplishments. Additionally, a kiosk will replace the nearby digital photo frame, where admirers will be able to search and view hall-of-famers.

The new space also provides a 65-seat classroom, a sports information office and a video editing suite where coaches and athletes can review game play. Additional seating will be provided in the space across from the sports information office. Metro said the area will be an ideal space for sports teams to relax before and after games and meets.

All of the athletic coaches now have new offices, and a cubicle area serves as the workspace for assistant coaches. A small kitchen and coffee nook will accommodate the staff on long workdays.

The entire Jay Walk area, including the offices, new classrooms and lounge areas, amounts to just over 10,000 feet of space.

The Jay Walk also boasts state-of-the-art safety features. Metro pointed out the red brick wall that separates the new area from the Thompson Gymnasium.

"Fire codes consider this a separate building, so we have to keep them separate," he said.

Also, the doors that separate the passageway are, at most times, held open magnetically. In the event of a power failure or fire alarm, the magnets will be released and the doors will swing shut, blocking the progression of a fire into other buildings.

When the tour progressed outside, on the side of the Jay Walk that faces Founders, Metro pointed out the area that will eventually, he hopes, be set aside for a field house. If that were to happen, Metro said, the currently gray outside walls of the Jay Walk would be taken down and replaced with matching brick. On the Jay Walk's other side, in the academic quad, Metro stated that despite the construction all of the mature trees in the area had been spared.

Metro revealed that plans were underway to renovate the academic quad, but that the project has been postponed due to this year's tight budget.

"The plans have been designed and reviewed by most of the senior staff, minus President Long," Metro said. "It will be a high priority."

Athletic staff began moving into the new space last Monday. The Jay Walk has not yet seen a significant amount of student traffic, but Metro is confident that it will be enjoyed by all.

"It's a great project; I love it," Metro said. "I love the openness and the color."

The Jay Walk is now open for student use and should be completely finished by April.

on campus

Forum provides insight into Middle Eastern situation

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

In an attempt to raise awareness about the current peace and war situations in the world, Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary society, has sponsored a week of forums and discussions to get students talking.

From Monday, Feb. 16 until today, several speakers and presenters offered various insights to war, primarily focusing on Iraq and Afghanistan. Alumni peace fellow Joshua Casteel headlined the events with two main events Monday and Tuesday night as well as two forums during the day Monday.

Monday night, Casteel presented a film and lecture about war, peace and the power of human conscience. The film was called "Soldiers of Conscience," and focused on the moral decisions that soldiers make, featuring never-before-seen footage of the war in Iraq and U.S. Army training. Casteel then presented a lecture about issues from his new book, "No Graven Image."

Originally, the Elizabethtown College Alumni for Peace Fellowship sponsored Casteel's programs, but Pi Sigma Alpha decided to take it one step further. They organized a forum titled "Iraq, Afghanistan and Terrorism" that took place Monday from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. with three different sessions and a total of 11 presentations.

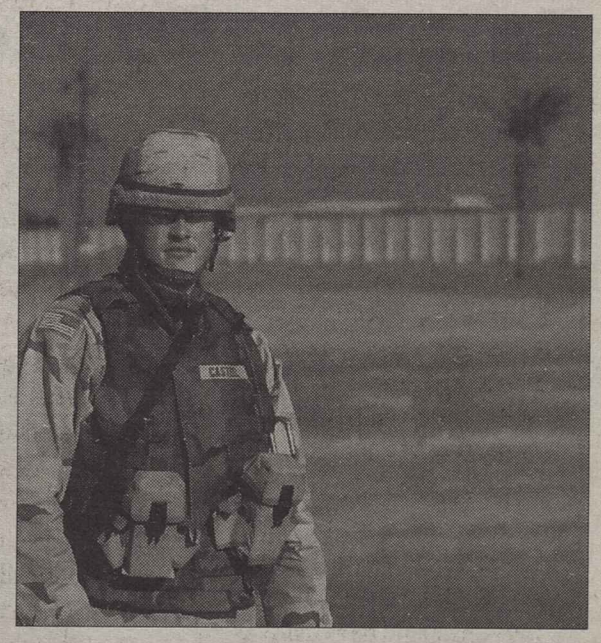
"We wanted to promote public discussion of current events and issues," Dr. Fletcher McClellan, political science professor and part-organizer of the event, said. "We got a grant from the Pi Sigma Alpha national chapter. We wanted to start small and see where it would take us."

In 2003, another event like this was held on a larger scale. Right after the United States entered the war in Iraq, many students didn't know what was going on or what it meant either for themselves or the rest of the country. Classes were cancelled and the entire day was devoted to understanding the current situation.

"You wouldn't think that many students would have given up a free day to go," John Teske, psychology professor and presenter at both the 2003 and this week's events, said. "It was a time that so much was changing in the world. Students came by the hundreds to see the discussions."

The world is in a much different state now than it was in 2003, and that is why Pi Sigma Alpha wanted to organize another event.With only two weeks to plan the event, the group knew they couldn't implement another all-day schedule, but they worked with what they had.

"The forums are designed to help students become more informed. With a new president, it's important to see the issues that he is going to be facing when he gets into office," McClellan said. "He's facing some serious decisions. We're hoping this will get students involved in the discussion and offer other points of views."



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Joshua Casteel, author, alumni peace fellow and former soldier, poses during his tour in Iraq. He presented a film and lecture Monday night.

The forums ranged from all sorts of subjects — psychology, ecology and even an artist's perspective.

Several professors presented at the forums as well as students and special guests. Casteel presented two sessions, and John Craig, scholar-in-residence, and former ambassador in the Middle East, presented a session about Iran from a strategic and economic perspective.

The week will close with a presentation today entitled "Citizens, Soldiers and Defending the Constitution." Retired U.S. Air force Lt. Col. William Astore will present it, and the event has been sponsored by the Center for Global Citizenship.

on campus

SWEET-sponsored country performer Natalie Stovall

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The crowd's attention focused on stage as the light reflected off the polished, black-and-white violin in the young woman's hand. Natalie Stovall clutched the instrument tightly next to her heart as she sang "Angel," a song inspired by her late grandmother.

Stovall, a country singer, learned to play the violin after her grandmother found a newspaper ad for lessons and suggested the idea to Natalie.

"My granny's really the person in my life that gave me the little nudge that is basically the reason I am standing here tonight," she said.

Stovall wrote "Angel" as a tribute to her grandmother.

"I had a lot that I wanted to say and I wanted to get it right," Stovall said.

"Angel" was one of the many songs Stovall performed for Elizabethtown College students Friday evening in the Event Space.

The hour-long concert was part of SWEET's second Super SWEET Weekend of the semester. SWEET also provided free Philly soft pretzels and root beer for concert attendees.

Stovall was joined onstage by her band which was made up of a guitarist, drummer and bassist. Stovall played her violin for several songs and provided the main vocals occasionally accompanied by her bass player.

Many students at the concert were not familiar with Stovall's music. However, she was able to win over new fans. First-year Jamie Miller was impressed after hearing Stovall for the first time at the concert.

"She's got some good pipes," Miller said after the show.

"I really like her music," first-year Heather Slifko said. "I play the violin, so I can appreciate it. She's good, and she really has a personality, too."

Stovall's personality was evident as she joked with the crowd about her song "Standing My Ground."

"I feel like I'm not supposed to play favorites with my own songs," Stovall said. "They're kinda like my children, but this one's my favorite. Shhh! Don't tell anyone."

Stovall entertained the crowd with stories about other songs she performed.

"This past summer, I got to go to Alaska for the very first time ever, and it was amazing," Stovall said as she explained her inspiration for her song titled "Even Alaska." She told the crowd it was the product of a meeting she had with Nathan Chapman, who produced both of Taylor Swift's albums.

"In the writing room I couldn't shut up about Alaska," Stovall said. She then summarized the song's meaning: "It doesn't matter where in the world you are; as long as you're with the right person, then you're home."

The lights aimed at the stage turned red for Stovall's final song of the evening. The resulting mood fit perfectly as Stovall belted out "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." This song also gave Stovall the opportunity to show the crowd her well-practiced fiddle skills.

Leaving the stage, Stovall shouted, "Peace, love and fiddle y'all! Thank you so much!"

However, shouts for an encore from the audience prodded Stovall back on the stage for one last song: Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

Stovall performed her encore after the audience accepted her two conditions: they had to stand up for the song and sign up on her e-mail list.

Leaving the stage once again, Stovall said to the audience, "Y'all come talk to me after this. We'll take some pictures and put them on the Web site."

Stovall's performance was part of her current tour titled "Peace. Love. Fiddle." Stovall's tour will take her up and down the East Coast and as far west as Nebraska.

Stovall can be found on Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. Her music is also on iTunes.

Image: *facebook.com*

Natalie Stovall performed in the Event Space this past weekend as part of a Super SWEET Weekend. She is currently on her tour, "Peace.Love. Fiddle." which will go all over the East Coast and as far west as Nebraska.

club review

Emotion: Dance club provides creative outlet for all

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Even though you may not be a particularly talented dancer chances are there is a part deep down inside of you that wishes you were. Well, have no fear! Just join Emotion, Etown's very own dance club.

Emotion, the largest club on campus, allows students to express themselves in a fun and creative way through dance and movement. It is also wonderful exercise promoting physical well-being and good health.

"It is extremely easy to join Emotion," Senior Angeline Alessandri, Emotion secretary said.

At the beginning of each year, Emotion has a table at the Student Involvement Fair where students can sign up to be on the club e-mail list.

Many of the cabinet members are also present at the Fair in order to answer any questions that new members may have. Anyone can sign up to be a part of Emotion; however, some individual dance pieces may require separate auditions.

There are two main performances each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

If a student is interested in choreographing a piece for either the fall or spring performance, you must present approximately 30 seconds of the dance to the club advisers and executive cabinet.

If your dance is chosen, you will be able to present your piece to the club and have members sign up for it.

Student choreographers are able to pick their own songs to use in the pieces.

Next week, the club will hold this semester's first sit-ins. Members of the executive and extended cabinet will be sitting in on the rehearsals to ensure that each performance piece is roughly halfway done.

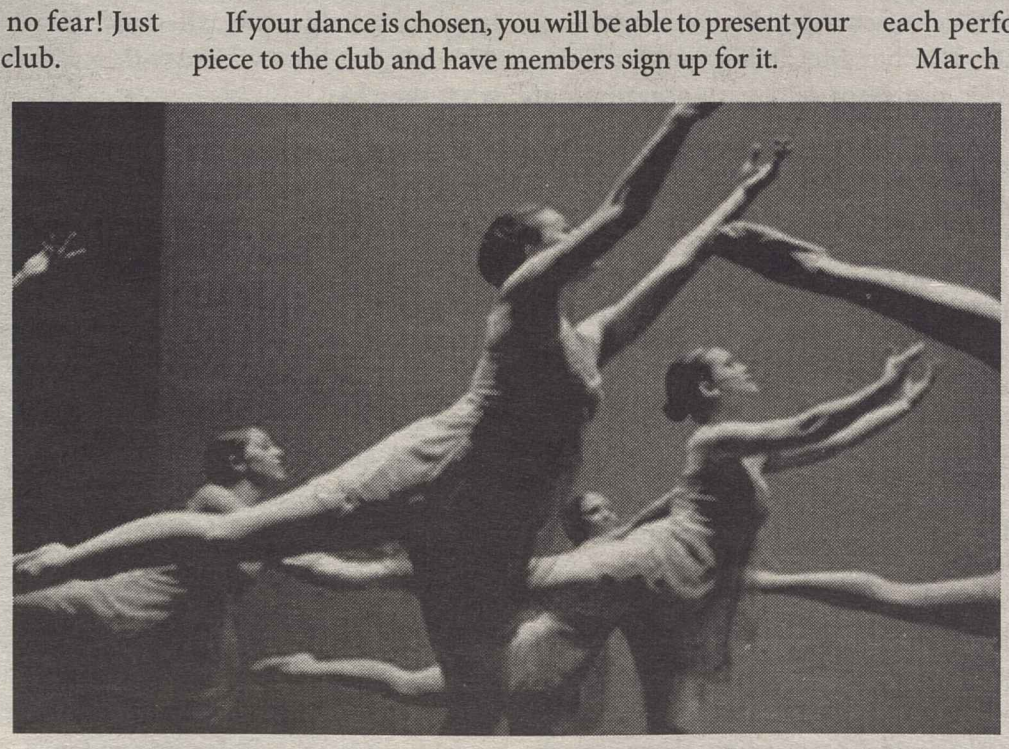
March 22, Emotion will hold its full showing, during which students will perform each dance for the advisers and executive cabinet members to determine the placement of the piece in the final show.

Finally, April 4 and 5, the club will hold their second showcase of the year. The Saturday show will begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday show will be at 3 p.m.

"This semester, we have 23 pieces in our spring showcase, a much larger number than last semester," Alessandri said.

"We had many new and old choreographers step up to the plate and produce some outstanding pieces. I think it is going to be a great show!"

So what are you waiting for? Grab your friends and join this great organization. For more information, visit Emotion's Web site at *http://www.etown.edu/emotion*, or contact Alessandri at ALESSANDRIA@etown.edu.



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The Emotion Club puts on two dance showcases each year: one in the fall and one in the spring. Emotion is the largest club on campus.

on campus

EC Alert system tested again; improves campus safety

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

Today, Feb. 19, every student, faculty and staff member of Elizabethtown College will be receiving an e-mail from EC Alert.The alert system, the College's emergency notification structure, exists to notify as many people as possible in the event of an emergency or catastrophe. The e-mail that will be sent is just a procedural test that takes place each semester. This spring semester, the system will test the accuracy of the e-mail alert system, while in fall 2008 both the call and e-mail notifications were tested. Messages will be sent to primary and secondary emergency contacts, meaning Mom or Dad should be on the look-out for a message.

According to Vice President of Administration Dave Dentler, the procedure is an opt-out system, meaning it automatically assumes that everyone within the Etown community wants to be notified in an emergency situation. This system is relatively new to the campus, and the purpose of the semester testing is to assure that everyone is being notified. With such a large quantity of people to reach, "it is quite a process to have the database get up and going," according to Dentler. It took over six months to program the entire campus community into the system and with a senior class graduating and a new class coming in each year, the process never stops.

Photo: Kelly J. Clayton

The EC Alert system will be tested today during the afternoon.This alert system is a new addition to Etown this year; it helps the administration to better communicate with students.

Big-name schools such as Georgia Tech, Princeton and University of Notre Dame all share the same system, proving that Etown's program is up-to-date and well-trusted by universities all across the nation.

So what makes the system reliable and efficient? EC Alert is BlackBoard-controlled, and Director of College Relations Lori Burke, who logs into BlackBoard, types the notification and sends it to the community. Through text messaging, phone calls and e-mails, the EC Alert is in contact with thousands of people within seconds.

"It is nice to see the school using technology to keep the campus community safe," first-year Allyson Wells said.

The incidents that occurred on college campuses across America such as Virginia Tech and Columbine sparked an interest in the need to have an emergency notification system at Etown. "Ten years ago, we never really thought about needing a system like EC Alert, but in this day and age, it is necessary," Assistant Director of Campus Security Dale Boyer said. With the ultimate goal to keep students safe, the EC Alert system helps Campus Security because it gives them an outlet to communicate with the students about any possible danger.

Earlier in the school year, EC Alert was used to send out an e-mail to the primary and secondary emergency contacts reporting a sexual harassment case that occurred near campus. This scenario was the only case in which EC Alert has been used and served as an effective warning to the community to protect itself.

The feedback from the campus community has been positive, with the exception of a few parents calling and asking some technical questions about the program. According to Boyer, students are very in-tune with the latest technology, so it is important for the College to be in-tune as well. Since the system is used selectively with administration's discretion, it will not be filling up one's inbox or pestering students with voicemails and texts. "All in all it has been pretty successful," Dentler said.

With EC Alert in its first year at Etown, there are still a few kinks to work out and data must be constantly updated. "I think it is a common sense step and necessary for the world were living in today. The age we live in is about getting information out to the greatest number of people as fast as possible," Boyer said. With the Elizabethtown College staff working hard to ensure safety on campus in correlation with EC Alert, it is nearly impossible to be within the circuit of safety.

on campus

Speak Up! responds to everyday intolerance, bigotry

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It is a rare occurrence to observe a cross or church ablaze. The Ku Klux Klan does not regularly make headlines. Bigotry, nonetheless, is something with which most of us are guilty.

The Speak Up! Initiative is here to tell students that although profound acts of bigotry may have dissipated, intolerance still exists. The Elizabethtown community covets human dignity and respect; furthermore, "Educate for Service" is a motto that embodies this ideology. "You can't serve others if you have some strange notions about other people that are incorrect," Rachel Hadrick, assistant coordinator of Multicultural Activities, said.

The Speak Up! Pledge pamphlet includes six basic tips to help pledgers confront sensitive issues. Pledgers are asked to: be ready, identify intolerant behavior, appeal to principles, set limits, find allies and be vigilant. Suggestions like these help students "to be prepared with a response" the next time they encounter intolerance. Simple acts like "obvious silence" after an inappropriate joke is made, or "getting up and walking away" could help students ease their way into action.

"The more you do it, the more you learn how to be direct and appeal to people's morals," Hadrick explained.

Resident advisers who appreciate social action have taken on roles in the initiatives, manning the booth outside the Marketplace urging students to sign on.

"It's really important to me that people feel safe on this campus," Royer Resident Adviser Mark Heinbockel said. Alexis Massarotti, Hackman Resident Adviser, agreed.

"I want my residents to feel comfortable, and I'd [like] to help residents realize that we're not only here as authority figures but we really want to help them."

Bigotry concerning race has decreased the United States, but more discreet forms of intolerance have infiltrated individuals' everyday lives.

"I don't think this is something that has ever gone away. I think that it has changed in its nature; it has become subtler. While we've achieved great things as far as very open and direct issues of bigotry, we should still progress further," Hadrick said.

The Initiative, organized by the Office of Residence Life Committee on Diversity Initiatives in Residential Programming, was prompted by a rising number of issues due to intolerance and bias.

Hadrick suggests that nearly unconscious predispositions are those that cause conflict. "The ideas that we grow up with about other groups of people often come out in the way we speak, and are still able to affect the way we treat people," she said.

As forms of prejudice are transitioning from blatant to subtle, our awareness must adjust, too. The Speak Up! Initiative asks students to sign a pledge that secures their willingness to acknowledge any acts of intolerance among their peers and families. The call to action began Feb. 17 and will continue until tonight.

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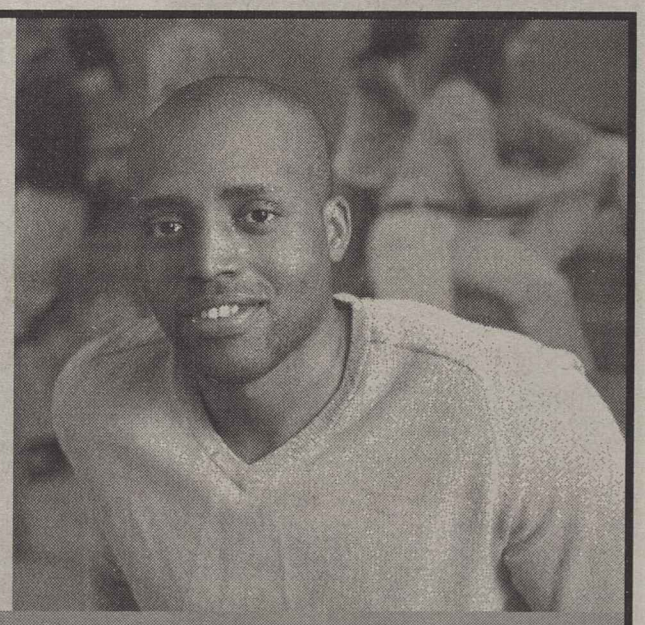

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Tit-for-Tat

A man in Washington state made sure a pair of burglars didn't get away with his three flat-screen televisions — he moved their getaway car.

Patrick Rosario was in the basement of his Bellevue home last Tuesday when he heard the burglars upstairs.

The Seattle Times says the 32-year-old Rosario called 911 while he snuck out of the house.

He saw a white van sitting in front of his house with the motor running and the keys in the ignition, so he got in and drove it to a friend's house.

Police say the burglars left the televisions, a laptop computer and a jewelry box by the door and escaped on foot.

Kissing Record

Mexico City puckered up to set a new record Saturday as nearly 40,000 people locked lips in the city center for the world's largest group kiss.

Carlos Martinez of Guinness World Records verified the record of 39,897 people who entered the gated kissing area of the city's Zocalo main square on Valentine's Day.

The Valentine's Day kiss was meant to show love at a time when a crackdown against drug traffickers has led to widespread violence across the country. At least 6,000 people died in drug-related conflicts in 2008.

The event "is aimed at changing people's attitudes toward human relations, especially between couples, so that respect, equity and tolerance are at the center of any relationship," the statement continued.

The event also included workshops on violence-free relationships and AIDS prevention.

Unlikely Guests

A Northeast Ohio farmer who died of cancer has been laid to rest with the help of some of the llamas he raised on his farm.

Two of Terry McCrone's llamas made up an honor guard at his funeral Friday at Perry Christian Church. Four others from a statewide drill team joined them, wearing purple ribbons as they lined up outside the church. The llamas also escorted a hearse to Perry Cemetery.

The Rev. Bob Ladygo of Bible Baptist Church says McCrone's llamas would visit him at his window after he became sick.

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on campus

Company pens fuel modern advertising

Patricia A. Cangelosi
Staff Writer

Advertising affects people's perception, and promotion changes behavior," Elizabethtown College alum Dennis Gorman, '78, informed the audience during his Feb. 13 lecture in the Hoover Business Center.

Gorman spoke on the power of promotional products. He attended Etown as an adult, married and working, and majored in business administration with a marketing concentration. After graduating, he obtained a sales job in a multinational pharmaceutical firm. Today, he runs his own business, Dennis Gorman Consulting Group, for whom he "sells promotional advertising knowledge to people who sell promotional advertising."

Gorman explained that the promotional products industry is worth $19 billion and only gets about a paragraph in most marketing textbooks.

A promotional item is used to endorse a service, company or product. They can be advertising specialties, free gifts given to potential customers; premiums, which are gifts given with an added obligation; awards, prizes or commemoratives. To illustrate, Gorman handed every audience member a pen, a promotional slide guide (informational brochure) and a key chain. All of these products bore logos of Geiger, the promotional products agency to which he sold his first company, Exact Marketing.

Since Gorman used promotion to keep the audience's attention rather than traditional advertising, each audience member was more likely to retain the company's information.

"You'll probably remember me because I gave you a present," he said.

To target a desired audience, he said, citing college students as an example, a promotional products agency must determine "the kind of stuff you [as college students] use every day." For this hypothetical audience, he would advertise through wearable items, pens and anything computer or cell phone-related.

Over 400,000 different items make up the promotional industry, according to Gorman. These include writing instruments, bags, drinkware, desk/office/business accessories, calendars, computers, sporting goods, automotive items and more. Unlike traditional media that interrupts, such as commercials and pop-up ads on the Internet, promotional products engage.

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Gorman pointed out how companies use pens for exposure in advertising during his lecture Feb. 13. Gorman, an Etown alum, started his own consulting group.

"[They] have the unique ability to build a relationship with the recipient," Gorman said, "which will continue throughout the useful life of the product."

Every time recipients write with that pen, they will see the company name, which is called an exposure. The more exposure, for the company, the better.

Gorman cited a survey taken at Dallas Fort Worth Airport in Texas in which 71 percent of randomly surveyed business travelers reported receiving a promotional product in the past year. Thirty-three percent had the product with them at the time, and 52 percent had done business with the advertiser after receiving the product. Furthermore, 76 percent could remember the advertiser's name, while only 53 percent could recall the name of a single advertiser from a magazine or newspaper read in the past week.

In other words, promotion has a measurably greater influence on consumers than traditional advertising alone. When someone is personally given an item, either at a trade show, a store opening or another similar event, a specific encounter comes to mind whenever he or she sees that item.

"If you've created an experience, you've created a memory," Gorman said.

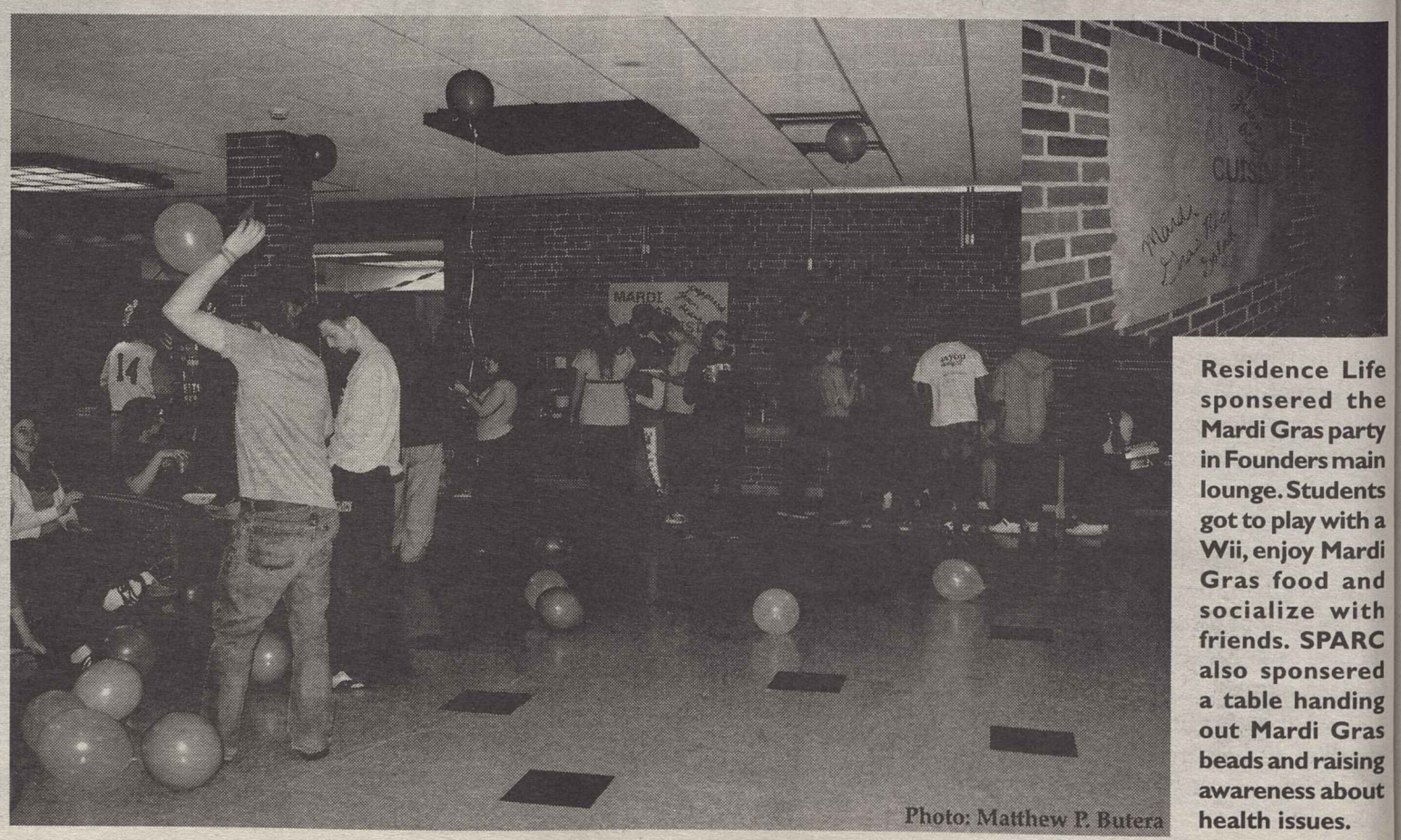
Even though promotion is not traditionally taught in business schools, it is becoming more of a reality in the marketing world.

"In the current economic climate, you will see a lot more sales promotion than advertising," said Dr. Edward Chung, a business professor at Etown. He believes that traditional advertising is starting to fade away, as it is not as beneficial to most companies as is the use of promotional products. For those interested in learning more about this $19 billion industry, or perhaps seeking a job in the field, Gorman recommends the Promotional Products Association International (*http://www.ppai.org*). The most important thing people can do, he stressed, is to find a job that makes them happy.

"If you're making a million dollars a week and you're miserable, it's not worth it," he said. "What I really love to do is educate people and help businesses grow. I'm absolutely doing what I love to do."

on campus

Mardi Gras soirée success in Founders



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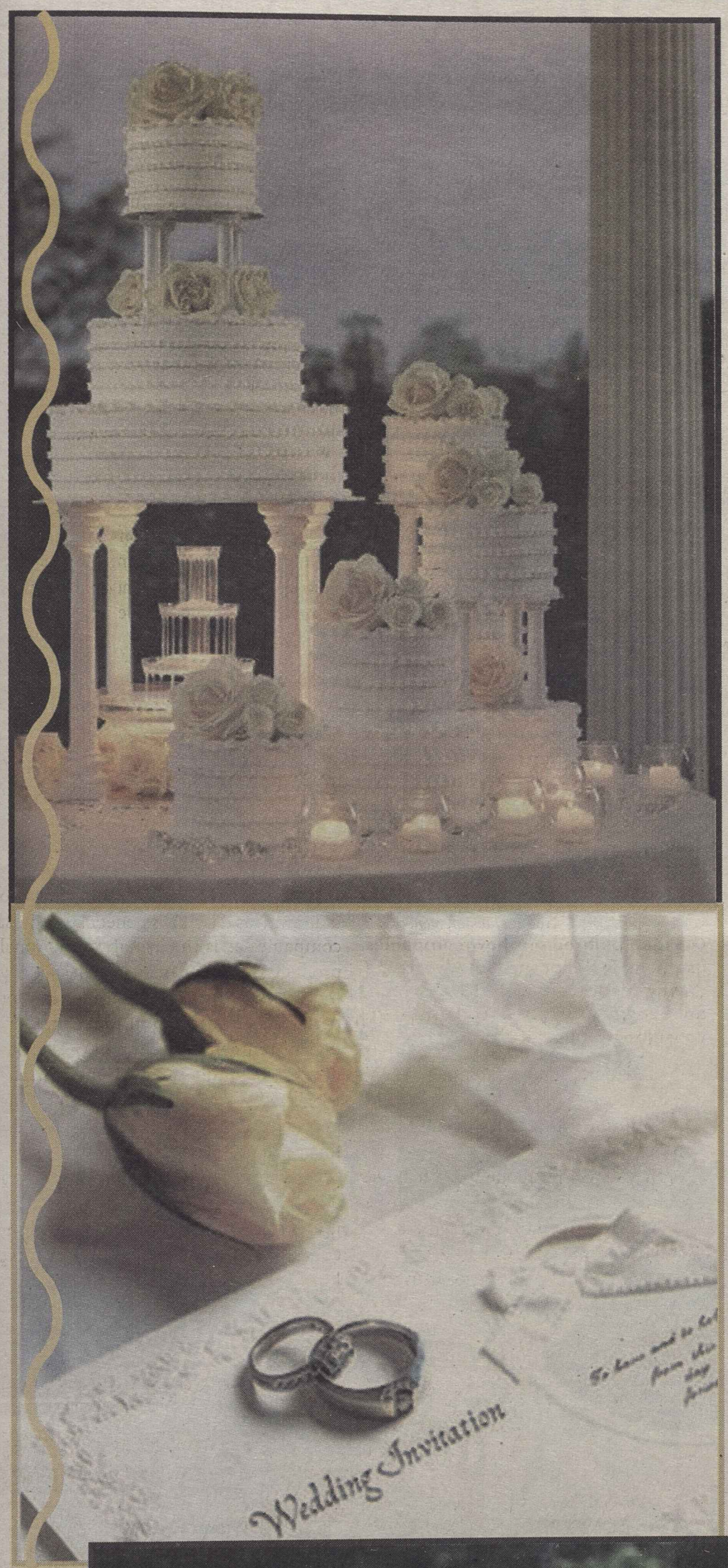
Residence Life sponsered the Mardi Gras party in Founders main lounge. Students got to play with a Wii, enjoy Mardi Gras food and socialize with friends. SPARC also sponsered a table handing out Mardi Gras beads and raising awareness about health issues.



student issues

Young marriage on the rise

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Staff Writer

This year, some Elizabethtown seniors are not just planning a graduation party, but a wedding as well. For four seniors, this year means something more than meeting graduation requirements, suiting up in academic regalia, and saying good-bye to friends.

More students are getting engaged and married, opposing the increasing national average marital age. In 2005, the average age was 26 for women and 27 for men, according to *usatoday.com*. A possible cause for this increase is that many people get remarried at an older age after they get divorced. So why do more students plan weddings during college?

Senior Carl Marrara and his fiancée, senior Kelly Heich, have known each other since freshman year of high school.

"We went to [different] high schools, two and a half hours apart, but we competed against each other nearly every weekend in speech and debate tournaments. When we met, Kelly hated me," Marrara said. "I was her first loss ever in a debate tournament, but she's beaten me every time since."

The two dated for over five years before Marrara proposed last year. The average marital age doesn't matter to them.

"When you find the person you want to spend the rest of your life with, there is no point in waiting," Marrara said. He and Heich plan to marry in August of this year.

Senior Corin Kidwell will also be walking down the aisle in August 2009. She and her fiancé, Kevin Dundore, met in high school and started dating in 2004. They became engaged this past December.

Kidwell does not feel that she is missing out on anything by being so committed at a young age.

"My fiancé and I attend different colleges, which allows us to form our own group of friends and not have to worry about spending too much time with them," she said. "On visiting weekends we hang out with each other's friends, so it actually is quite exciting and promising to have that security."

Senior Erika Belletti also agrees that she isn't missing out on anything.

"We both still have our own lives, our own friends, and our life and friends that we share," she said.

Belletti and her fiancé, Nicholas Musser, dated for about five years before becoming engaged two months ago. The two met while they were in high school through a mutual friend.

"I remember he came to our 10th grade school musical, just so he could see me in it," she said. "He hates musicals, which I didn't know. I don't think he's seen one since."

They plan to get married after Belletti completes graduate school in 2010.

Among the singles on campus, opinions on this matter vary. Junior Doug Summerson thinks college students are too young to get married. He feels that an engagement at this age would depend on the relationship, but thinks that it should wait.

Sophomore Alicia Conway agrees. She says that in order to get married in college, you have to have complete trust in your relationship.

"A lot of people do find their other half in college, but I think it's such a serious decision that it must be made in the real world," she said. "College is a different place than the outside world, so to know if you are with the right one, a person should first test out their relationship outside of college."

Sophomore Angela Coffey disagrees.

"Each person is different, and all situations are different," she said. "To me, it is not something that has a definite answer. In the end, it is up to what is best for the individuals and if they truly feel ready to commit themselves completely and selflessly."

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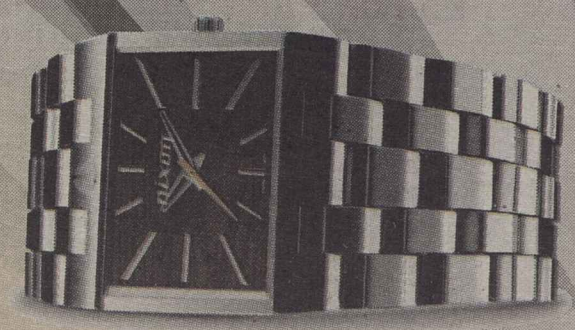

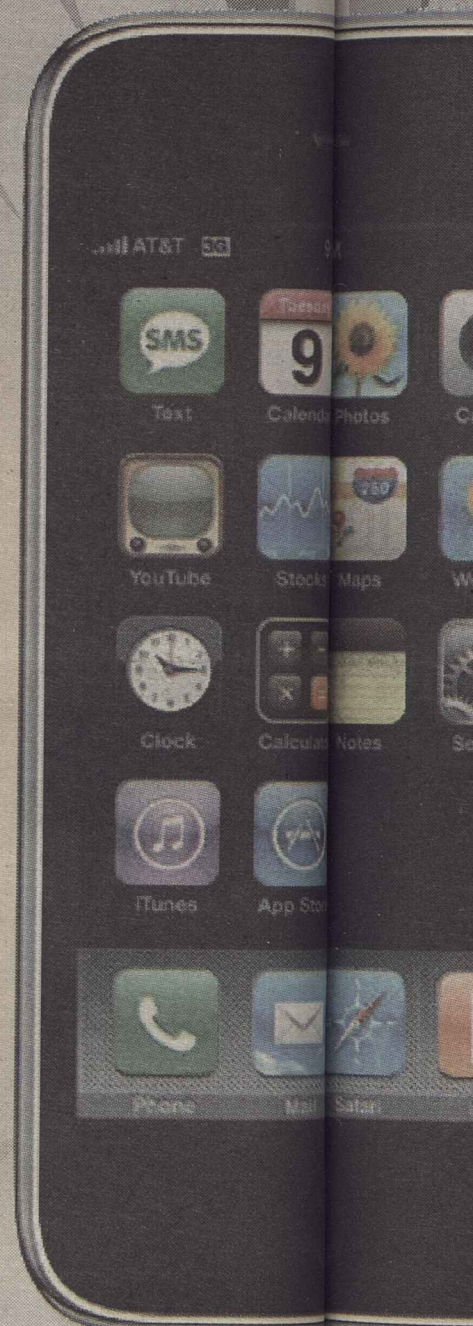

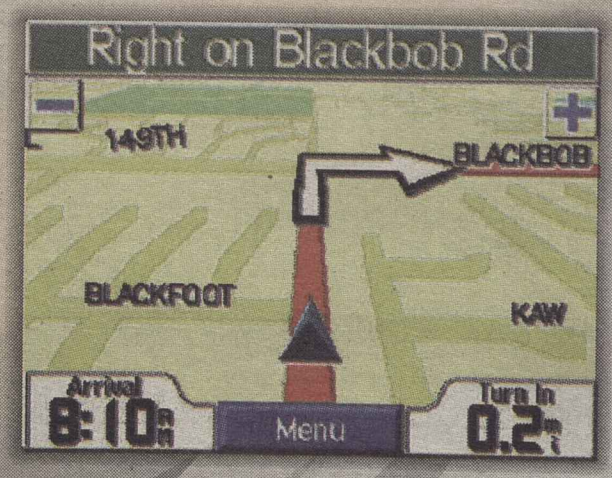

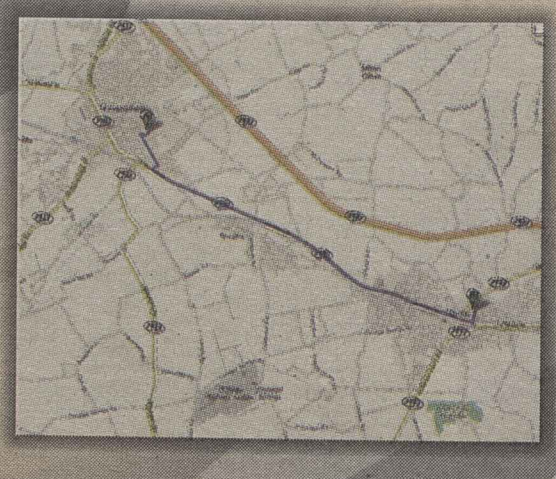

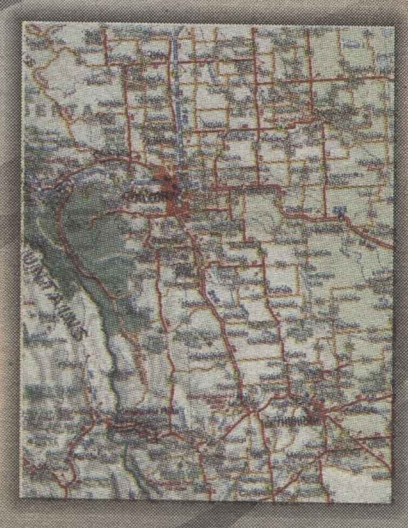

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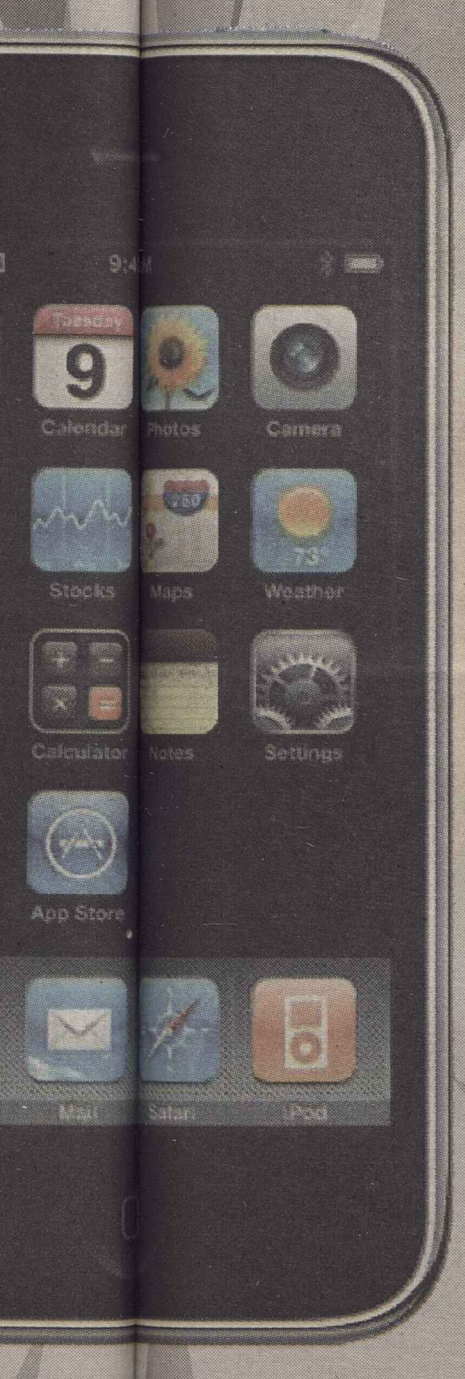

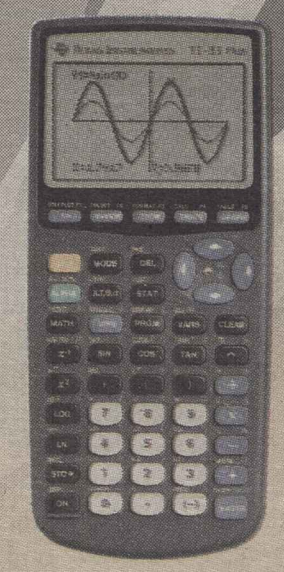

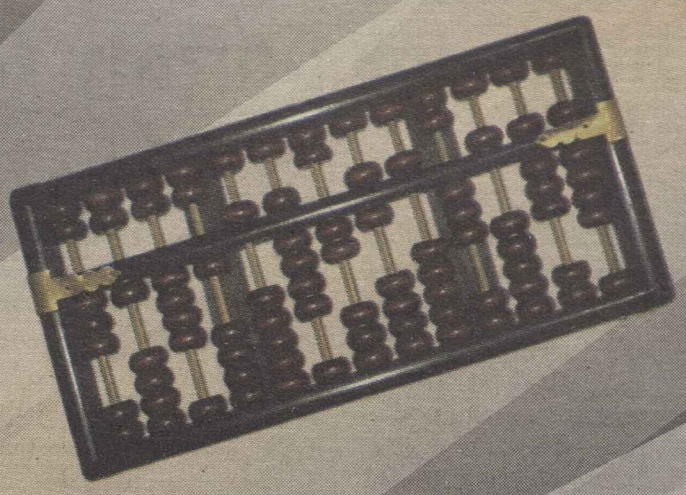

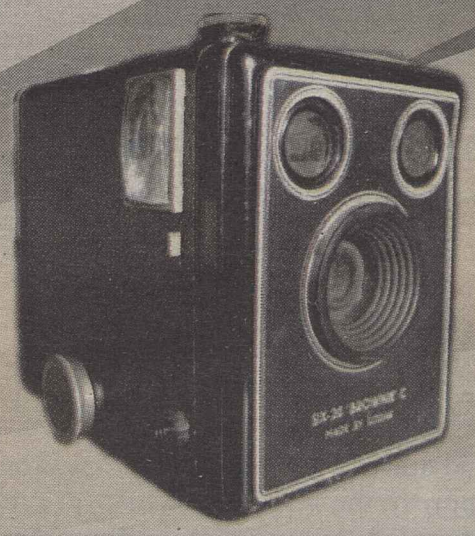

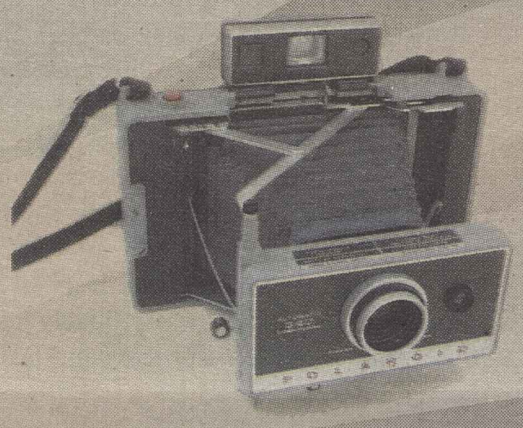

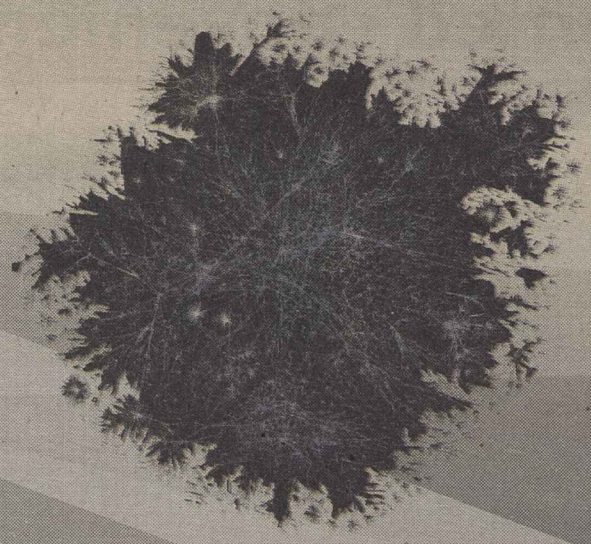

creationist or darwinist, you must admire technological evolution

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MP3 player

portable media player was the MPMan F10. total of eight songs and debuted in the sum- iPod was introduced in 2001, Apple became table digital media and still holds strong today. adds improvements that have been made over on of the first MP3 player.

The Internet

The Internet is used by college students every day to research for papers, chat on Facebook, or just browse through favorite videos. The founder of the Internet, Tim Berners Lee, made this lifestyle possible through his creation of the World Wide Web. Recently, the Internet has been revolutionized by wireless access like WiFi and cell phone technologies. The Web is now accessible on the go wherever you take your cell phone or laptop computer.

Watch

The iPhone also has watch, stopwatch and world clock features. The first portable watch was created in Germany by Peter Henlein in 1504. His watches were connected to a chain and worn around the neck. Later, his design made a metamorphosis into a wristwatch that is portable and lightweight. Today's modern watches can also contain MP3 players, Internet and other digital media.

Map

You can find directions to anywhere including favorite restaurants or places to shop. Global positioning systems (GPS) have helped in ground transportation and aviation immensely and now can aid regular consumers with the iPhone.

Calculator

The iPhone calculator application is a simple necessity. The first calculators were mechanical and bulky. Texas Instruments invented the first handheld modern calculator in 1965. This iPhone version allows an easier way to compute mathematical problems anywhere.

Phone

The telephone is one feature that sets the iPhone and the iTouch apart. The first telephone was created by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876. Later, Dr. Martin Cooper created the first cell phone in 1973. The phone Martin created was called the Motorola Dyna-Tac and weighed a total of 2.5 pounds. This differs greatly from the 4.7-ounce iPhone. The iPhone combines all technologies needed to function on a daily basis, making it easier for consumers to communicate, be entertained, and manage everyday tasks.

theater review

Thespians portray tale of forgiveness in 'The Tempest'

Laura A. Farnish
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown College theater department presents "The Tempest," a Shakespearian play exploring power, marriage, gender, the need for forgiveness and redemption.

Etown students have worked tirelessly over the past few months in order to prepare for the production, which continues through this weekend.

The plot of the play is light — the main conflict concerns the opposition of the all-powerful Prospero, played by senior Sam Gillam.

The play opens with a storm conjured by Ariel, Prospero's supernatural servant, targeting a ship. The boat's occupants are shipwrecked on an island; however, no one is hurt, and their clothes are in perfect condition. Prospero, with the help of Ariel, continues to complicate the lives of Miranda, Caliban, Ferdinand and others. He is unwilling to approve the marriage of his daughter, Miranda, to Ferdinand. He badgers Caliban, forcing him to work.

The play, however, is further complicated by the troubled heart of Prospero. Not until he finds forgiveness can he free either Ariel or the castaways. Prospero's eventual redemption and self-forgiveness provides a happy ending, to say the least.

"Perhaps exerting self-control leads to the forgiveness that we need to give others for their redemption — and also for our own clean break from the past and its freedom," director Michael Swanson said.

"I have learned a lot from this play. Beyond the increase in my vocabulary, I have learned a lot about what it takes to forgive. We like to think that forgiving someone is easy, but it is, in fact, the hardest thing that we can attempt to do. That does not mean that we shouldn't try to forgive; we should strive to forgive and become at peace with our lives," Gillam said.

The play experience has provided many rewards to other cast members as well.

"This is not a tale about retribution, but about [finding] justice, while showing forgiveness for those who have wronged you," junior Emily Grove said. "Relating to my character, [I am] in servitude to Prospero, but, in the end, [I'm] freed for the work that [I have] done. I think the idea of working diligently and forgiving those in your life will set you free, if not literally, but emotionally and spiritually. Prospero could have killed his sister or have done her mental and physical harm. He has the magical abilities to do this, but instead chooses mercy and love. I think this is a play to which all audience members can relate."

Shakespeare isn't stuffy, or boring, or confusing. It's so interesting, and such a fun experience to be able to perform.

Nicole St. Pierre
Cast member of "The Tempest"

"My favorite part of 'The Tempest' was probably just the rehearsal process and learning to get more in touch with my character (even though it's a small role) and the characters around me," first-year Rachel Saul said. "Shakespeare is very difficult, and it took a lot of work to fully understand each scene and the reasons behind the characters' actions. I also loved working with such a talented group of kids."

The actors also enjoyed a unique experience this semester: the visit of Curt Tofteland. Tofteland, the director of "Shakespeare Behind Bars," visited Etown and "The Tempest" actors earlier this semester.

"I learned a lot from one of our guests on campus, Curt Tofteland," Saul said. "He works with the Shakespeare Behind Bars program, and he was nice enough to have a master class with us a few weeks ago. He taught us to take rehearsals to the next level and think about things we had never thought about before.

"He really helped us to see past *what* our characters do and examine *why* they perform their actions."

Perhaps all of the actors, and even all playgoers, can understand the intrigue of Shakespeare found through "The Tempest."

After sifting through the often complicated language, one can appreciate the beauty of his work. Shakespeare tackles complicated plots and examines many follies of society.

"I have learned to really appreciate Shakespeare," sophomore Emily Knitter said. "The language really is beautiful."

"I want students to know that Shakespeare isn't stuffy, or boring, or confusing. It's so interesting, and it's such a fun experience to be able to perform," first-year Nicole St. Pierre said. "The stories he tells are so unique, especially 'The Tempest.' I hope that all the students who see the show will really be able to enjoy it. 'The Tempest' is a really great story, and I've loved every second of being able to participate in this production."

"The Tempest" will continue throughout Feb. 21. Stop by the box office, call x1170 or e-mail BOXOFFICE@etown.edu for tickets.

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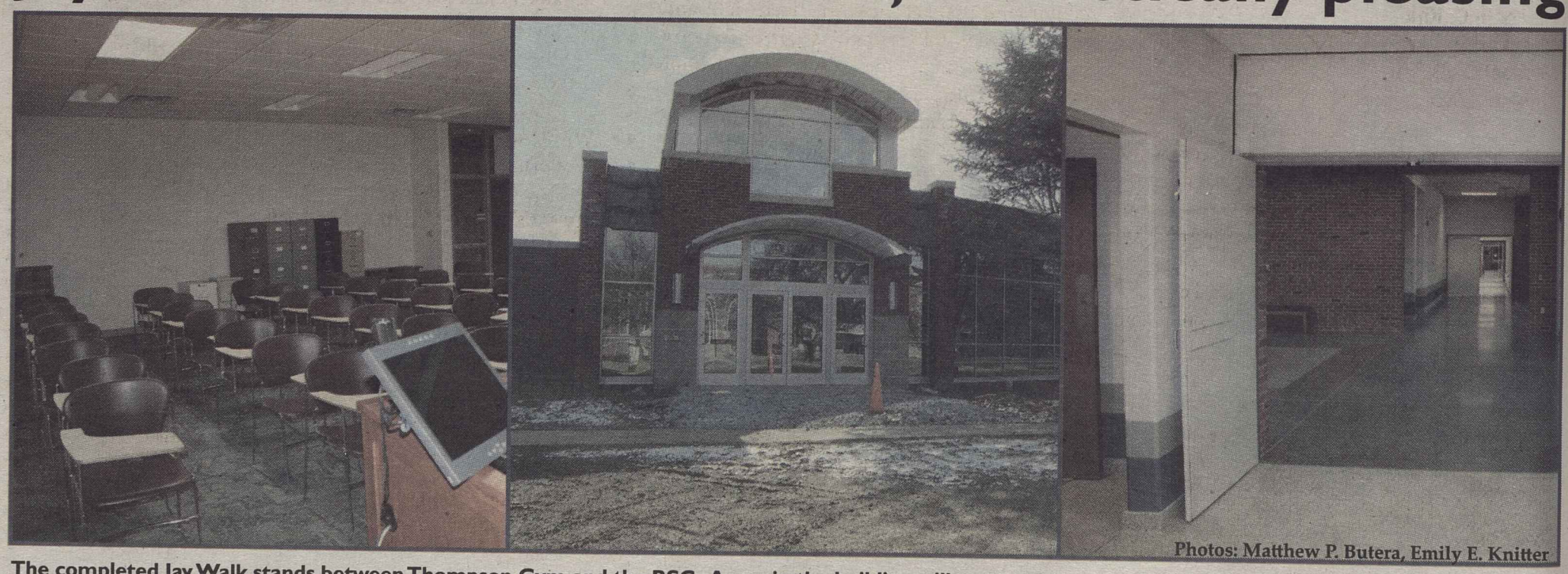

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The completed Jay Walk stands between Thompson Gym and the BSC. Areas in the building will serve as classrooms and offices for the athletic department.

Paige M. Tanner
Staff Writer

As you weave down the back hallways of the BSC toward Thompson Gym, you might assume you will see big blue doors shutting you out. Now, however, you are welcome to saunter right through the new Jay Walk. The Jay Walk greets you with blue-and-gray-blocked tiling on the floor and a smell of newness.

The Jay Walk's name comes from its use as a more accessible way to cut through the BSC to get to the academic buildings. For those who are traveling from Founders, the Apartments or the Quads, the Jay Walk creates a straighter path to the academic quadrangle.

Compared to the floor and locker rooms around it, this new passageway looks as if it was placed there by the wing of the Blue Jay itself. Bright new signs grace the walls, and glass doors on either of the hall let light in.

The Jay Walk also includes a classroom for the athletic teams, equipped with plenty of desks and a TV. Many coaches will use this room for meetings to go over new plays or information before and after sports seasons. The women's locker room is still accessible through the same door as before.

A large lobby is the first thing you will see when entering the Jay Walk. Chairs adorn the lobby, which also features a currently unoccupied information window. Once operational, it will be useful for new students. The lobby will be decorated with awards and pictures of Hall of Fame members. The newness in this space comes as a shock when compared to the hallways around it. The white tile from the outside hall ends suddenly, and the new blocks of blue and gray grab your attention immediately.

The Jay Walk also houses an office for every sports team. These coaches' offices present a more appropriate space to take prospective students who are interested in playing a sport.

"Athletes will now have space more conducive to conversations with coaches and each other," varsity volleyball Coach Randall Kreider said.

Kreider now has a space to call home; he can thankfully move the boxes of volleyball material from their current residence in his garage.

Many students appreciate the indoor passageway from the BSC to the gym.

"I love walking through the whole way when it's cold or rainy outside," senior Lauren Hoover said.

Students also commented on the newly constructed gravel road; it provides a straight path from the rear gym doors to the back of the BSC.

Now that the Jay Walk is open for all the birds to fly through, it's going to be hard to have an excuse for being late for class.

hot list

Where the 'potty' at: say goodbye to wee-wee woes

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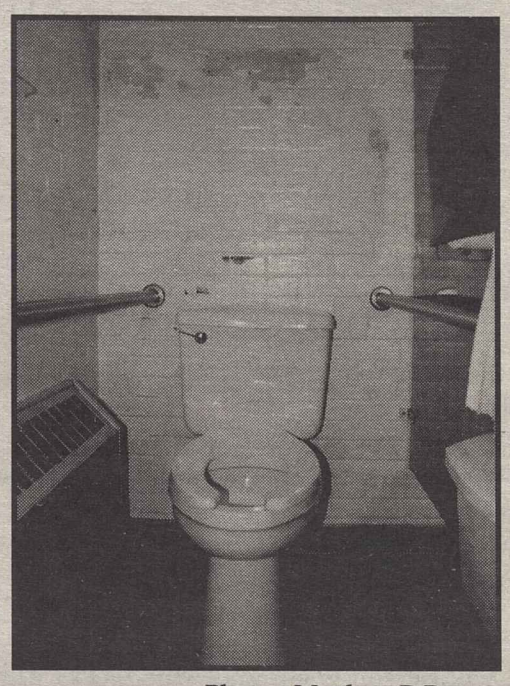
Everyone needs to use the bathroom, and when you gotta go, you gotta go. Bathrooms on this campus are few and far between. Yes, they are available, but unlike other colleges, there is not a restroom everywhere you turn. The following is a list of the best and worst bathrooms at Elizabethtown College:

Steinman: These stalls are always smelly, and if a small person entered, they would have to hop to get onto the seat. Additionally, the temperature of the Steinman restrooms fluctuates between fairly frigid and downright glacial. As if this weren't enough, the men's room is on the second floor, and the ladies' room is on the first — making it a long walk either up or down a long staircase that only enhances the urge to go.

Hoover: Maybe it's because they are some of the newest on campus, but these bathrooms are among the nicest, simply because they are clean.

Ober: There are many words used to describe Ober bathrooms, and "smelly" and "dirty" are putting it mildly. While other dorms sport stalls separated by walls and dividers, the showers in Ober bathrooms are individualized only by a thin curtain and nothing more.



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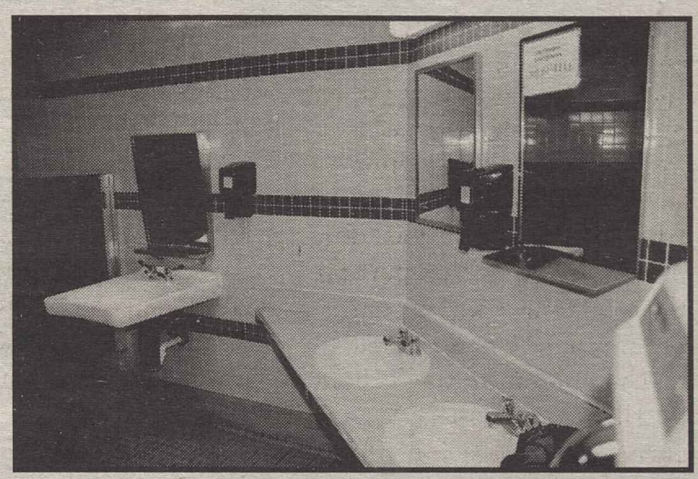
Chipped paint adorns a stall wall in Steinman. Students seeking urinary relief in this building might find themselves trekking up or down a flight of stairs.

Schlosser: Schlosser bathrooms are among the best of the dorm bathrooms on campus, with their perpetual cleanliness, the multitude of sinks and even the occasional bathtub. Each shower also has its own private changing area so girls don't have to run around half-naked in the hallways. Plus, every Schlosser hall features two bathrooms, so finding an empty shower is never an issue.



In the Marketplace men's room, the tiles gleam and the sinks sparkle. Though among the cleanest on campus, this luxurious loo lacks one key feature: paper towels.

Marketplace: The Marketplace bathrooms are fairly well-kept, with nice stalls and hardly any odor. But one problem emerges: no paper towels! The only method for drying one's hands are the hand dryers, and this is something that would irritate many who are hungry or working, and may not have time to wait for their hands to blow dry — and wet hands make for an awkward meal and unsafe food service practices. This simple problem makes relieving oneself seem inconvenient and almost a burden.

BSC: The bathrooms in the BSC are some of the most comfortable. There are enough stalls in the lower-level restrooms for all to share. The restrooms by Residence Life and the Center for Student Success are the true hidden gems. Each of these bathrooms has paper towels, and, more importantly, a clean and odor free atmosphere for taking care of your on-the-go needs.

food frenzy

Nearby options, quality cuisine

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There are many possibilities when deciding to dine out — besides the stand-by of good ol' Rockwell's — and two directions to go.

On one end, there is the fabulous sushi grill, Blue Pacific, off the Oregon Pike in Lancaster. On the other end, there is the always reliable and extraordinarily satisfying Outback Steakhouse on Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg.

These restaurants, which are just a short drive (approximately 20-25 minutes in either direction), are excellent locations for an outing with friends or even a hot date.

The Lancaster restaurant Blue Pacific Sushi Bar and Grill is located off the Oregon Pike/US-272 exit of 283 East, and is a short 20 minute drive from Etown. Their menu consists of an Asian blend but caters mostly to lovers of Japanese cuisine.

Upon arrival, the outside of the restaurant appears to be an ancient diner in need of a serious coat of paint. However, the entrance and décor create an ambiance and seclusion to allow for private dates or group outings. The china and exquisite deep blue water goblets create an upscale feel to a moderately-priced meal.

The menu is divided into well-headed sections, allowing guests to seek out what their taste buds desire.

Appetizer suggestions include scrumptious pot stickers, salty edamame pods or fabulous seaweed salad.

Entrée suggestions range from the always delicious General Tso's Chicken, the Chirashi Sushi bowl (consisting of an assortment of sliced fish on a bed of rice and seaweed salad), or a wonderful assortment of sushi rolls (we recommend the TNT, Green River Maki and the Spider Maki). Reservations aren't necessary for weekdays, but are highly recommended for Fridays and Saturdays.

Harrisburg's Outback Steakhouse is located off of the Union Deposit Road exit of I-83 North, a jaunty 20 minute drive from Etown. Upon arrival, the fun-loving ambiance hits you in the face with the old-fashioned steakhouse building and gigantic neon lights.

The atmosphere pulls you in through the gigantic wooden doors, allowing customers to see the brightly-clad wait staff running around. The décor is Australian, with the theme of the Outback covering every possible surface. With big screen TVs sporting ESPN and news channels, as well as a music mix of jiving tunes and funky downbeats, the atmosphere complements both fun dates and hilarious evenings with friends.

Their menu boasts a wide assortment of perfectly seasoned seafood and steak — no A1 sauce or salt and pepper necessary. Start off with the complementary pumpernickel loaf, served piping hot from the oven, with fresh butter. Then, do what we do: move on to the rest of the menu.

Appetizer suggestions include the Bloomin' Onion with zesty horseradish dipping sauce that goes perfectly with an ice cold drink. We also suggest the Gold Coast Coconut Shrimp (which are just as beautiful as the *real* Gold Coast).

Entrée recommendations are endless, but the best suggestion is the Victoria Center Cut Filet with the choice of a seven or nine ounce cut. The filets, which are cooked perfectly to order, are by far the best.

Pair with the bleu cheese chopped salad and the Aussie chips (french fries, for you mates who've never been to the island) for a mind-blowing flavogasm. Reservations aren't taken, but call-aheads are welcomed and encouraged.

movie review

'International' affair

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

In the film "The International," a collection of diabolical bankers sells weapons to villains, then bribes or kills anyone who seeks to prosecute them.

Louis Salinger (Clive Owen), Scotland-Yard-inspector-turned-Interpol-agent, is the only man who stands in their way. Assisted by Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Whitman (Naomi Watts), Salinger pursues leads across the Western World, but the bank confounds him at every turn.

"The International" supports its perhaps-too-good-looking stars with a reliable cast of television actors and C-list celebrities: Brian F. O'Byrne ("Oz," "Law & Order: SVU"), Jack McGee ("Rescue Me") and Ulrich Thomsen ("The World is Not Enough," "Festen") play an assassin, a detective and an investment banker, respectively.

East Germany's venerable Armin Mueller-Stahl ("Eastern Promises") takes the role of Wilhelm Wexler, the iron-hearted coordinator of the bank's most distasteful activities.

All of the production's speaking actors tackled their roles with discipline and experience; Mueller-Stahl's career alone consists of more than 100 parts. The resulting company was both believable and entertaining.

However, "The International" suffers from a bipolar script: director Tom Tykwer cannot decide whether he wants a cerebral thriller, a fast-paced spy flick or a gritty crime movie.

The murderously irregular pacing wrests audiences from country to country with little more than establishing shots by way of transition.

Elements of Bourne, Bond and Don Corleone — rooftop chases, gunfights and morgue inspections — speckle the film, but too many office standoffs (most of them laced with Watts' unlikely insubordination and fanciful one-liners) soil the experience. Real *district* attorneys usually don't fly into tiffs about *international* jurisdiction.

These small-but-frequent faults can break immersion. Other breaches of realism — too-rapid text-message conversations between France and the U.S., for example — are worsened by a redundant score and an excess of quotables.

"A man must know which bridge to cross and which to burn," Salinger said. Perhaps Tykwer should have burned the film's writer, Eric Singer.

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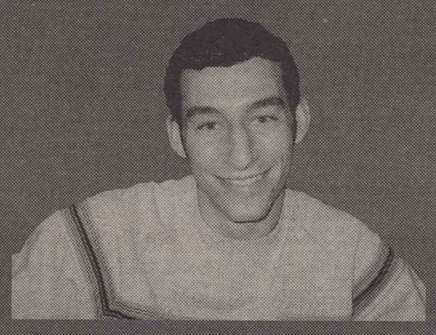
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MYER BEING CO-ED?

by Peter S. Northrop



David Spelfogel
Class of 2011

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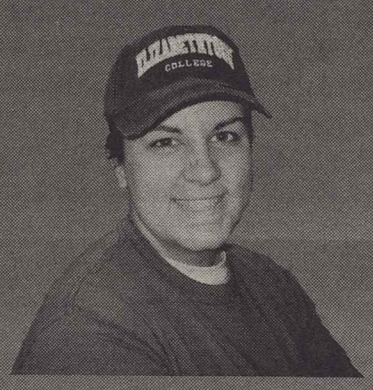

Chelsea Cornwell
Class of 2012

"It's a good idea if it brings more boys to the College."

Jonathan van den Ende
Class of 2012

"As long as they have naked Wednesdays, I don't care."

Katie Caprinolo
Class of 2010

"I think it'll be cool."

in the nation

Traditional media now becoming history

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Due to the increase of online news, traditional print media is suffering. Many companies are on the verge of bankruptcy.

Think about your typical day. If you're like most students here at Etown, this probably involves waking up, going to class, eating lunch or dinner with your friends, going to work, doing homework and maybe going to a club meeting or two. Then you wake up and do it all over again.

Now here's another question. Think about the last time you picked up a newspaper. And, no, not this issue of *the Etownian*, but a real newspaper, such as *The New York Times* or *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. You might read one occasionally if you are eating in the Marketplace between classes, but when was the last time you went out of your way to pick up a newspaper so that you could read about what was going in the world? Hopefully, pretty recently.

The sad reality is that the print media industry is slowly dying. Most teenagers today, myself included, use the Internet as their source of news. Whether it's CNN, FOX News or MSNBC, we would rather log on to the Web to get our news than pick up a print version of the paper. This problem is clearly a generational gap.

I can almost guarantee that your grandparents, and maybe even your parents, pick up a paper every morning and read it at the breakfast table while they enjoy a cup of coffee.

But how about you? When you go to check your mail or pick up a package, do you stop and grab your free copy of the newspaper at mail services? Or when you go to the Marketplace, do you sit and read the paper?

Right now, I am sitting in the Marketplace, waiting for my friend to come and join me for breakfast. While I am here sipping some coffee and writing this, I am looking around, and I see one — yes, one — person reading a newspaper. And that person is an adult who works in Dining Services; go figure.

For people like me who want to be journalists when we graduate, this is not good news. Will the print industry still be around in 10, 15 or even 20 years? Or will our generational gap grow enough to make us write for online editions of small newspaper companies instead of the big ones?

Now, I'm not blaming anyone in particular. We all do this. Even I am guilty of waking up in the morning and checking FOX News instead of running across campus to pick up a paper. Why? Because it's convenient. It is so much easier to just open my computer and see what is going on in the world than to put in the effort to hunt down a newspaper. Instead of flipping through endless amounts of articles in a real newspaper, you can simply click online and read only the ones that interest you.

I wish that we could all be more like our grandparents and parents in this respect. If we were, maybe we would not be running into this issue right now.

It is extremely scary for the aspiring writers of world, because who knows what kind of job opportunities will be around in the print industry in the years to come?

All of our hard work toward our intended major may be for nothing if the print industry continues to suffer the way it is now.

So I challenge you to pick up a newspaper once in a while. Shell out the 50 cents it costs for a paper and read about our country's current affairs.

People enjoy having conversations with others who are educated on the issues, and what better way to stay up to date than to read a daily newspaper?

on campus

Americans occupied with useless items

Katherine E. Blackman
Copy Editor

It has recently come to my attention that students on the Etown campus have actually purchased Snuggies, those useless infomercial fleece blankets with sleeves designed for easily-chilled grandmothers and couch potatoes. Available in burgundy, royal blue or sage green, these puppies go for $19.95 a pop plus $7.95 for shipping and handling. Order now and they'll throw in a *free* book light at no cost to you!

People, what are you thinking? That, like the commercial suggests, you'll be able to save money by *not* turning up the heat simply because you've purchased this overpriced nightmare of a blanket? While you're at it, turn out all the lights in your house and crack open a book to take advantage of your new book light.

Has America truly grown this gullible? I'm sure you've all helped to pad Billy Mays' employers' pockets when you purchased the Ding King, the "do-it-yourself dent and ding remover, with professional results." This famous and infamous infomercial personality has also touted Mighty Putty, the seal-anything putty, Mighty Mendit, a fast alternative to actually sewing the seams in your clothes, the HandySwitch, a portable light switch that looks like you just ripped it out of the wall, Zorbeez, a super-absorbent cloth (they have the power to sop up messes up to 27 times greater than paper towels or regular cloths!), and many others.

Make sure to check out the Sound Off poll and the opportunity to comment on articles on our Web site: www.etownian.com

I guess what bothers me most about Snuggies is the fact that they allow consumers to remain, in warmth and comfort, safely planted in front of their televisions. Sure, in the commercial an entire family, kiddies included, enjoy roasting marshmallows around a fire outside. But who in their right mind would actually wear these things outside? I can see the headlines now: Timmy suffered severe burns after tripping over the hem of his Snuggie and tumbling headfirst into his father's cozy campfire. In this day and age, who can legally have campfires in their backyard anyway? Is that $19.95 fabric flame-retardant? Will it melt when exposed to extreme heat and turn your body into a smoldering mass of synthetic materials and blistered flesh?

So my point: Americans today have become so embedded in their own capitalist, materialistic culture that we actually allow people to patent and sell absolutely useless items like the Awesome Auger and collapsible wooden stairs that allow small household pets to easily leap onto your bed. Thanks, but I can dig holes with a trowel the old-fashioned way when I plant flowers, and Sparky is better off on the floor where he can shed to his little heart's content without contaminating my sheets. Lifetime guarantee.

in the nation

Families, businesses need help

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Staff Writer

Families across the country stagger as the economic crisis continues, forcing businesses to lay off workers.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the crisis has already wiped out 2.6 million jobs in the United States. Small businesses are hurting from the depression and, as a result, many must lay off workers and close.

Families struggle to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads while they attempt to pay the bills with part-time jobs and unemployment compensation. To propose that a family raise children with no health insurance and very little income is outrageous.

Our nation is in dire need of a hero with the solution to this economic problem.

President Barack Obama whipped out his cape and proposed the stimulus package as a solution to the current financial difficulties.

Obama's package is designed, just like any fiscal stimulus, to boost economic activity during rough times. *The New York Times* gives a theory behind the financial boost: if more goods and services are bought with the aid from a tax rebate and more money is then thrown into the circulation of the economy, there is less need for companies to lay off workers. This is the best solution for motivating consumers to start spending money, which will greatly improve the economy.

The extreme dollar amount for the stimulus plan Obama and his team devised caused its share of controversy. Altogether, the package is $789 billion, which is the biggest stimulus plan this nation has ever seen. Students, and those affiliated with the school system, will be happy to hear that $150 billion of this package is devoted to new federal spending for school districts, child care centers and university campuses. This increase more than doubles the Department of Education's current budget.

Obama's objective for the stimulus package is to help teenagers go to college, decrease energy bills, and make more jobs by modernizing schools, roads and utilities. The president's plan is projected to save or create more than 3.5 million jobs. This is the best way to restore our economy and also secure our nation's future. Because of the stimulus package, many more children will have the opportunity to receive a decent education.

The stimulus plan was finally passed through the House and Senate Feb. 11, 2009. The stimulus package is a two-year plan that will gradually disperse, but the *Wall Street Journal* projects a bulk of the stimulus package won't hit the economy until late 2009.

Other portions of the stimulus package will be aimed at health care in the U.S. For example $90 billion will be going to Medicaid payments. This will greatly help families that lost their jobs and hence couldn't afford health insurance. Anyone receiving unemployment checks will also qualify for Medicaid.

Small businesses will have the option to immediately write off capital investments and purchase new equipment. The stimulus package also contains incentives for businesses to invest in renewable energy.

Portions of this vast rescue package will go towards every area of our nation that needs financial support. With this stimulus package in effect, great improvements will be made. In no time at all, America will be pulled back on its feet.

in the nation

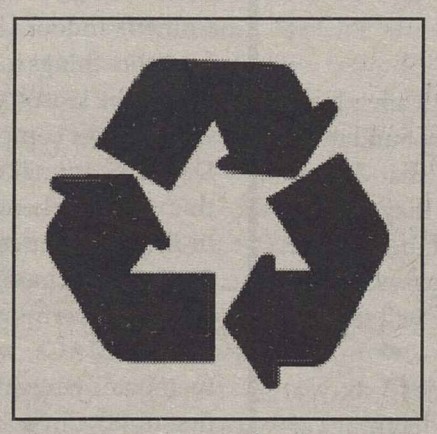
How to fix the America we love

Nathan D. Derr
Staff Writer

With the signing of Obama's massive stimulus program and the order to close Guantanamo Bay, we're already seeing signs of the change promised by our new commander-in-chief. However, some critics are saying that this might not be enough of what is needed to make a difference. So I feel it's my civic duty as an American to give my suggestions for getting the country back on track.

First: the economy. The obvious solution to get things moving again is to allocate the money where it will do the most good and get it out of the hands of those just wasting it on trivialities. In other words, the poor. How can they be expected to jumpstart the economy if every last cent they have goes to *food for their families*? Give it to those buying cars and boats and mansions. And if the American dream is to become wildly successful and wealthy, then aren't these freeloaders being unpatriotic? If we institute a non-income tax, that is – taxing them for not making money – then they'd be a hell of a lot more motivated to get jobs to pay off their crippling taxes.

Second: foreign policy. Once again, the answer is so obvious it's laughable that no one has proposed it before now. Disband the military and turn all our weapons/tanks/medals into scrap metal, save a few nuclear warheads. "But Nate, if we do that we'll be vulnerable to attack!" Shut up; I'm getting there. Everyone knows that you never hit a crazy person, so we become that crazy person. Just to show we mean business, we fire off a couple nukes at the moon. Or Disney World. The world suddenly starts saying, "Wow, the U.S. is really off its rocker," and starts acting a lot more politely to us. And if we got lucky, a piece of the moon would land on Osama bin Laden.



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One way to boost our economy would be to recycle things we don't need (tanks) into things we can use (metal housing).

Finally: exports. A common criticism of the U.S. is that our only export is war. And if we renounce our old ways to be the crazy guy, we won't even have that anymore. So what's to be done? Well, after scrapping all our instruments of war, we'll have more of two things than anyone else in the world: scrap metal and prisoners. We turn our prisons into factories that produce cheap, metal housing and ship it around the world. Higher production quotas could lead to better treatment and shortened sentences, and a portion of the income could go back to the prisons and take some of the burden off taxpayers. That way we kill two dictators with one moon rock. And all the prisoners who aren't working in the factories can run in giant hamster wheels to generate renewable energy.

This is just a sampling, and I can only hope that someone in power will take my humble suggestions to heart. If you know anyone in government, be sure to pitch my ideas. I'll give you a cut of the check when it comes through.

staff column

Greener grass

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

I don't smoke dank. I've never nibbled a nug, held a roach, traded jays, or gotten ironic on chronic. I have great sympathy, however, for the fetid finger fans out there. When it comes to banning the bowl, I think that the legitimacy of smoking trees should be based on another kind of cabbage: dolla' dolla' bills.

California is short on green (money, not reefer). With a deficit of $15 billion (a third of its general fund!), the Governator is illing for notes (still money). Yet hippie lettuce (weed) is California's largest cash crop, "valued at $14 billion annually," according to *thebigmoney.com*. Harvard professor Jeffrey Miron asserts that national decriminalization would save $13 billion in enforcement costs and add billions in sin-tax revenues. For California, which covers 13 percent of our country's economy, up to $3 billion a year could be repaid just by having 4:20 time *all the time*.

Furthermore, a massive amount of California's 168,000 inmates are incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses. Miron estimated that taxpayers fronted a national total of $484 million on keeping bud enthusiasts behind bars. Feb. 9, in the face of staggering debt, California judges ordered the release of 55,000 prisoners, many guilty of no more than rolling it up/lighting it up. As of Feb. 18, Californian legislators are still deadlocked in budget negotiations — approximately $16 billion in spending cuts are three Republican votes away from reality — and yet no one has made any real progress towards stemming the $500-per-second state deficit. Puff and pass this one, boys: legalize sticky icky.

We don't want to turn L.A. into Amsterdam; the Sun Belt is dirty enough already. Unchecked drug use of any sort can ruin societies, devastate the lives of the young, et cetera. Hogger still worries the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. But if some folks feel like ignoring risks and putting the lime in the coconut, we should tax 'em.

Until the U.S. drastically changes its policy on toking Tonto, everyone should either keep their garlic knots to the privacy of the garage or stay away from the parsley entirely. But if you're growing Maui wowie, a day may come when the government will let you sell to cat-food enthusiasts without pretending that your nodge is oregano.

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etown women's basketball

Despite second half action, seventh straight game loss

Melissa L. Jones
Staff Writer

The Lady Jays slid to 10-14 overall Saturday in a 71-59 Commonwealth Conference loss against the number-two ranked Lebanon Valley Flying Dutchmen. The seven-game losing streak leaves the women 3-8 in the conference, just short of any playoff hopes.

But their record does not show how good they are and how well they work together as a team.

"For the first time in four years, we have a team that gets along really well and enjoys being together as a team," senior forward Jenn Montague said. "We are just not winning."

The Lady Jays have lost four of their last seven games by less than 15 points.

"One fight, one team. That's our motto," junior guard Courtney Kofeldt said. "When we stick to that, we play to the best of our abilities."

In preparation for Saturday's game, the Lady Jays went back to the basics. The team practiced shooting and just tried to relax and have fun. They also watched film from LVC's last games against Lycoming and Etown. They decided to try and change their defensive formations to focus in more on the Dutchmen's key players.

LVC had a lot riding on their Senior Day game. A win over Etown would lock up the second seed slot in the conference and secure home field advantage in the playoffs. This would mark the first time in four years that LVC hosts a postseason game in either men's or women's basketball.

LVC senior Megan Bish scored first in the game with a layup to put the Dutchmen ahead by two. About three minutes into the first half, a layup by Etown senior guard Megan Quinn tied the game at

Photo: Matthew. P. Butera

Going for the hoop, senior Megan Romano takes a shot against Lycoming College Feb. 11.

4-4, but that was the closest the Lady Jays ever came to the lead. Two free throws by LVC senior Amie Bickert sparked a 14-0 Dutchmen shooting streak just a minute later. The Dutchmen led by 21 points in the half.

"If the game had ended at the first half it would have been a bad game, but we really pulled it together in the last half," Kofeldt said.

The second half saw a rejuvenated team with the Lady Jays really working together, passing the ball and forcing turnovers. Shooting just over 45 percent in the second half, the team managed to cut LVC's lead to just 11 twice. They also out-shot the Dutchmen in both 3 pointers and free throws.

The team's impressive second-half display of both offensive and defensive skills kept the Dutchmen's final lead to just 12 points. Unfortunately, LVC's desire to host a postseason home game proved too strong for the Lady Jays to overcome.

However, when the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Jays had doubled their shooting percentage and could boast four players in the double digits. Quinn finished with a game high 22 points and tied her career high of 14 rebounds, including seven offensive grabs. Kofeldt finished with 14 points, four of which were from behind the three-point line.

Senior guard Megan Romano contributed 10 points and five assists while first-year forward Stephanie Ellwood also posted 10 points, including two 3-pointers.

The team is now looking forward to their Senior Day contest against Arcadia. In last month's matchup, the Lady Jays defeated the Warriors by 35 points.

"It's our last game of the season, and we all just want to focus in on winning this game," Montague said.

The Lady Jays face Arcadia next Saturday in their final game of the season. The game is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Thompson Gymnasium.

etown wrestling

Wrestlers prepare for Metro Championships

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

With the regular season finished, the Elizabethtown wrestling team is looking ahead to the Metropolitan Championships this coming Sunday.

The Blue Jay wrestlers have had to deal with a tough season that did not showcase their best efforts as a team. In the start of the season, they lost key players to injury, which forced more pressure onto the shoulders of the younger, less-experienced team members. They head into the championships with a 5-12 record — a disappointing standing, but not something that they will let hold them back or negatively impact their performance.

"Just going through a grueling season takes its toll on the kids," six-year Coach Eric Walker said. "As far as a negative impact, only if they let things affect them could it be negative."

In the beginning of the season, the team beat out Messiah, which was a team goal according to junior Eric Rhoads. During the week of Jan. 5 at the Pete Wilson-Wheaton Invitational, Etown placed 13th out of 41 colleges, the highest finish at the invitational in school history. Last week, the team got a morale boost when they beat out Hunter College, winning six of nine bouts. Despite the letdown of the season overall, the wrestlers seem to have picked up the pace and stepped up to the plate.

The wrestlers have had shorter but more intense practices in preparation for the Metropolitan Championships.

"Practices have picked up in intensity," first-year Brian Frantz said. "Coach keeps reminding us that the intensity of practice is much more important than the time of practice."

Live wrestling has been mostly eliminated at practices to keep the team members at their freshest and in the best physical form possible.

While many team members have a shot at achieving something big at this weekend's championships, there are a few standouts on the team.

"Expect some things from Tyler Erdman, Jereme Heisey, Bill Meaney and Deron Sharp," Walker said.

Jereme Heisey is the lone senior on the team, wrestling in the 157 pound division, and had 22 wins last season. Deron Sharp and Bill Meaney are both juniors, wrestling in the 197-pound division and the 184-pound division, respectively. Tyler Erdman is a first-year but was the AA champion last year, when he wrestled at 119 pounds.

The Metropolitan Championships will take place this coming Sunday, Feb. 22, at nearby York College.

etown track and field

Last chance before MACs

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

With the MAC championships in the near future, the men's and women's indoor track teams still have a few more things to accomplish before the end of the season.

The team competed at the Valentine's Day Invitational at Dickinson College this past weekend, where they looked to improve times and qualify for the conference championships.

"We are trying to get everybody qualified for MACs, whether it's improving their qualifying time or qualifying for the first time," Chris Straub, director of cross country and track and field, said. "We're using this meet as a place to refine small aspects in events and fix the little intricacies that go into each event."

Overall, the teams scored in the top half of the final placement. The women finished in seventh place out of 14 teams, and the men finished in sixth out of 16 teams.

Senior Chelsea Miles led the show for the women by placing in all three of her events. She took first in the high jump and improved her personal record to 5'2. She also placed second in the long jump and third in the triple jump.

"I didn't do anything special before the meet to prepare," Miles said. "I just tried to do the best job that I could do. Now I'm looking to qualify for nationals."

Though the relay teams have been headlining the past few meets, the Dickinson Invitational gave more individuals a chance to shine.

Since the distance medley A-team relay teams recently competed at Penn State and the New Balance Games, they were not required to compete at Dickinson College.

"This was one of our better meets," first-year Steve Boyer said. "We had a lot of people qualifying for MACs and improving their times."

Sophomore Allie Gold placed fourth in the 55-meter hurtles and finished 11th out of 34 in the 200-meter dash. Senior Amanda Daws finished seventh out of 37 in the one-mile run.

For the men, junior Wyatt Eaton placed in all three of his events. Eaton stole the show in the 400-meter dash, finishing first out of 45 runners with a time of 51.87 seconds. He placed seventh in the 55-meter dash, and he also finished with a personal best in the high jump, ranking fifth.

First-year Pat Doughty placed 13th out of 65 runners in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.40 seconds. Junior Kyle Grimm finished 12th in the 800-meter dash ahead of 27 other runners and had a time of 2 minutes, 6.91 seconds.

Two Blue Jays finished in the top five in the one-mile run: sophomore Chris Heisey placed fourth, and first-year Evan DeArmitt finished right behind him in fifth.

MAC championships will take place Feb. 29, and the teams are entering the meet with high expectations. The men have won six straight MAC indoor titles and want to continue the tradition this year. The women won the title two years ago and are looking to finish at least in the top four teams.

Feb. 21, the teams will compete at the Susquehanna Open as a last chance to qualify for MACs. hey will then travel to Virginia Tech for a final opportunity to qualify for the Division III national championship meet March 13 and 14.

etown men's basketball

Men close season Saturday; look to playoffs next week

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Coming off two tough losses, both by double-digits and to teams that the Blue Jays have beat previously in the season, would be a daunting task for any team— and when a playoff berth is up for grabs, it makes the pressure that much more unbearable. However, if there is one thing that the men's basketball team has proven throughout the year, it is that they are resilient. They reminded their opponents of this Valentine's Day, when the men squeaked out a victory against the Lebanon Valley Dutchmen with a final score of 78-74.

The men were led by sophomore Joe Flanagan, who ended the game with 22 points and a 54.5 percent field goal rate. Flanagan also ended the week with conference honors, earning his second Player of the Week award for the Commonwealth Conference since the season started. His first was received for the week of Jan. 5-11.

Sophomore Keith Fogel also contributed greatly to the win Saturday, racking up 17 points, along with the go-ahead 3-pointer in the final three minutes of the game, and shooting an impressive 70 percent throughout it.

Junior Mike Church also recorded another double-double, finishing with 11 points and 10 rebounds, a game high.

Junior Chris Jones appeared strong coming off the bench, putting up 10 points in only 11 minutes and shooting solid from beyond the arc.

The Blue Jays clinched their first playoff berth since 2006 with the win over Lebanon Valley. They were aided by Lycoming's loss at Widener the same day. The secured victory shows the commitment the Blue Jays bring onto the court during every game. It also shows the need for continual improvement, and the team seems to recognize that.

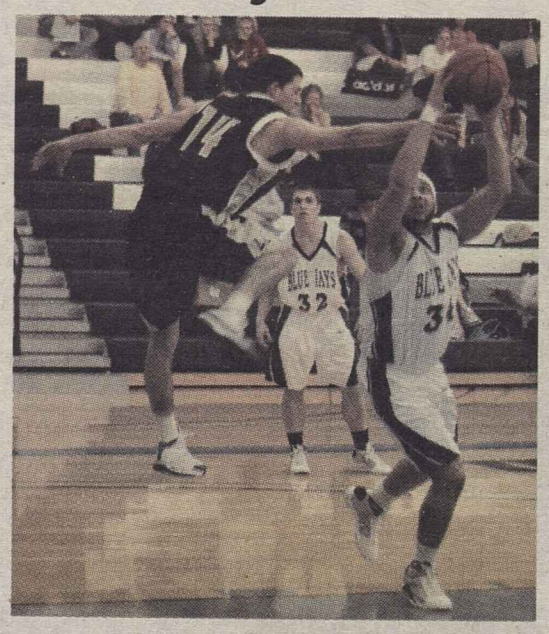

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Sophomore Chris Hill goes for a shot against Sebastian Sabella of Lycoming College last Saturday.

"We know, as a team, that if we come out and play hard for 40 minutes, we can beat anyone in the conference," Jones said.

This feeling appears to be consensual throughout the locker room at every game — and, because of this, there has yet to be a game during the season that Etown has not had a legitimate shot at winning. Although a winning mindset appears to be present before each game, one issue the team has been facing is the loss of confidence throughout the 40 minutes.

When asked what he feels the team needs to improve upon, senior captain Phil Schaffer said, "Mental toughness, which in turn will [lead to] fewer mistakes and miscues."

The team clearly showed that toughness in the Lebanon Valley game. Having the tenacity to cling on to such a small lead so late in the game takes plenty of drive and motivation, and the ability to ward off the pressure of the situation and nail the shots presented shows how the team has grown over the course of the season.

The men's next game is their last of the regular season, as they will take on Arcadia at home this Saturday. After that, they will prepare for the Commonwealth Conference semifinals, in what will be Head Coach Bob Schlosser's 30th playoff game with the Blue Jays.

etown spring sports preview

New seasons bring positive outlooks for spring sports

Julianne A. Keys
Staff Writer

As spring approaches, the athletes at Elizabethtown College are ready to give 110 percent for the new sports season.

Though last year's seniors are gone, the remaining students are optimistic about this season and ready to go for the gold. The athletes are confident that this year's teams are experienced enough to achieve even more success than previous years, but not without hard work and cooperation.

Track and field teammates are fixed on winning the Mid Atlantic Conference (MAC) title again this year.

Junior track and field runner Abbey Anderson believes that "if we [the team] all step up at MACs and continue to work hard, we will be able to defend the titles that the men and women brought back last year."

Last year's teams set the bar high. The men's track and field team captured both the indoor and outdoor MAC titles, and the women's tennis team was the 2007-2008 Commonwealth Conference Champion. The golf, softball, baseball and lacross teams also saw success in their respecive spring seasons last year.

The baseball team's first goal is to play in the Commonwealth Championship games again this year. If they win that, they will try to go to the national championship, which will take place in Appleton, Wis.

"We need to push one another. We remember the feeling of watching Messiah win the championship last year, and we do not want to go through that again," junior pitcher Ryan Barrett said. "We need to want it more than any other school in our conference."

The athletes place emphasis on positivity and hard work.

"If we keep up the momentum and our spirits, it will definitely show in our performances," Anderson said.

Team unity is highly promoted on campus; one can always find a team eating meals or just hanging out together.

"The good thing about our team is that we are pretty close, so, if anything, that should help our doubles game," sophomore tennis player Kate Roderick said.

By befriending teammates, communication during games is made easier, and morale is raised when onlookers cheer for their friends.

Some of the teams have already started their season, and, so far, are off to a great start. Lacrosse, baseball, track and field, golf, softball and tennis players are constantly practicing across campus.

They are ready to play their hardest and achieve their goals as a team. Roderick sums up the aspirations of many of the student athletes, saying, "I think our overall goal is just to push ourselves to do as well, if not better than, last year."

With positivity, friendship and the drive to succeed, the Blue Jays have what it takes to reach all of their goals.The first spring sports games begin this Saturday. Baseball will face Shanendoah, and women's lacrosse plays York.

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etown swimming

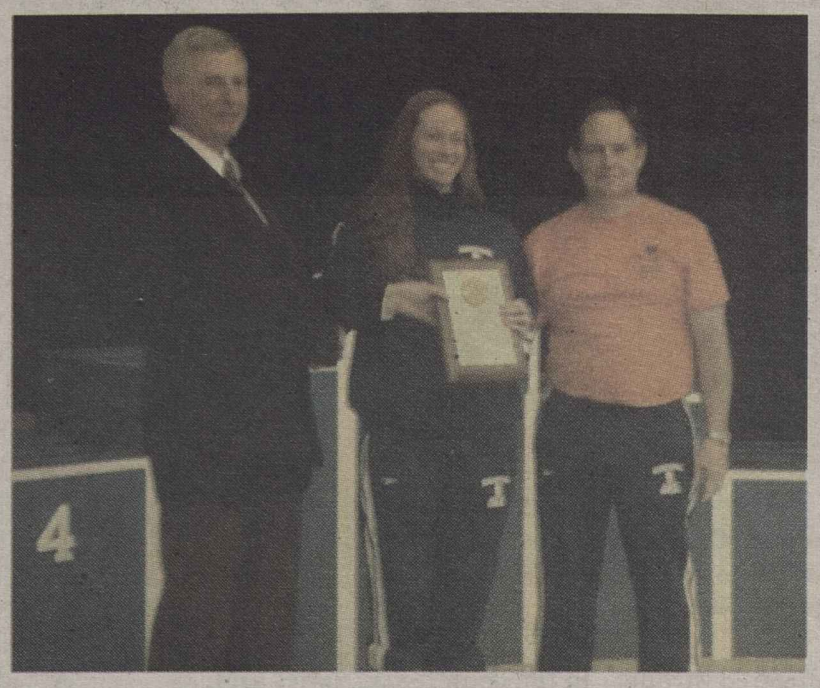
Geiger earns MVP; team competes at MACs

Joelle E. Atkinson
Assistant Campus Life Editor

The swimming season ended this past weekend with the Mid Atlantic Conference Championships at the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center, where the swim teams placed fifth and seventh out of 10 schools. Senior Gretchen Geiger was honored with the David B. Eavenson Award for the Most Outstanding Swimmer at the meet.

Geiger won three gold medals in the 400 individual medley, the 100 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke. She is the first Elizabethtown swimmer to recieve the award since Jack Zimmerman in 1997. Saturday was Geiger's big day, where she won the 400 individual medley (IM) with a time of 4:46.63 and broke the school record for the 100 breaststroke with 1:07.77. The record had originally been set by Heidi Yoder in 1999. She captured her third gold Sunday with a time of 2:25.95 and won the race by nearly four seconds. Geiger's performance lead the team to a fifth-place finish.

In a season full of highs and lows, the Lady Blue Jays managed to pull off a successful finish as a team at the MACs. Beginning Friday, junior Lindsay Riley placed fourth in the 50-freestyle (25.57), and senior Jenny Brizek took sixth in the 200 IM with 2:21.62. In the 200-freestyle relay, the ladies placed third with the team of Brizek, junior Kara Geiger, sophomore Stephanie Hellman and Riley. The team of Gretchen Geiger, Riley, sophomore Courtney Kelly, and Brizek placed fifth in the 400 medley relay with a time of 4:18.93.



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Smiling wide, senior Gretchen Geiger accepts the Most Valuable Player award from Ken Andrews, conference chairman (left) at the Mid Atlantic Conference championships last weekend. Coach Dan DeHass stands to her right.

Saturday, Riley placed third in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.11, while Brizek had a seventh-place finish in the 400 IM with a time of 5:11.30. The relay teams once again took action Saturday as well. The 200-medley team of Riley, Gretchen Geiger, Kelly and Brizek finished fourth (1:56.25) and the 800-freestyle team of junior Sara Crimmel, Kelly, first-year Emily Robinson and Hellman also took fourth (8:33.22).

On the final day of competition, Robinson finished fourth in the 1650-freestyle with a time of 19:03.14, Brizek placed seventh in the 200 backstroke (2:20.03), and Kelly followed in eighth place (2:20.45). In the 100-freestyle, Riley placed fourth with a time of 56.15, and Hellman finished right behind her with a time of 56.94 to gain sixth place.

The women ended the meet with a fifth-place finish in the 400-freestyle relay with the team of Brizek, Kara Geiger, Hellman and Riley and a time of 3:49.42.

Although they hoped to beat rival Lycoming with a third place spot, they did place over 200 points above sixth ranked finisher FDU-Floram.

Whether coming in fifth or first, the team has stuck together and bonded through all of the experiences of this year.

"Even though it was rough and intense, we all got each other through the sets," sophomore Rebecca Rose said. "That is what it really is about, getting each other through."

The men's swimming team has endured a rough season, winning only two of the last 13 meets and barely having a relay team with only four members. The team, consisting of juniors Matt Drob, Dan Provence, Kevin Smedman and sophomore Tom Hagerty, pulled through to receive a seventh-place finish in their final competition.

Drob placed sixth in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 55.24, and he, along with Hagerty, Smedman and Provence, competed in four relays in the same day. They came in sixth in the 200-freestyle relay (1:34.31), eighth in the 400-medley relay (4:01.66), eighth in the 200-medley relay (1:48.45) and seventh in the 400-freestyle relay with a time of 3:29.23. Provence has said that he can forsee a much better season next year.

"Basically," he said, "we have the skill level; we just don't have the numbers."

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Athlete of the Week

Joe Flanagan

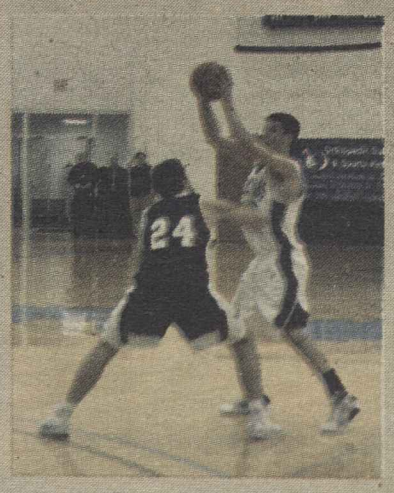
Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is tickled pink to name super tall sophomore basketball guard and forward Joe Flanagan as Athlete of the Week!

Last Wednesday, Feb. 11, Flanagan led the team, scoring 20 of the total 76 points, as the Jays defeated the Warriors of Lycoming College 76-56.

He also added two rebounds and two steals in his 28 minutes of play.

Three days later, Flanagan had another great game by dropping 22 on the Lebanon Valley Dutchmen, helping the Jays secure a playoff berth with their 78-74 win. He shot 4-8 from the land of three and 6-8 from the free-throw line, not to mention grabbing four defensive rebounds. A pretty good afternoon, I`d say. And that's without mentioning that four of those free throws came in the last minute of the game.



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Sophomore Joe Flanagan (right) looks for a pass.

The Jays will face the Knights of Arcadia University in the regular season finale Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thompson Gymnasium.

The Commonwealth Conference semifinal matchup will then be held Wednesday, Feb. 25, at a location that is yet to be detirmined.

Good luck to the Blue Jays as they enter the first round of playoffs and congratulations to Joe Flanagan for being named *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week!

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me:
I'm not Mennonite

Favorite TV Show:
Desperate Housewives

When I leave college I want to:
be earning and burning, snapping necks and cashing checks

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on campus

Newly acquired property prompts student speculation

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There is now a recent addition to Elizabethtown College. The College's newwest piece of proparty is located at 923 Campus Road. It was recently purchased at market price. The College owns 33 acres behind this piece of land and this acquisition connects all of the locations on campus.

What will the College put there? "Wallflowers," Joe Metro, director of Facilities Management said. "The process has already begun of tearing the buildings down." Behind this piece of property lie acres of corn and soybean fields rented out by a local farmer.

The property was purchased prior to the College's financial crisis, in which much needed renovations on dorms such as Ober, Myer and Royer have been put on hold. In addition to the delay on dorm reconstruction, several recently purchased properties, such as the empty land next to Founders, now lie underdeveloped and overgrown with weeds.

When asked how this new property would benefit students, Metro said it is a long term project. The College has purchased many properties for future development. This includes the 33 acres to which the new property is connected. Metro said it would be a revenue booster for the College, but there are "no plans to do anything with the land right now." The College saw this as an opportunity for the whole college community to grow larger and stay connected.

If students could see the future, they would want to see several different things on that piece of land.

Many students, such as sophomores Sam Alleman and Joanne Potter, believe that the new property is too far away to be convenient. "Why would I ever go there?" Alleman asked. Others, such as sophomores Rachel Sullivan and Stephanie Carroll and first-year Shannon Brown, think that it would be important to have more coffee venues on campus.

"I'd build a little café [or] coffee house where all of the Etown students could hang out," Sullivan said.

Carroll agreed, saying, "I'd like it to be another study area similar to the Blue Bean."

"I'm a coffee-holic, so I think a Starbucks would be a good asset," Brown added.

Sophomore Cait Hitchens agreed that anything newly built should be a gathering place for students. "A really comfortable place where students could hang out and feel like home," Hitchens said.

Photo: Peter S. Northrop

The College's newly-acquired property at 923 Campus Road as it looks today. No current plans have yet been drawn up for how the space will be used.

Junior and Student Secretary Autumn Metcalf sees this from a different perspective. "After collecting student concerns recently, students want a new dorm and some sort of fitness center."

Students such as sophomore Melanie Giardina and junior Allison Waldron agree about the need for new dorms on campus.

Because this new piece of land is located so far from the main part of campus, junior Laura Kuserk had a very different idea. "Another parking lot," she said. A new parking lot would allow for more students to bring their cars on campus and keep them in a centralized location.

on campus

Going Greek? Kappa Sigma looking to expand our way

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
News Editor

Since its establishment in 1899, Elizabethtown College has not played host to any Greek societies. However, by fall of 2009, history could be made. Ross Benincasa, a first-year student, is determined to bring the fraternity Kappa Sigma to campus.

Benincasa said he first heard about the fraternity while talking with a friend from home whose brother had joined the society in Amsterdam.

"I looked it up and really started to like Kappa Sigma — it's the biggest [fraternity] in the country," Benincasa said. "I figured that they would have the most resources to help us out. They do a lot of community service, and seeing as the College's model is 'Educate for Service,' and I'm an English education major, it seemed like a good fit."

"I kind of always wanted to get involved in some way," Benincasa said. "There was nothing at Etown that was built around that kind of community. I think it was November we started looking into it and got in contact with the head of Kappa Sigma."

Benincasa said that his first step was to get friends involved. "Everyone seemed to be happy about it and interested in joining," he said. "From there, we sent an email to head of recruiting at Kappa Sigma, and he forwarded it to their regional guy, who is out of Maryland. [We] went over some things we had to do to gain interest."

These things included starting a Facebook group in order to make students aware and passing out merchandise provided by the recruiting agent.

"[We] went over the basics; trying to form a colony which doesn't need school affiliation," Benincasa said. "We would need 25 guys to commit to helping this become established. When this happens, the directors will come to Etown, talk to Dean [of students Marianne] Calenda, the guys and President Long. If they approve it, it would become a full chapter which does have the school affiliation. Housing is optional, though people attribute it to housing. I'd be interested to have the guys close together; you could get a floor in founders or Ober or like a section to have everyone, but the actual aspect of having the close-knit of the fraternity would be easier in a house."

Still, the senior staff approval might not be a sure thing. Elizabethtown College President Theodore Long said that bringing a fraternity to campus might be "an upward climb."

"It would be a big step for the College to recognize social fraternities, so I'd say it's not something that's likely to happen," Long said. "We've built an identity without them and it would have to be a pretty big policy decision."

As for Benincasa's statement that Kappa Sigma would bring a much-needed sense of brotherhood to the College, Long doesn't think a fraternity is necessary.

"One of the things that I think is attractive about Elizabethtown is that students are free to form associations, and many of them have social functions of their own," Long said. "When people are part of

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news in brief

The FBI announced Monday that it has taken 48 juvenile prostitutes into custody. These results follow a 29-weekend sweep of cities in several states, including Alaska, California, Texas, Oregon and Alabama.

Department of Justice prosecutors, the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children together founded the Innocence Lost National Initiative in 2003. The initiative consists of 32 task forces, and their sweeps aim to rescue children who were forced into prostitution, many of them runaways.

The initiative has rescued over 670 children since the program began six years ago and has seized more than $3 million in cash and property, such as cars and computers.

A NASA satellite meant to monitor greenhouse gases in the atmosphere crashed just three minutes after launch Tuesday morning.

The satellite, a $273 million endeavor called the Orbiting Carbon Observatory, was launched from Vandenburg Air Force Base in California. The rocket itself was successful, but the payload fairing, a clamshell-shaped structure that allows the satellite to travel through space, failed to separate from the rocket, bringing them both back to earth.

"Initial indications are the vehicle did not have enough force to make orbit and landed just short of Antarctica in the ocean," NASA program manager John Burnschwyler said. "Certainly for the science community, it's a huge disappointment."

The death toll from the deadly Australia bushfires has risen to 210, police in Victoria said Tuesday.

As several small fires continue to burn, police are still working to identify bodies of all of the victims. To date, the fires have destroyed 2,029 homes. The previous total, as estimated by Bruce Esplin, the emergency services contact for Victoria, was 1,800 homes.

Compiled by Aidan E. Bauernschmidt from cnn.com.

in the nation

Plane crashes near Buffalo, N.Y.; kills 50

Christopher A. Tjaden
Staff Writer

A small town close to Buffalo, N.Y. saw Continental Connection Flight 3407 plummet from the skies around 10:20 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. The plane crash claimed 50 lives total; 49 of those killed were passengers on board, and the other was a victim in the house into which the plane crashed. Though the cause of the crash is still under investigation, many speculate that it was due to an icy buildup on both the wings and the windshields, according to CNN and *The New York Times*.

Flight 3407 was on a routine journey from Newark International Airport in N.J. to Buffalo Niagara International Airport that Thursday night. All appeared to be going as planned after takeoff. The crew even began to calmly discuss the icy buildup appearing on the wings, as indicated in the cockpit voice and data records.

According to CNN meteorologist Chad Myers, the weather was "icing all over western New York" at exactly the height at which the plane was flying.

"Almost every minute of their flight was in an ice event," Myers stated on CNN. The buildup disrupted the flow of the air over the wings and the plane stalled. According to Steven Chealander of the National Transportation Safety Board, the plane was a Bombardier Dash 8 Q400, certified for flight in icy conditions. The plane was equipped with pneumatic boots on the edges of the wings, which inflate and deflate in order to disable the accumulation when needed.

"This Dash 8 is a workhorse airplane," Steven Chealander, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, told *The New York Times*. "It's not really susceptible to ice."

When one of the pneumatic boots fails to break up the ice or simply doesn't work, a signal is sent to the cockpit, alerting the crew.

So far in the investigation, no such signal had appeared at any point in the flight, Chealander said.

Image: *metro.co.uk*

Firemen throw water on the blaze that erupted after Continental Connection flight 3407 crashed into a house near Buffalo, New York on February 12.

So if ice buildup was not the cause of the tragic crash, what was? One theory surrounding the crash is that the propellers may have become disabled in some way, causing the plane to lose momentum and plummet downward. When Chealander spoke about this issue, he also noted that at the scene of the crash, one of the planes' two propellers was completely disabled. Regardless of the actual casues, however, the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 will mark a major tragedy in 2009.

With this accident and other plane accidents that have occurred in the recent past, the nation watches to see how the airline industry reacts. With spring break approaching on most college campuses, travel is almost guaranteed. Etown's own men's soccer team will fly to Ireland over the break.

Mike Golder, a first-year forward on the team, said, "I didn't even know there was a plane crash, so let's fly." First-year Erik Webber, a left midfielder, said, "I'm not too worried; I've traveled by plane several times before, and I feel safe."

Despite the recent accidents and events in the airline industry, our men's team will still be traveling to Ireland for the break.

Through the sadness and despair over the loss of so many lives on Flight 3407, improvements will be made in needed areas to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again.

in the nation

Secretary of State, Clinton, takes Asian tour

Julia N. Hadinger
Staff Writer

Newly-appointed Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has spent previous several weeks visiting Asia. She has already stopped in major countries along the way, such as Japan and Indonesia, and she plans on stopping in China as well. This is Clinton's first trip as Secretary of State.

Clinton will reach out to other countries to show that the new Obama administration plans to deal with problems from a different perspective than previous administrations. We face conflicts as well as opportunities and Secretary of State Clinton plans on addressing every single one of them.

While in China Clinton will visit numerous places such as a town hall and a church, and will meet with many different people involving serious issues such as human rights, how to deal with, the economic crisis and North Korea.

Clinton also stopped in Tokyo, Japan while on her trip. The U.S. and Japan have had an up-and-down relationship and strengthening it is a major part in cementing our countries' reputations. Clinton spoke with many Japanese leaders and citizens about mutual environmental and economic concerns.

Some of the people who Clinton met included members of the Japanese Special Olympics Committee as well as the athletes and coaches of the team.

She also met with the famous Dr. Mukai, who is renowned in Japan not only for her history as a medical doctor, but also for missions on the U.S. space shuttles Discovery and Columbia she has taken.

While in South Korea, Clinton worked on global and regional issues. Both Foreign Minister Yu and Clinton agreed that the relationship between the two countries is extremely important to maintaining peace and stability both on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

Clinton and Foreign Minister Yu also came to many other important agreements. The two countries must work together to strengthen the relationship that is already there. This foundation is built upon the common values of democracy, human rights and the economy.

Both agreed that the Republic of Korea and the U. S. will not tolerate North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons and plan on continuous efforts to remove them.

Clinton, like President Obama, has already taken an ambitious role in her position's first months. Our country has had its ups and downs with Asia, but Secretary Clinton plans to strengthen our relationships.

By talking with China, Japan and South Korea, Clinton will have already begun to bring east and west closer together in the coming years.

Image: *CNN.com*

Hillary Clinton shakes hands with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jimbao at a Bejing meeting, capping off her Asia tour.

on campus

First-year's fraternity recruiting could break tradition

them, the social relationships are also important to them.

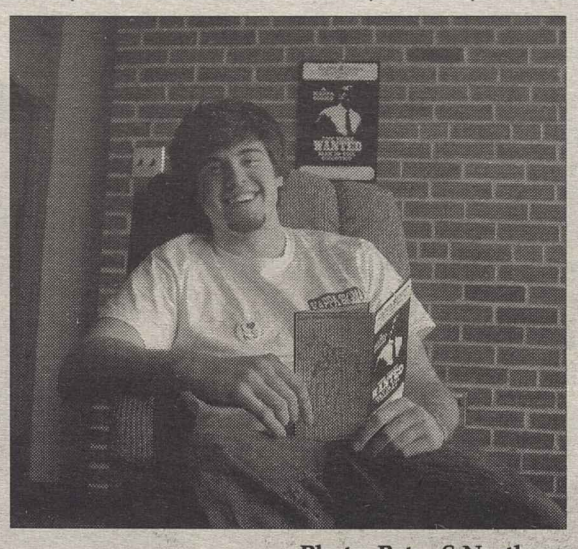
"So the students are free to associate however they want to, but the character of Etown has always been that students no matter what their activity have still had multiple and cross-cutting relationships, which is not what happens in sororities and fraternities, when people can become clustered in the groups themselves."

While Kappa Sigma may not seem like a local fraternity, Benincasa revealed that Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. has a sect. That branch, he said, even managed to incorporate its service into helping out a pledge when he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The fraternity brothers raised so much money in 4-5 weeks that few medical treatments needed to be paid for by the sick pledge's family.

Benincasa said that many of Kappa Sigma's activities would be "basic community service things, like picking up litter in parks, landscaping around the school [and] tutoring anyone that needs help in an academic subject. Guys in a fraternity have .4 to .5 higher GPA," he said, "and that's because you always have people over there to help you out."

Famous brothers of Kappa Sigma include Charlie Montorf, owner of the Colorado Rockies baseball team; Jimmy Buffet, the musician of "Margaritaville" fame; and U.S. Senator Bob Dole, former presidential candidate.

Benincasa has already seen his efforts go a long way, and remains optimistic. "We are still in the form of a colony right now, but the recruiter mentioned that he will give the school a call before they come down," he said. "We have 18 guys now, and we'll have 25 by March, hopefully. When we get the 25 guys, that's when [Kappa Sigma will] talk to Dean Calenda and President Long. Our goal is to have a chapter by first semester of 2009. That's what we're hoping for. From what we have heard from people, there is not actual rule [against Greek life] at this school, just a lack of trying from people who have been here before."



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First-year student Ross Benincasa is currently trying to bring the fraternity Kappa Sigma to Elizabethtown. The College has never supported Greek life before, and many doubt whether that will ever change.

Armed with a tee shirt and a brochure, Benincasa was ready defend and advance his objective by all means possible.

"Our goal right now is not to be like 'Animal House' or 'Old School,'" he said. "The school has an opportunity to gain more funds from [Kappa Sigma], but it's also a great service to the community. They pride themselves on that; I think it would be a good fit."

Benincasa did have a word of warning to those who would join for the wrong reasons. "I would say if you want to pledge because you think it's gonna be like the movies, don't bother," he said. "It's going to be fun, and there will be sports involved with it, but it's going to be more of just a way to keep everyone intact and keep the community oriented. It's a good résumé-builder, too. It's going to be fun, obviously, but at that expense, you'll have to do everything everyone else has to do in terms of community service."

"I'd be happy to talk to the students, because I haven't yet," said Long, who admitted that he has not formally been made aware of the situation. "I think I'd much rather talk to our students than to some national organization; that's where I'd rather start. We don't even know if we want that national organization here.

"If you think about what social fraternities are — segregated housing — we're not going to do that. And as for giving some special recognition, I think that's unlikely, too. And as Dean Calenda indicated, because our profile is so strong, it's like we virtually have a policy [against Greek life], even if we haven't made some formal written statement about it. Historically, we have not encouraged it, we have not sought it out, we have not taken any steps to bring it here. That has been our practice over the course of history."

on campus

President's forum discusses financial worries

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

President Theodore Long held his annual forum last Wednesday in the Event Space.

There, he addressed many of the financial and ideological concerns that Elizabethtown faces today.

The majority of attendees were faculty, though some students were present.

Long started off by discussing the new technology he used to give the presentation, but quickly got down to business. First, Long talked extensively about the 2009 budget.

Despite the economy's sorry state, the College is actually doing fairly well where its budget is concerned.

The current budget is right around where the College projected it should be. Revenues (the amount of money Etown brings in) are on target with what officials wanted. At the same time, the College's expenses are slightly *less* than expected.

Of course, this picture of the Etown's finances came at a price. You might recall the memo all students received earlier in February, where Long outlined his plan to increase tuition for all students by 3.5 percent to $39,950.

Keep in mind, however, that this is the *lowest* increase in the college's fees since 1996.

Along the lines of finances, the President also discussed the College's endowment. Endowment is the amount of money the College receives from non-student sources. To be blunt, Elizabethtown's endowment is down 21 percent, leaving it at around $41-$42 million.

Long was quick to note that we are actually in a better financial position than most other schools.

The president mentioned that Franklin and Marshall College's endowment is also down, but by a degree of 30 percent. Etown is also using its endowment more efficiently, according to Long.

Long then issued a challenge to the faculty and staff. He started off by saying that the College would try to save $1 million over the next year. He said this should be done by having every department across campus reduce its budget by 10 percent, since it's better for the entire college to share the burden rather than forcing one area of study to downsize dramatically.

From finances, Long moved on to admissions. Once again, Elizabethtown is admitting students at a higher rate than normal. Aside from concerns that the College is already admitting at too high of a rate, causing large numbers of students to be crammed into transitional rooms all across campus for their first semesters here.

The College had good reasoning for increasing the admittance rate. Long mentioned a large series of "uncertainties" that administrators had about the coming year.

First, incoming students may not have the capacity to secure loans and other forms of financial assistance. The economy has really hampered everyone's ability to get loans of *any* type, especially student loans.

The College is anticipating that there will be a good number of accepted students that will decline their admission simply on the basis that their families will not be able to require the necessary finances to afford Etown.

The second concern the higher-ups have is that people may not be *willing* to invest in an Etown education. Since the economy is so poor, it is assumed that even if people are able to find the means to pay the College's fees, they might not want to.

Administrators figure that by the time the incoming first-year class beings its August orientation, a number of kids may have to leave the College simply because their parents don't want to pay anymore.

The College's image was also discussed. Long first introduced the new Office of Marketing and Communications, which will handle all of Elizabethtown's marketing needs. He also outlined several new marketing ideas for the college that advertising agencies have had.

Advertisers wanted to bring out the fact that Etown is different from other colleges due to its lack of fraternities and football. One proposed slogan was even "No Greeks? No Football? No Problem!"

Also, Long talked about the College's efforts to improve life on campus. The College contacted an outside agency to offer advice on how to make Elizabethtown a better place to live.

The main suggestiion offered was to increase the number of "common areas" on campus. Long seemed particularly enthusiastic about adding coffee and juice bars to buildings around campus to give students more places to hang out and study.

Long said that new upperclassman dormitories will be built across the street from Ober with these suggestions in mind. The dormitories will be small, and have plenty of spaces to eat drink, and study throughout.

Finally, Long assured the audience that while the current economic climate is forcing the College to constrict its size and goals for upcoming years; this would not be something permanent. The College will continue on its path to furthered academic excellence.

"The weather changes," Long said, "but we don't change direction."

on campus

Student assaulted

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Earlier yesterday, EC Alert notified the entire Etown community about an on-campus incident that occurred late Tuesday evening.

The e-mail reported that the incident took place in Ober Residence Hall. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., Elizabethtown Borough police cars were spotted around the residence hall.

An Elizabethtown Campus Security officer was seen running behind schedule when checking the Brossman Commons Center doors later than usual because of the event.

The Elizabethtown Borough Police Department sent out a press release providing additional information regarding the event.

According to WGAL 8, the incident was an alleged sexual assault involving two Elizabethtown College students.

Borough police reported that the alleged male assailant and alleged female victim knew each other.

A local hospital treated the alleged victim and afterward released her. Yesterday, the Borough police interviewed everyone involved in the matter. *The Etownian* is unaware of any charges filed by any parties involved.

on campus

Dr. Jim Yong Kim keynote speaker for Scholarship Day

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Staff Writer

He made you believe you could change the world," one of Dr. Jim Yong Kim's students said in an interview for Time magazine.

Kim, one of Time's 100 most influential people, will speak this year at Etown College's Scholarship and Creative Arts Day. This keynote speaker is the François Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health and professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Kim also serves as the chief of the department of social medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Division of Social Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"US News & World Report" named him one of "America's 25 Best Leaders" in 2005. He also served as executive director of Partners in Health, an organization that sponsors programs to improve the health of underprivileged people worldwide.

In 2003, Kim was given a MacArthur "Genius" award. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation recognizes "25 exceptionally creative people" each year, according to Jonathan F. Fanton, the foundation's president.

Many may find it fitting, then, that Kim will speak at Scholarship and Creative Arts Day, which is, according to the College's Web site, "a celebration of the scholarly and creative accomplishments of Etown's students."

Born in South Korea in 1959, Kim moved with his family to Muscatine, Iowa, where only one other Asian family lived. He graduated from Brown University and went on to earn a medical degree from Harvard Medical School and a doctorate in anthropology from Harvard University.

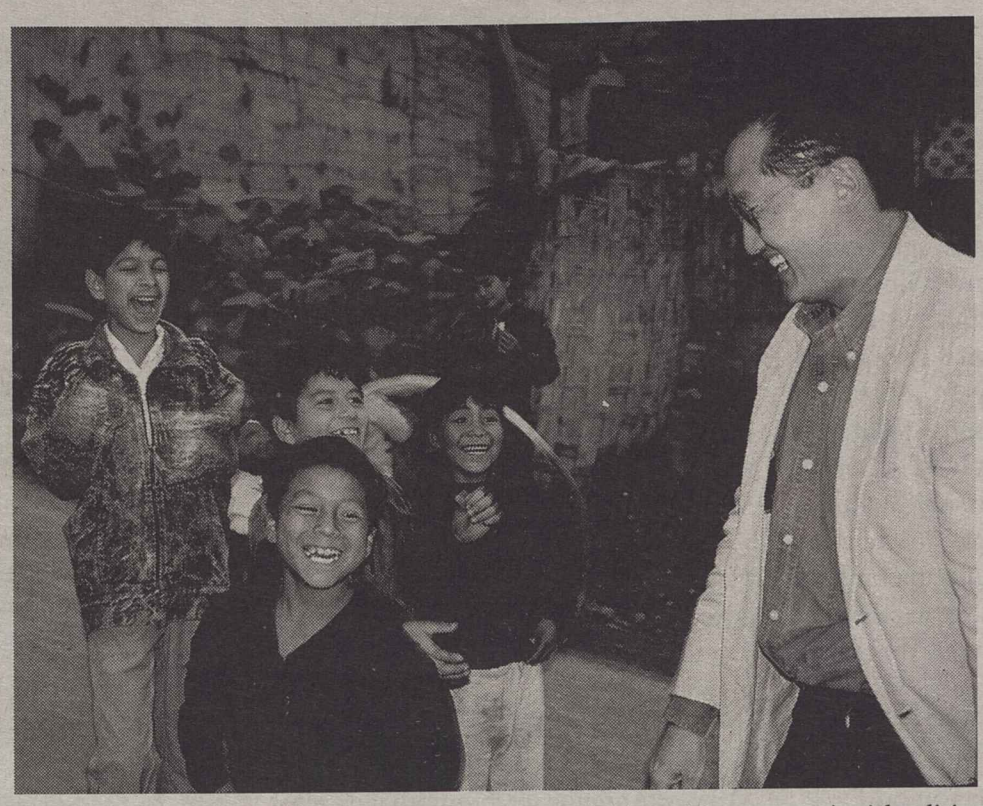
Working for Partners in Health in 1996, Kim and several other doctors discovered an outbreak of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Lima, Peru.

Most experts believed that there was no way to treat such an epidemic, but Kim was determined to try anyway.

He used a number of other traditional treatments and, according to a "US News & World Report" article, "cure rates exceeded a stunning 80 percent, better than in U.S. hospitals."

Not only did Kim find a treatment for the disease, but he also fought to decrease the prices of needed drugs so that those affected could afford them.

After handling one epidemic so effectively, Kim had no desire to stop. As former director of the HIV/AIDS Department of the World Health Organization (WHO), Kim contributed substantially to finding treatments for the widespread disease.



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Dr. Jim Yong Kim pictured here with children in Peru during his 1996 trip. Dr. Kim will be the keynote speaker at this year's Scholarship Day.

In 2003, 300,000 worldwide were being treated for AIDS out of millions diagnosed. Through WHO, Kim launched what he called a "three-by-five" campaign, aiming to treat three million by 2005.

While the plan did not successfully reach its goal, Kim did manage to increase the number of patients treated to over one million. The total number of people treated in Africa increased eightfold, according to a 2006 Time magazine article, which introduced Kim as one of the world's most influential people.

"The concrete nature of his goals permanently changed the effectiveness and urgency of the global AIDS response," Barry R. Bloom, Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, said in an article on Brigham & Women's Hospital Web site.

Kim will speak April 21 at 11 a.m. in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center.

He may not mention that he has dedicated over twenty years to enhancing health in developing nations, or that the World Health Organization has adopted treatment methods from his association, Partners in Health, in almost 40 countries.

In fact, according to the St. George's University's School of Medicine's 2008 newsletter, Kim, who spoke at the commencement ceremony, is humble: "His speech was both memorable and inspirational as he gently, intelligently and with humor … explained his world view … that an individual or a small group can significantly change the world for good."

in the nation

Dr. Mark Harman speaks about 'Amerika' at embassy

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Staff Writer

Jan. 21, 2009, Dr. Mark Harman spoke at the Austrian Embassy in Washington D.C. Harman, the department chair of modern language and German and English professor, spoke at the event regarding his translation of Franz Kafka's novel, "Amerika," originally titled "The Missing Person."

While at the Embassy, Harman spoke about "the process of translation and Kafka's relations to America," and his own experiences as a translator. Harman, a Kafka scholar and Yale graduate, spent about four years translating this novel and is now speaking about his practice.

"It was a very sophisticated event. Professors and diplomats and people from all walks of life were there," Harman said.

English and German professors from the Kelly Writers House of University of Pennsylvania attended the forum.

The translated work, Franz Kafka's first novel, is about a boy whose parents banish him to America after impregnating a servant.

The novel was never finished. In the translator's preface of the novel, Harman explains how he went about translating the novel so it was still what Kafka wanted it to be.

"I have sought to keep the interpretative options open and to follow Kafka whenever he chooses to be ambiguous and whenever he flouts conventions," Harman said.

"Harman even changed the name of the novel to include Kafka's original title. "The Missing Person." which was later changed by the first translator to "Amerika."

Kafka's novel translated by Harman is titled, "Amerika: The Missing Person."

Kafka, an Austrian native, has written many other novels, including "The Castle," which Harman has also translated and for which he has been highly acclaimed. Harman has also translated the works of Robert Walser and Hermann Hesse.

The novel, which has been reviewed by both The New York Times and Los Angeles Times, portrays Kafka's view of America, a place he never got to visit. In Harman's opinion, this novel is still "very relatable to readers." Harman's goal in this novel was to relate in a new way to Kafka himself. "If approached afresh, this book could … reveal a new way of understanding Kafka," Herman said.

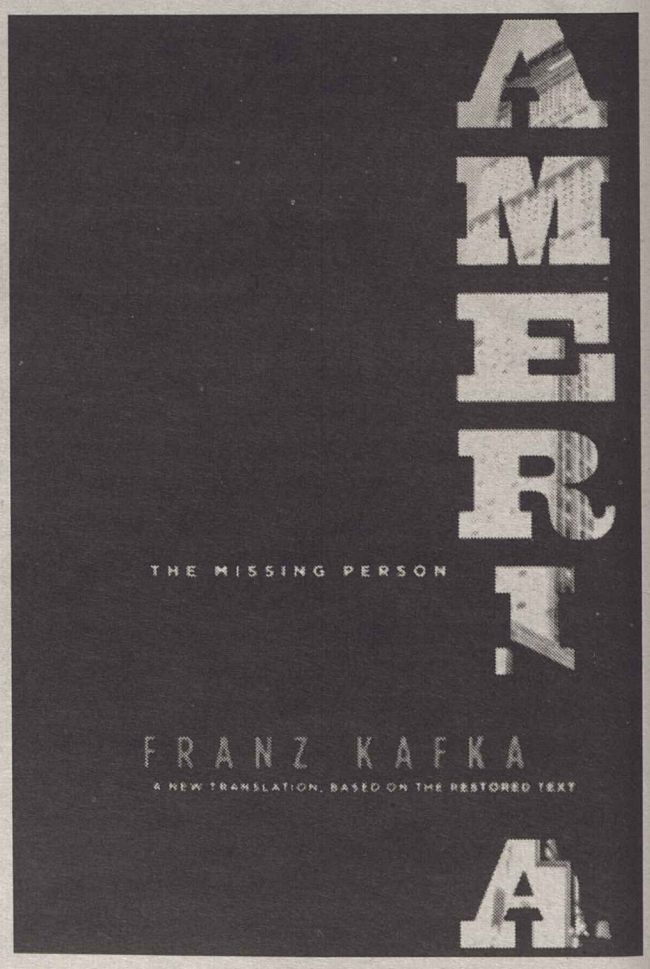
Wednesday, March 11, Harman will speak about the novel in a faculty forum in Hoover at 11a.m.

The speech, titled "Franz Kafka's 'Missing Person': Reading, Commentary and Discussion," will cover the material from the forum at the Austrian Embassy.

This will include Harman's translation and meaning of the novel, along with a reading of "Amerika."

Harman will also speak about the novel at approaching events this semester. He will visit Barnard College in New York this April to speak and give a similar lecture on.

Harman will also attend an upcoming trip to the PEN World Voices Literature Festival, the forum's theme this year being "Make it New: Retranslating Classics."



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Harman recently visited the Austrian Embassy to talk about this novel. Dr. Mark Harman's book, "Amerika: The Missing Person" is a new translation of Franz Kafka's novel.

on campus

Free Rice Web site combats hunger, enriches minds

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Staff Writer

A multiple-choice question appears with four possible answers. Pick the right answer, and the rice bowl on the right-hand side of the screen fills with rice. The more questions you answer correctly, the more rice that fills the bowl. Eventually, 1,000 grains of rice is donated, then at 10,000 grains, the Web site reads "Wow! Now, that is impressive!"

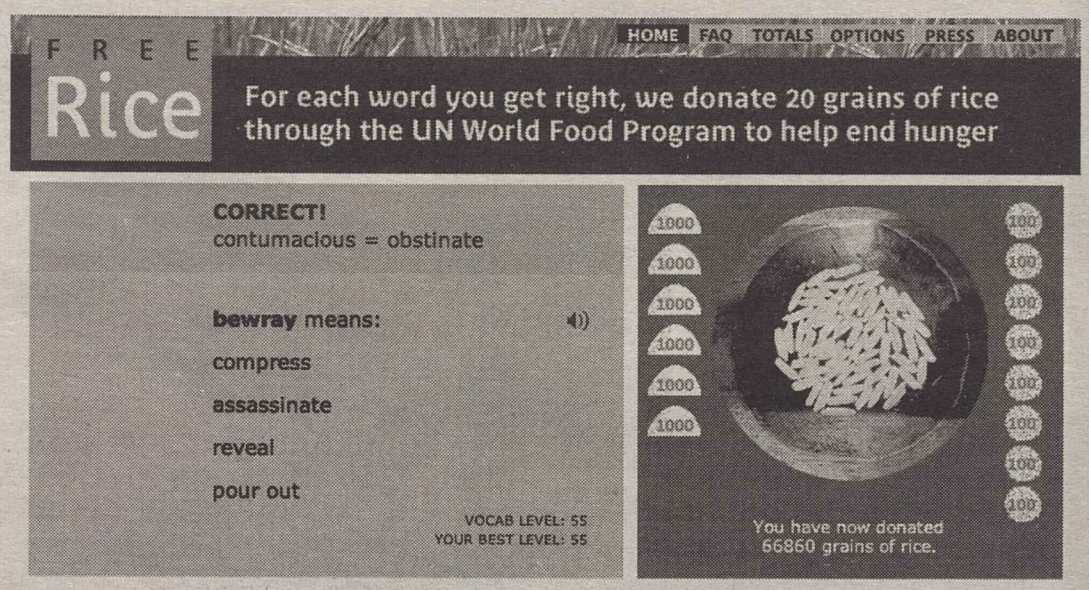
Freerice.com is a Web site that gives students a chance to improve their academic skills while helping to feed hungry people around the world at the same time. When users first enter the site, they are asked the definition of a vocabulary word. If a user decides to change the subject, he or she can pick from topics like art history, chemistry symbols, English vocabulary words, geography, basic pre-algebra and the languages of the world.

"My personal favorite is English as a subject. It gives me an opportunity to improve my vocabulary and add to my knowledge of English words," junior Than Aung, an international student from Myanmar, said. "Knowing the meaning of words can help you understand the context of written English."

John Breen, the programming genius behind *freerice.com*, got ideas by incorporating all 10,000 SAT words and definitions his son was studying into the Web site. He also helped develop the site *poverty.com* and *thehungersite.com*. Some of the vocabulary words are definitely tricky and may require multiple attempts to answer correctly. Some schools have promoted the use of the Web site in class. It is a great tool to help students learn basic knowledge for their academic career.

Freerice.com is associated with its sponsors, Yum! and its brands, which have developed an initiative called the World Hunger Relief campaign to help pay for the rice donated by users playing the games. The rice is distributed through the World Food Programme (WFP), a UN frontline agency that is responsible for delivering food to the hungry people of impoverished nations. It decides how the food can be distributed in the surrounding areas and during emergencies.

The rice has reached many countries such as Uganda, Cambodia, Nepal and Myanmar. "I read how the rice was delivered to refugees from Myanmar living in Bangladesh. I really enjoyed playing the Web site with my friends, knowing that this will go to help many people from Myanmar," Aung said.



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***Freerice.com* is a Web site that promotes learning while fighting world hunger by donating 20 grains of rice for each correct answer. Hunger is a major problem all over the world and Free Rice is an easy and educational way to combat this issue.**

According to the WFP news, the site has been highly effective, donating almost 200 million grains of rice each day. The total donations can be accessed on the Web site, and numbers are reaching into the billions. More than 59 billion grains of rice have been distributed up to today.

Dr. Michele Lee Kozimor-King, professor of sociology, said, "Young people today are bombarded by statistics of world hunger. And instead of doing the same, the Web site makes it a great and fun way for young people to help the cause."

In fact, this was Breen's intention.

"I wanted to have something fun to do that wasn't just a waste of time. It's hard to get people to read about poverty. It's kind of depressing, so I had to think of an entertaining way to draw people in," he told the Washington Post.

"Hunger is a major problem and it is a great way to get people involved that might not be aware of the situation," Kozimor-King said. She said it was such a good idea that she plans to show it in her Population and Global Issues class and allow her 9-year-old daughter to learn from the Web site.

It's a great season to stay warm indoors and get away from the cold. Put down the remote controls and video games. Challenge yourself to get on *freerice.com* and make a difference today.

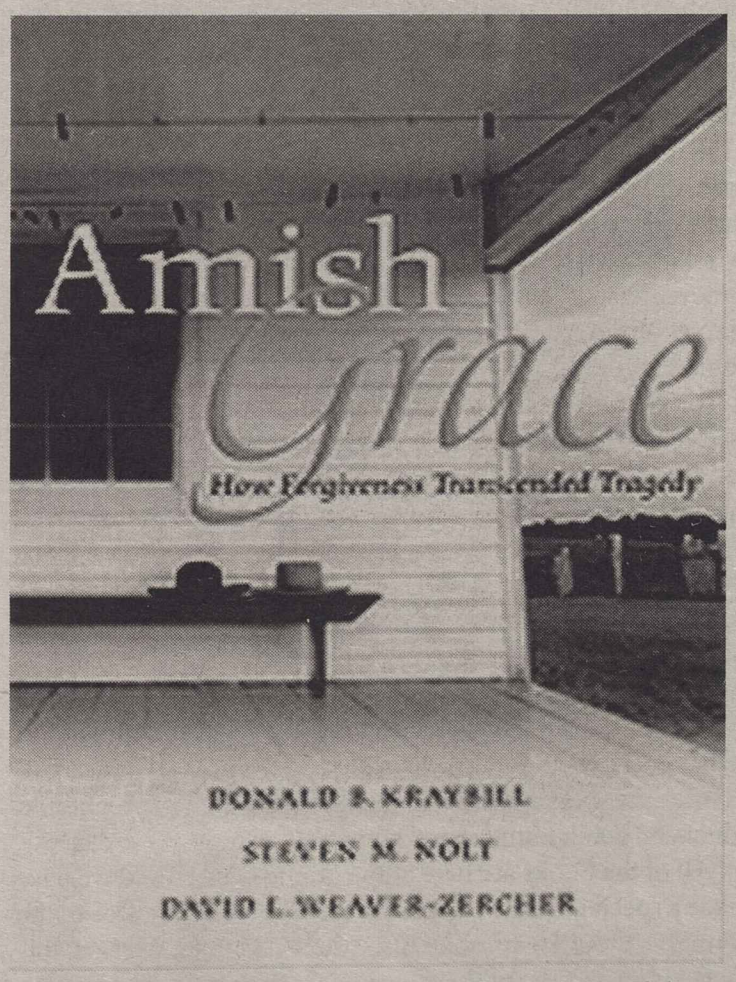
on campus

'Amish Grace' re-explored by theory class in discussion

Jasmine N. Gollup
Guest Writer

Most students cringe upon reading two simple words in their course syllabus: book critique. Add in the fact that the book being critiqued was written by an Elizabethtown professor, and not just any professor, but the internationally-known and much-admired Dr. Donald Kraybill.

But wait, just to make the project more nerve-wracking, let's hold a public discussion and critique of the book, the outcome of which will determine a sizeable portion of the course grade.



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Donald Kraybill lead a discussion on his book "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transended Tragedy" Feb. 12. Dr. Kanagy's Sociological Theory class is critiquing the book as a class project.

This was the challenge presented to a group of students in Dr. Kanagy's Sociological Theory class: to read, write a critique of, and lead a critical discussion on Kraybill's bestseller "Amish Grace."

Feb. 12, Etown students, faculty (including President Long), community members and interested students from as far away as Eastern University in Philadelphia gathered in the Bucher Meetinghouse to discuss the sociological significance of the Amish practice of forgiveness and the ramifications of the Nickel Mines shooting.

"Amish Grace" was published just one year after the tragic school shooting at Nickel Mines, Pa. Oct. 2, 2006, Charles Roberts IV killed five and seriously injured five more young Amish school girls before committing suicide.

The story quickly became an international headline as many wondered how such a violent tragedy could befall the peaceful Amish community.

However, the story of the massacre itself was soon eclipsed by another astonishing and remarkable event: within hours of the shooting, members of the Nickel Mines Amish area visited the remaining members of the Roberts family offering forgiveness and aid.

Authors Kraybill, Nolt and Weaver-Zercher wrote "Amish Grace" to explain the unique practice of forgiveness, which traces its roots to the teachings of the New Testament, and to clear up the misconceptions of the practice that flourished in the weeks after the tragedy.

"Amish Grace" is an interesting and easy read and is highly recommended to anyone interested in the Amish, the Nickel Mines tragedy or the practice of forgiveness.

The author-meets-critics event began with a series of analytical questions asked by student panelists focusing mainly on the sociological theory utilized by Kraybill in his creation of the book and the social significance of forgiveness in Amish and American society. After refusing to pigeon-hole the Amish into any one sociological frame of mind, Kraybill emphasized the social importance of religion in everyday Amish life and the striking differences between Amish and contemporary American culture.

The event was then turned over to the audience for questions, many of which focused on the practice of forgiveness and the sociological interpretation of several other unique Amish practices.

After the event, the audience enjoyed desserts and hot drinks courtesy of the departments of sociology and anthropology.

The response from the event was overwhelmingly positive and the group received many congratulatory remarks from numerous attendees, including President Long.

Senior Jenna Zimmerman said, "I had never met Dr. Kraybill before this event, and I was completely awed by his knowledge about, and respect for, the Amish as a culture and as individual people. You can tell that he has great admiration for all aspects of their society."

"Dr. Kraybill gave great insights into the life of the Amish community," senior Margie Hedlund said. Senior Doug Eroh thought the event was a great success that everyone, especially Kraybill, seemed to enjoy.

Jessica Pandolfino summed the event up nicely,saying that it was "100 percent awesome."

The Jayd-ed edge

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Features Editor

Those aren't my bills

The family of an 86-year-old woman was surprised to receive over $1,000 in bills for phone sex. They suspect identity theft.

Arlene Hald recently received a credit card bill addressed to her husband, Sylvester, who died nearly 20 years ago. Hald said they never had a credit card.

Hald's daughter believes her father is the victim of ID theft. She called the billing company, who agreed to remove the charges.

Just when the family thought they had seen the last of these types of bills another bill arrived for over $70.

The company removed the latest charges and promised to never bill Hald again.

Delayed mail

An Oregon woman finally received an invitation to her nephew's high school graduation in New Jersey, but she may be a little late — it was in 1987.

Theresa Schlossarek, of La Grande, found the invitation last week in her mailbox. The envelope, which had been opened, was postmarked June 2, 1987, from Toms River, N.J., where her brother, Hermann Ilnseher, lives.

"We just thought that she lived so far away, she couldn't come," Ilnseher said. "She usually would send money, though, so we did joke about that later on ... "

Peter Hass, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service's Portland district, called the delay "very unusual and very unfortunate."

Hass said the envelope could have been stuck in machinery or misrouted and delivered to the wrong address, which would explain why it arrived opened. But he said no matter the age of the mail, "If it's postmarked, we're obliged to deliver it."

Not the usual funeral

Going to church brought no peace to a man tasered by police as he stood in the nude in 27-degree weather.

A funeral Mass was being held inside St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church when police received 911 calls about a naked man Friday morning. Sgt. Gordon Cameron said the man told officers he was having problems with his parents and wanted to go to church.

Cameron told *The Bay City Times* that the man cursed and verbally abused police before Officer Troy Sierras immobilized him with a taser, a barb-firing electronic device that causes temporary paralysis.

Cameron said the man wouldn't be charged with any crime.

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SIFE Sense

Day trading difficult, risky investment

The stock market offers plenty of opportunities to purchase shares of stock, or buy long, and sell shares short, planning to buy them back at a later date with the hopes that the price will have increased.

In recent months, stocks which were once considered relatively sound bets, including many financials, have lost much or all of their value as economic confidence plummeted.

In response to fluctuating stock prices, many investors buy and sell within the same market day as the stocks crest their rollercoaster hills and fall in a process known as day trading.

Day trading gained popularity as online stock brokerage services such as Etrade attracted business during the online revolution of the early 21st century. Many investors successfully speculated on Internet stocks only to see their fortunes vanish almost overnight when the "Internet bubble" burst in 2002.

Although day trading can yield great profits if speculative luck is on the side of the investor, it is one of the riskiest investment strategies because there is no guarantee that the stocks will perform as expected.

Certain stocks can fluctuate very rapidly, and buying and selling within the same day can be difficult. While some savvy investors have reaped profits by day trading, it is better to invest in a stock for the longer term, as investors will probably be more certain of its solidity.

Day trading involves a lot of speculation on the rapid fluctuations on the market, including sudden downfalls as well as rapid rises. While there are tools available to assist day traders in their investing, such as Morningstar's stock analysis service, it remains an uncertain endeavor.

If anyone decides to dabble in day trading, using one of these sources will increase their odds of being successful by at least a small amount. The successful day trader must be prepared to buy or sell as quickly as the position of the stock changes to prevent losses.

Several corporate officers have seen their companies' investment portfolios dwindle in value after being used in day trading.

Day trading is comparable to gambling, because in a strongly efficient market it is difficult to find undisclosed information about a company's performance. Unless you are well versed in the tricks of investing, you are likely to lose at day trading.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a nonprofit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at etownsife.blogspot.com/. ***Contact SIFE@etown.edu with any questions.***

on campus

Dr. Emmert Bittinger speaks at Young Center

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With this year and month being the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, we wanted to do a program that might in some way have a connection to Lincoln or the Civil War," Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, said.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., the Young Center for Etown will host Emmert F. Bittinger, Ph.D.

"Because Dr. Bittinger's work is still fresh in publication, he seemed like a natural choice to speak to us. So his coming is more a link to the Civil War and the experience of some Anabaptists during the time of Lincoln's presidency," Bach said. "Dr. Bittinger is also a senior scholar among Church of the Brethren scholars, and I wanted to have an opportunity for him to speak from the breadth of his accumulated scholarship. Dr. Bittinger does not do a lot of speaking engagements any more, so we are very pleased that he agreed to come and speak here."

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Dr. Emmert Bittinger gives a lecture entitled "Crisis of Conscience: The Shenandoah Anabaptists During the Civil War," which links the Civil War to the experiences of Anabaptists during that time. Bittinger also donated his collection of rare books.

Bittinger is a retired professor of sociology at Bridgewater College and lives in Bridgewater, Va.

He is also an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. His interest in Anabaptists during the Civil War comes in part from his long career teaching at Bridgewater in the Shenandoah Valley. His recent publications on this topic focus on Mennonites and Brethren in the Shenandoah Valley during the Civil War.

"The fruit of his research on Mennonites and Brethren in the Shenandoah Valley during the Civil War is coming out in a multi-volume series of primary-source documents pertaining to the cases of Brethren and Mennonites who objected to war on religious grounds during the Civil War," Bach said. "The series is titled, 'Unionists and the Civil War Experience in the Shenandoah Valley', published by the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center and The Valley Research Associates, on Penobscott Press. Vol. 1 came out in 2003 ... This is really a monumental achievement, because it is a publication of archival records from the National Archives related to Civil War-era claims from Mennonites and Brethren."

This material will now be more readily available to researchers. He finds his information from records in the National Archives, where he spends a lot of time reviewing and transcribing this material.

"Also, I should mention that he and his wife, Esther, have made a very generous gift to the Young Center of his collection of rare books related to Brethren history and Pietism. There are about 60 books, most are in German, from the 18th and early 19th century," Bach said. "These are a great addition to our research collection for scholars to use. We have named the collection the Emmert and Esther Bittinger Research Collection."

After the speech, Thursday night there will be a reception to honor and thank Bittinger and his wife.

"All of the books are here at the Young Center, and we have made a special display of some of them in the lobby area of the Young Center," Bach said. "Also, their daughter, Marion Bittinger, is an alumna of the college, as is their grandson, Jordan Bowman (class of '08; he's working in admissions this year), so their gift of books is also an acknowledgement of their family's connection to Elizabethtown, and their interest and support of the Young Center."

Big Winners

Best Picture

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
"Frost/Nixon"
"Milk"
"The Reader"
"Slumdog Millionaire" WINNER

Best Director

Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire" WINNER
Stephen Dalrdy, "The Reader"
David Fincher, "...Benjamin Button"
Ron Howard, "Frost/Nixon"
Gus Van Sant, "Milk"

Best Actor

Richard Jenkins, "The Visitor"
Frank Langella, "Frost/Nixon"
Sean Penn, "Milk" WINNER
Brad Pitt, "... Benjamin Button"
Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler"

Best Actress

Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"
Angelina Jolie, "Changeling"
Melissa Leo, "Frozen River"
Meryl Streep, "Doubt"
Kate Winslet, "The Reader" WINNER

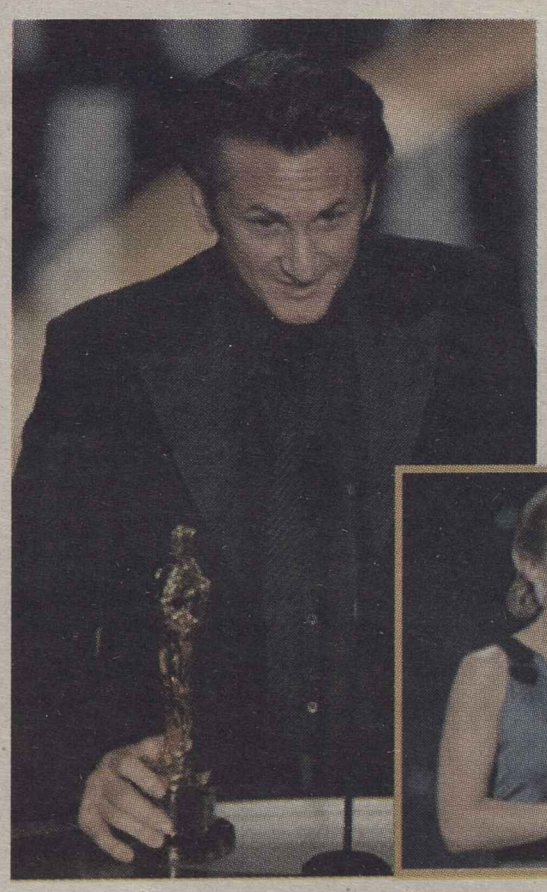
Best Supporting Actor

Josh Brolin, "Milk"
Robert Downey Jr., "Tropic Thunder"
Phillip Seymour Hoffman, "Doubt"
Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight" WINNER
Michael Shannon, "Revolutionary Road"

Best Supporting Actress

Amy Adams, "Doubt"
Penelope Cruz, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" WINNER
Viola Davis, "Doubt"
Taraji P. Henson, "...Benjamin Button"
Marisa Tomei, "The Wrestler"

Top: Heath Ledger's father, sister and mother accept his Best Supporting Actor award. Below: The cast and crew of "Slumdog Millionaire" celebrate.



Left: Sean Penn nabs Best Actor for his performance as Harvey Milk in the film "Milk." Below: Kate Winslet accepts the Best Actress Oscar for her role in "The Reader."

awards show recap

'Millionaire' steals the show

Khouri E. McGrann
Assistant Opinion Editor

That's right, ladies and gentlemen: Sunday, Feb. 22 saw the 81st Annual Academy Awards in the beautiful and sunny Hollywood Kodak Theatre.

The events started off with some red carpet coverage, co-hosted by Tim Gunn. Gunn knew every designer and carried on smooth conversations with all the popular A-listers.

The best dressed ladies of the night were numerous, but those at the top were Marisa Tomei — nominated for Best Supporting Actress — as well as Sarah Jessica Parker and Meryl Streep. Topping the worst dressed list was Beyoncé Knowles, wearing a black-and-gold gown, as well as Jessica Biel in a beige, ribboned dress. Sean Penn and Brad Pitt looked sleek in black tuxes, while Mickey Rourke wore an unflattering white tux. Phillip Seymour Hoffman sported a knit black skull cap. Enough said.

Hugh Jackman was both a charming and handsome host. He started the night off with an introductory dance number, which recounted the most popular movies of the year. It was the start of a very entertaining evening.

Among the most memorable moments of the evening was Ben Stiller's impression of Joaquin Phoenix (who has apparently "retired" from acting and taken up rapping). Tina Fey and Steve Martin presented, accompanied by voice recordings of both insinuating the audience should be insanely jealous of them, as they are such gorgeous and popular actors. The pair also took a few stabs at Scientology, the Hollywood religion of choice. Seth Rogen and James Franco revived their "Pineapple Express" roles to poke some fun at Oscar nominations ("Wait, did the academy just recognize comedies?").

Some of the worst moments included the musical tribute done by Hugh Jackman and Beyoncé, leaving viewers wondering, "Why didn't they just stick to one?" Additionally, the awkward jokes that Jackman tried to provide throughout the entire show didn't quite land. The man tried, but let's face it; he's not a comedian.

The big winners of the night included Penelope Cruz, who won Best Actress in a Supporting Role. Heath Ledger posthumously won Best Actor in a Supporting Role. Kate Winslet won Best Actress in a Lead Role for her work in "The Reader," and Sean Penn took Best Actor for his portrayal of Harvey Milk in "Milk." "Slumdog Millionaire" cleaned up, winning Music (song), Music (score), Cinematography and, most notably, Best Film.

It was a night to recognize and congratulate in Hollywood film production.

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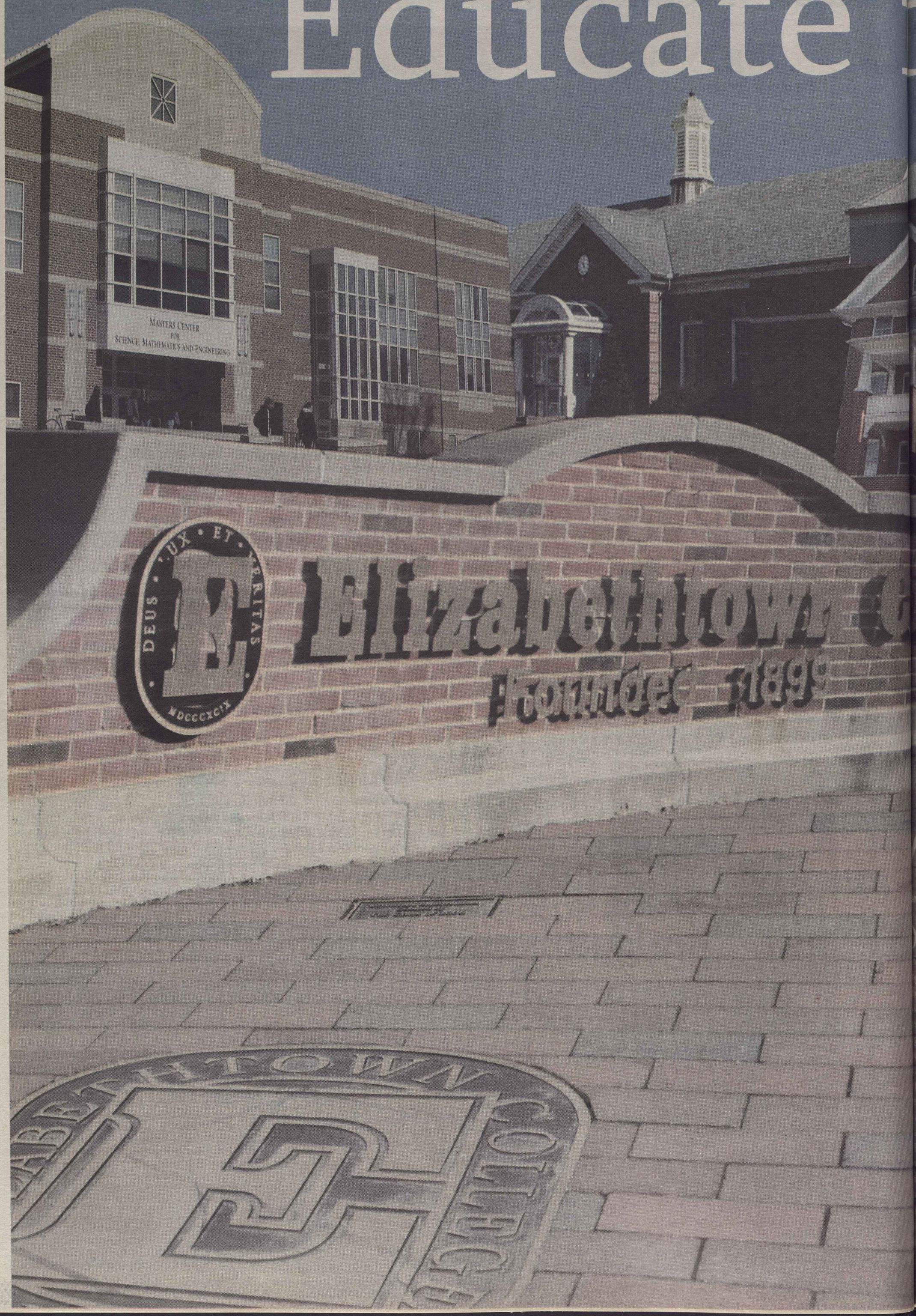
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for Service

Within these halls you learn to serve the world

Shina M. Mihovics
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One of the advantages of attending college is the opportunity to be somewhat sheltered, at least while we are focused on our studies and social activities, instead of being exposed to the many turmoils in our country and world. When we are home for spring break next week, many of us may become more immersed into reality through the news, job losses, stock market and 401(k) losses. As even our government struggles to find solutions, none of us can solve the problems our families, friends or communities face. But we can remember the reason we have a school motto like "Educate for Service." After all, during tough times, the most powerful tool we have to help people is our availability to perform deeds that might bring relief, joy and love to other people.

Remember, we don't have to travel far or need too many resources to make a difference. Here are some suggestions that could bring good to local people in your community:

1) Give blood. Check with your local hospital and see if there is a day during the week you might be able to aid in helping to save a person's life.

2) If you know someone out of work and looking for a job, offer to help research jobs for him or her. Remember, middle-age and older people might not be as comfortable with the resources available online. In addition to research, maybe you might be able to help in the design, layout or content of a résumé to make it more attractive to a prospective employer.

3) Offer to babysit as a service for anyone who needs time to search for a job.

4) We had a rough winter. If the weather permits when we are home, clean up your yard or the yard of a neighbor who might be less fit than yourself.

5) If you know an older person in a nursing home or rehabilitation center, visit them. Alternatively, a call or letter to the person may suffice. When we are young and healthy and socially active, it's easy to forget that a visit, call or letter from someone might be the only contact someone else has in a week or even a month.

6) If you are so inclined, and really want to help with older people, there are probably facilities in dire need of volunteers. Google these facilities in your community and give them a call.

7) Gather up old cell phones. There is usually a place in every community where you can donate them.

Many non-profit agencies have lost funding and donations in these times. Some have lost such a huge amount that their very survival is being threatened. Some pet shelters have fallen into this category. If you like animals, offer your time at one of these shelters in your community next week. Knowing that they may face long term struggles, see if they are interested in your help when the semester ends.

If animals are not your interest, surely you have a passion that might be promoted through a non-profit corporation. Perhaps someone you know has autism. Maybe you'd like to make a difference in the environment or by helping to save our rivers. There may be local groups in your community that could use your help in these broader-based endeavors.

Last Sunday's *The New York Times* reported that Senator Ted Kennedy is "wired to be optimistic." He continues to amaze the Senate, Washington, his family and the entire country with his work and vow to continue to make a difference through legislation as he battles chemotherapy treatment. As Etown students, let all of us foster that same optimism within ourselves, so that years from now, people can say of us that we are wired to be of service to others. In good times and in bad, we can only make the world a better place through our work and good will.

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cinema review

'Coraline' challenges traditional animated film genre

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Most 20-somethings don't bother with animated films. These films are usually the providence of children or emotionally crippled housewives. The plots are generally vapid, and the characters are less interesting than your average brick.

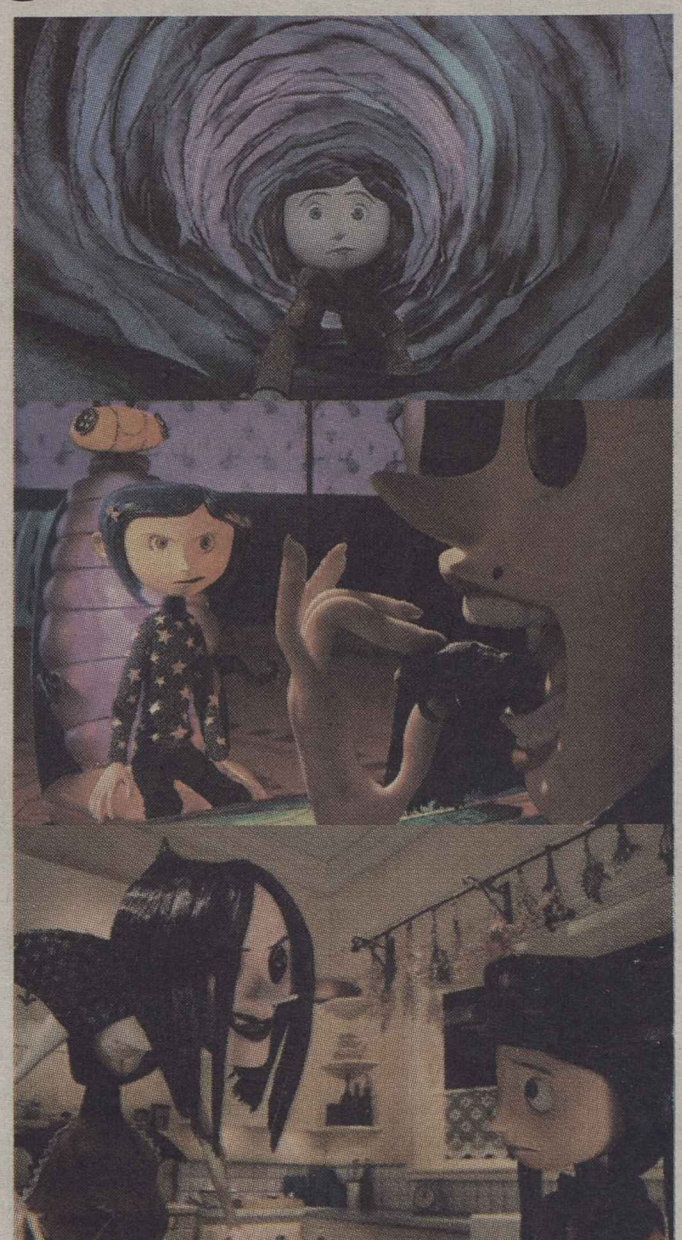
This is not so for the new film "Coraline," brought to us by the same creepy dudes who presented "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "James and the Giant Peach." It is based off of the novel "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman, who is equally dark as the film's directors.

The movie concerns the adventures of the unfortunately-named Coraline Jones. The film opens with Coraline's parents moving her from their somewhat exciting home in Michigan to the most boring place in the world — Oregon.

For a while, Coraline stomps around and demands attention from her parents, who are too wrapped up in their own nonsense to care about their daughter's needs. Eventually, after enough exploration through her bug-ridden and mossy new home, Coraline discovers a hidden door leading to an alternate universe.

This new world is just like her own, except Coraline's parents actually love her and have disturbing black buttons for eyes. Oh, and mice perform acrobatics, too. At first, Coraline falls in love with this new place, but she quickly learns of its more sinister nature. Most of the film's conflict revolves around Coraline's quest to return to Oregon and save her real parents.

Now, that story may seem kind of drab, as all of Gaiman's stories do on the surface. However, the real value in this movie lies in the way the story unfolds, not the story itself. The directors created a variety of vibrant characters, bringing the whole tale to life. There's the eccentric acrobat neighbor and the friendly-yet-freaky "other mother" with buttons for eyes and a penchant for transforming from a benign cupcake-baking angel to an angular harpy at the drop of a hat (just like my mom!). Coraline herself is snarky enough to be interesting — and the way she changes throughout the story will keep the viewer engaged.



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The biggest mistake the producers made with "Coraline" was marketing it as a children's film. This is not a movie to which you take children or friends who startle easily. It is a very dark piece of art, much like its predecessor, "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

However, the artists involved took a very original spin on the term "dark." Rather than looking like a goth kid's dorm room, the colors of "Coraline" are primarily muted blues and greens paired with fluorescent oranges, pinks and purples. It's like watching Van Gogh collide head-on with a neon sign.

The animation itself is glorious. All in all, "Coraline" took two years of pre-production work and then was filmed over 80 weeks on 50 stages. All this work paid off. Every image is beautiful and awesome in its detail.

Sure, "Coraline" concerns children and their adventures into nightmarish alternate universes, but that's what makes anything Gaiman touches so genius. Gaiman takes childish issues and raises them up to the adult arena, making us question what is really important in life.

In the end, "Coraline" is a beautiful and mature movie that is sure to impress. Grab that weird kid down the hall from you and see it immediately.

academic planning

Class registration made easy: how to plan, what to avoid

Allison M. O'Boyle
Staff Writer

It's time again to consider which classes you'll schedule for next year. With midterms and papers weighing down your mind, the last questions you want to ask yourself are, "What core do I still need to fill? What major requirements should I get booked? Will I actually get into the classes I want? This is going to be such a headache."

The silver lining to this mess is that with a little bit of planning, speaking with the right people, and getting advice from *the Etownian* about registration, signing up for classes will not be such a nightmare.

There are two points essential to a smooth registration. Beverly Schmalhofer, senior associate registrar, stresses that "prior to registration, students are required to consult with their academic advisors regarding course selections, and students must address any 'holds' placed on their registration prior to open registration." Students will not be able to register for classes as soon as their time slot opens on registration day if these holds are not lifted.

Stephanie Rankin, assistant dean of students and director of academic advising, recommends that "students create more than one schedule with alternative courses/core classes in case of close-outs. They should also keep in mind that sometimes it is beneficial for them to 'waitlist' a course, as there is movement to class lists over the summer months and through the first week of fall courses."

Senior Peer Mentors Carl Marrara and Elyse Venturella stress that it is important to have a backup plan, "especially if you are one of the last days or hours on the time slot," Marrara said.

Venturella believes that backup plans are essential because "you never know how fast a class is going to fill up. Also, don't be scared of being waitlisted; you may get lucky."

Reading the college catalog to "understand the college policies, programs and terminology that relates to registration" and sorting through Registration and Records' online checklists for graduation will add organization to the registration preparation, according to Schmalhofer. If you are still undecided in your major, Schmalhofer recommends that you focus on satisfying the core requirements: "Engage in coursework within various disciplines, allowing … the opportunity to explore future declaration possibilities."

If you have declared an intended major or minor, Schmalhofer suggests meeting with your advisor on a regular basis, not just prior to registration.

"Departments work with our office in building the master schedule each semester," she said. "Every course is not offered every semester … It is important to understand the timing with regards to course offerings when working towards degree completion."

If you want to hear a first-hand student perspective about the registration process, there is no better group to go to than the Peer Mentors. Advising is part of their job, so Peer Mentors are usually the go-to people, especially for first-years, when registration gets tricky.

What you really want to know now is what to take and what to avoid semester. While it's not as easy as listing a handful of classes that you should or should not take because of the professor or the subject, the Peer Mentors have a little advice from their experiences.

Junior Matt Torresani says the most difficult core to fulfill is that which "students feel least comfortable with."

Senior Jake Keeler agrees. "Many people are more 'left-brained' and find the creative expression core difficult to complete, while the 'right-brainers' … have difficulty with the science courses," he said.

As for the hardest core to get into, Torresani and Keeler both feel that science core classes, especially "Earth in Space" and "How Things Work," fill up quickly. Keeler reminds that "it is important to take classes that you enjoy; don't just take a class to fulfill the credits."

As for all of the upperclassmen who are still working on squeezing core classes into their busy schedules, the Peer Mentors have a few words of wisdom. Torresani and Keeler suggest getting them done as soon as possible, while Marrara and Venturella believe you just get them finished when you can.

"Don't stress about it," Venturella said.

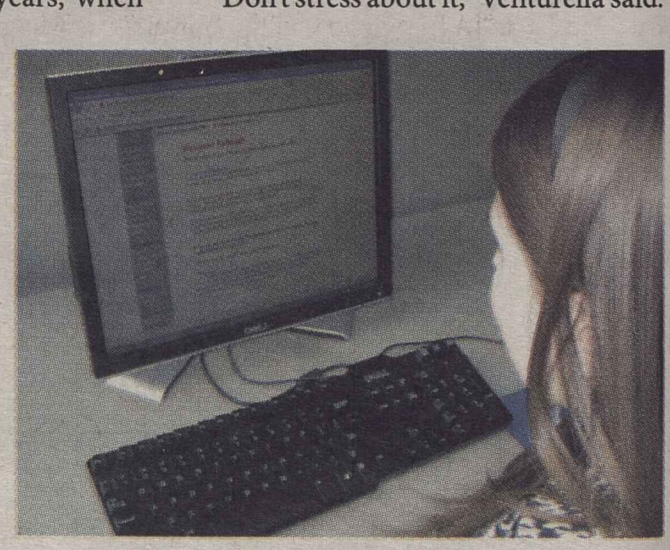

Photo: Jamie A. Miller
First-year Rebekah Frischkorn prepares to register for classes. Staff and upperclassmen recommend planning ahead for this relatively painless task.

Marrara reminds of "high risk, high reward ... It can be risky to wait, but if it is for a class that the upperclassman really wants, it may be worth the wait."

Regardless of what you are taking when, Torresani recommends "to constantly keep checking before your registration time to see availability" on ECWeb.

Start thinking about registration now while you still have a few months to plan. Look over the College's resources and start speaking with your adviser. As the weeks pass, work on back-up classes and consider all of the variables that the registration process entails.

location evaluation

Peace, quiet uncovered in little-known BSC lounge

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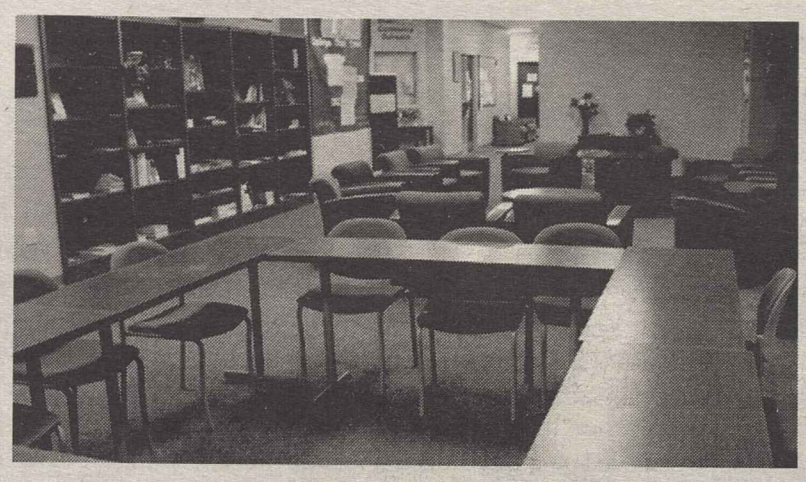

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The empty Student Activity Club Lounge beckons for students to utilize it. This oft-unoccupied space can accomodate everything from solo study sessions to informal group meetings.

Beyond the doors of the Brossman Commons, up the staircase, past the Commuter Lounge, and through a small-framed door lies the Student Activity Club Lounge. Most of the time, this area of campus is deserted.

A plethora of offices lie on the outskirts of the space, including those of the Conestogan, *the Etownian*, the Office of Diversity, the Office of Student Activities (OSA), Students Working to Entertain E-Town (SWEET) and the Chaplain.

For the most part, the organizations that have offices in the Center for Student Involvement rarely use the lounge. Junior Samantha Schneider, president of SWEET, does not use the space for official SWEET business. When they are working to entertain Etown, SWEET members are more likely to be found within their office or either of the conference rooms available in the Center for Student Involvement.

Sophomore Mike White, OSA student assistant, said, "The members of the [OSA] office sometimes use the lounge to temporarily hold posters [before they are] hung." Other than poster prep, the space is not used for any official OSA work.

One club that can be found in the Student Activity Club Lounge is Elizabethtown College Circle K (ECCK). This organization utilizes the space every Wednesday night to hold general meetings with approximately 20 members in attendance.

"It's nice to have a space to meet with a group of that size that isn't in a classroom," junior and ECCK president Erin Lengel said. "It's definitely a more relaxed environment than a conference room or classroom."

In preparation for Senior Day, the women's basketball team occupied the lounge Thursday, Feb. 19. They created signs in recognition of seniors Jennifer Montague, Megan Romano and Megan Quinn. A sign was also made for the lone senior on the men's team, Phil Schaeffer.

So what exactly is the cause for this lack of occupancy during the day? One finger can be pointed directly across from the Student Activity Club Lounge at the Marketplace. The noise and smells of the cafeteria may come as a distraction, not to mention a temptation, for some. Another culprit may be found in the offices surrounding the space. With all of the foot traffic occurring through and around the area, it can be hard to concentrate.

White, however, prefers studying in this lounge over the Blue Bean and the Commuter Lounge. With the Blue Bean's constant music and both areas' overcrowded seating, "[The Student Activity Club Lounge] provides a quiet place within the BSC to just sit and unwind," he said.

Overall, the Student Activity Club Lounge just may have gotten lost in the shuffle. Next time you are looking for a place to construct your next thesis, cram for an exam, or do some group planning, don't forget about the BSC's hidden gem.

spring break preview

Etowners eagerly anticipate service-learning, vacationing

Laura A. Farnish
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In only a few hours, most of us will be enjoying our spring break in the comfort of our homes. Some will return to jobs for the week, others will be busy with schoolwork, and some will simply relax for a few days.

"I am going home for break and will be spending time with my family and running," first-year Kathryn Howser said.

"I wanted to visit my friend in Texas, but I didn't have the money," sophomore Tom Hagerty said. "I may go visit my friends at their colleges who have spring break at another time."

Others will travel farther distances to warmer climates.

"For spring break I am flying down to Miami for the first weekend," junior Tammy Bateman said. "[A friend] goes to the University of Miami, so it will the first time I get to see her campus, and we're going to spend the weekend at South Beach with a few of her friends."

"I am on the Elizabethtown softball team, so I will be going to Florida for spring break," junior Paige Tanner said. "We have been working in the gym for the last month and can't wait to put on our cleats and actually run on a dirt diamond."

In addition to these varied spring break plans, some Etown students have the opportunity to travel to Puerto Rico and New Mexico.

The trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico, co-sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and Faith in Action (FIA) student group, will consist of 20 students and two staff members.

The participants will stay in a community center in Caimito, a small urban area on the outskirts of San Juan. Here, they will work with a Christian community center where community members come for medical care, worship services, hot meals and fellowship, among other things. Additionally, they will be involved in construction, painting and cleaning. These Etown students are needed after heavy rains caused flood damage throughout the community. Evenings will be spent sharing meals with underprivileged families in small groups.

"Our jobs will be considered more light-duty than the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding and clean-up work of past FIA trips, but hopefully we will have the same impact on the lives that we will be able to touch," senior Kristen Paporello said.

Although the trip requires a lot of work, participants will also have a chance to enjoy the warm weather and relax on the beach. They will also tour the historic districts of San Juan and the Yunque Forest.

"It always amazes me how many students are willing to give up a potentially relaxing week of their time to get their hands dirty and help those in need," Paporello said.

"As we live and work in this community for a week, we will have a small glimpse into the struggles and joys of the Caimito community," Karen Hodges, adviser of FIA, said. "These experiences will very likely challenge each of us personally, intellectually and spiritually."

In addition to the Puerto Rico service trip, other students will travel to New Mexico and aid residents at the Navajo Indian Reservation in Shiprock.

Students will paint and repair buildings on the reservation, visit with the reservation's elderly residents, repair the play yard of the childcare center, and work at the thrift shop. Additionally, students will assist with a program called "Feed the Needy," during which they will prepare Indian fry bread and green chili stew to feed those in need.

Just like on the trip to San Juan, students will enjoy a day of sightseeing before returning Sunday, March 8, in time for class the next day.

"The students attending this trip will have the opportunity to help others in need," Sharon Sherick, coordinator of service-learning, said. "Everyone will not only be giving of their time and talent to help others, but they will also be 'given' something in return. I believe they will all come back with a new awareness, new friendships, new experiences and hopeful they can begin to bridge the gap between the two cultures."

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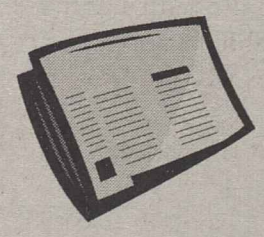

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How do you feel about having a fraternity on campus?

by Matthew P. Butera

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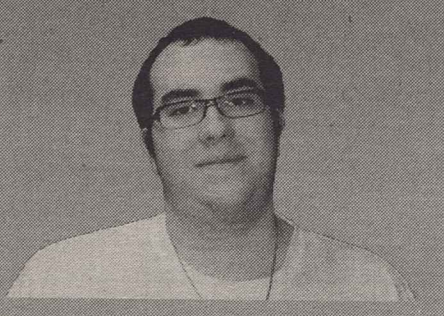

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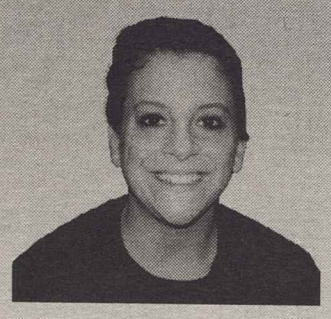

Angeline Alessandri
Class of 2009

"Maybe it will happen in a few years, but I don't see it happening anytime soon."

in the nation

'No Child Left Behind' breaks education

Katherine E. Blackman
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It has been done before, I know. No one I talk to seems particularly thrilled about former President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act, and I'm not different, except perhaps that I've glimpsed the aftermath first-hand.

Having a Spanish teacher for a mother in convenient; I often call her to clarify a concept or ask for the English equivalent of a word. That woman knows her stuff like none other. On bring-your-child-to-work day, I always accompanied my mother to school, and I listened to her teach even as I hid beneath her desk with a few pilfered highlighters and a coloring book, in terror of the giants who dominated her classrooms.

Over the years, I've gained an interesting perspective on American education. My mother has hopped from district to district, watering her material down further and further and complaining more and more bitterly about the unresponsiveness of administrators. The addition of state assessment tests (my mother calls them "pissas" behind closed doors because of the acronym PSSA) means she has to forfeit at least two weeks of class time every year to make room for these tests. Of course, in a high school setting, that means all graduating classes get jumbled together. So, if juniors are pulled out of her fourth period class one week to take the reading section of a test, should she set some busy work aside for the remaining students or push ahead with the already weakened curriculum? How can she hold the missing juniors responsible for what she teaches in that week when it's impossible to blame them for their absence?

One night, my mother told the family a very interesting story over dinner. PSSA season was in full bloom. Students were a little more attentive than usual that week — no doubt a result of the sugared orange juice and substitute breakfasts provided to them each testing session (though juice in a plastic baggie, however entertaining to drink, is poor compensation for ninety minutes of my life).

It turns out, however, that a slightly unbalanced breakfast was not the source of the students' easygoing attitude. Rebellion was in the air, but little did the high-schoolers know that their retribution would be very short-lived and come at a high price for themselves and for their high school.

I read somewhere that an elementary school principal somewhere in the continental U.S. had to discard as many as 120 test booklets on the days where state assessments were administered because so many students vomited on them. My first thought: are you serious? Those poor children!

But can we really blame the school district for putting so much pressure on Bobby and Sue that they lost that state-purchased fruit juice right after having swallowed it? I'm not so sure. The procedures (prescribed instructions a teacher must read, special pencils, etc.) surrounding these kinds of tests must be terrifying for a 6-year-old. At the same time, there are so many under-funded school districts in the U.S., and I understand those schools' desire to obtain more money, but how far can you stretch this ethically? Is a child's terror worth a few federal dollars?

So, back to my mother's insurgent juniors. Unfortunately, while they proved an important point to those willing to listen, they sacrificed themselves to the demons of state legislation. Instead of reading each question carefully and tapping into that vast cache of knowledge (hopefully supplied and molded by competent, qualified teachers) to determine the very best response for each multiple-guess question, they performed the unexpected. These heroic young men and women, in short, had had the enough of state assessment tests. Blindly and at random, they answered the questions without a care in the world as to what they actually said. *That would teach them all*, they thought. *This would show everyone how we, the students, feel. No one has ever asked for our opinion, but by gum, we'll give it to them.*

So, giddy with triumph, they treated each test sheet alike. Victory was theirs. Until the results came in.

Because they failed to achieve "proficient" scores, they were yanked out of their honors chemistry and calculus classes for remedial math instruction for the rest of the year, martyrs for their cause.

I bet if we handed our educational system over to teachers, it would run much more smoothly. Who knows better than a teacher? I don't deny that some educators are dramatically less qualified than others, but in the very least the government should reexamine what it has done to the American public education system since NCLB.

on campus

Spring break comes before winter ends

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If you were to pick up the phone right now and call one of your friends who attends a college other than Etown, chances are they will tell you that their spring break is sometime in the middle of March. That sounds normal, right? You would expect to be able to go outside and enjoy the sunshine and play basketball with your younger brother or sister. Well, not Etown; our spring break is in February this year!

Right now, it is 31 degrees outside. By the time classes are done Friday and spring break rolls around, it will be 49 degrees, and it is supposed to be in the low 40s almost every day for the rest of our time off. To me, this time frame just seems silly. I want to be able to wear shorts and hang around outside while enjoying my time off from classes and homework.

"I think spring break should be the week that spring actually starts," first-year Matt Matyas said. "It would just make more sense given that it is called spring break."

Although many students travel to warmer places such as Florida during this time, for the people staying home, it seems the weather forecast will provide lots of doom and gloom.

"When I think of spring break, I think of warm weather," sophomore LeighAnn Matthews said. "Right now, that is not the case."

Even though the weather may not be a plus, there are a few students who are trying to take a more positive look about where the calendar falls this year.

"I would obviously rather it be warmer, but I'll take a break whenever I can get one," first-year Jackie Halliday said. "I think it is a good distance between the start of the semester and Easter break, though."

One good thing about Etown's calendar this year is that we get five days off for Easter. If you ask any of your other friends, I'm sure they will not be able to say the same thing.

"I like it because it breaks up March, and then we have Easter break to split up April too," first-year Jen Elliot said. "It is true I would like it to be warmer, but I like having a break coming up next week too."

If you have, in fact, glanced at the calendar for the year, you will see how fully packed it is. It seems as though there is some kind of event going on every weekend until graduation. Finding time to fit things in can sometimes be very challenging, so perhaps that is why spring break fell at such an awkward time this year.

"I feel like there is a lot of stuff going on in April, so there is really no way to change spring break unless you shuffle dates around," first-year Hannah Desmond said. "In high school, March was not fun for me because we never had any time off. It is nice to have some now."

Whether you go to Florida or stay here in wonderful Pennsylvania, enjoy your time off. Use this break to come back refreshed and ready to finish out the semester. Don't let the weather get to you, and celebrate the fact that when we get back there are only eight and a half more weeks separating you and your summer sunshine.

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on campus

Co-ed residence: Myer rumors fly

By Chelsea E. Decker
Staff Writer

Rumors have been flying. The humble halls of Elizabethtown College have been buzzing with talk of turning the all-girls dorm Myer into a co-ed residence hall. Though plans for the setup have not been set in stone, the Residence Life office has confirmed block housing for the Fall '09 semester.

Ideally, block housing will occupy nearly 16 rooms, with eight reserved for guys and eight reserved for girls. The block housing was set up by Residence Life to provide options to upperclassmen who may not get into apartments or the quads or may choose not to live there. The block housing will operate on the lottery system, which provides each students with a number based on their amount of credits. For each group of 16 boys or 16 girls, there will be a team leader who has the highest lottery number and will reserve the housing for the rest of the group.

As a rising sophomore, I have only spent a few short months on the Etown campus, but one thing has become apparent to me: there seem to be plenty of living options available to upperclassmen in order to keep them on campus. Though Brinser Hall is open to sophomores, the apartments and quads are strictly reserved for juniors and seniors. Let me preface by saying that I completely support this about the apartments, the quads and Brinser Hall. However, I do have a problem with the lottery system that will apply to the block housing in Myer next semester.

Theoretically, the number of upperclassmen decreases as students drop out, transfer or generally leave the college. Wouldn't the College try to make more options available to rising sophomores who decide to stay the four years at Etown? Wouldn't it be logical to encourage students to stay by opening up more creative options besides the residence halls? After all, these are the years where students decide if Etown is really worth it.

Yes, call me biased. But, even in the first semester, I have already witnessed first-year students consider transferring. With the unstable economy, it seems to me that the students Etown risks losing are the students who survived their freshman year, but haven't invested the time and money like the upperclassmen.

Perhaps this is my rant for the lottery system, rather than the co-ed Myer block housing.

Let it be. I see Myer as the biggest opportunity to keep students here. After all, what are the factors that are going to keep students at Etown when they question money, classes and majors? Friends. People stay in college because their friends keep them sane when all their other troubles overtake them. Yes, there are exceptions to the rule, but someone who has true friendships established at school is more likely to stay than someone who never felt connected.

in the world

Local Mardi Gras loud, pointless

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Where's the booze? I need my beads! It's time for Mardi Gras, a traditional European holiday, which celebrates the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Although this holiday isn't commonly celebrated in the United States in the same way it is celebrated in European countries, it is certainly still enjoyed here. After all, when do people in America not like to drink? That is exactly what Mardi Gras has become in this country: another excuse to get wasted (conveniently on a weeknight) and maybe even see some ta-tas in the process.

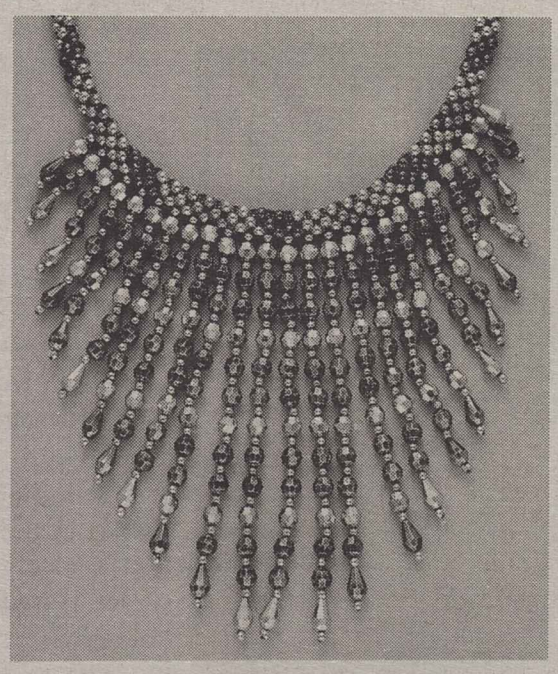
I'm all for having a good time; I just think it has to be within reason. Mardi Gras is most popularly celebrated in New Orleans because it is, after all, a French holiday, and New Orleans is largely influenced by French settlers.

So, if a person wants to celebrate Mardi Gras, then they should hop on a plane and go hit up Bourbon street! There's no need to celebrate with the same exuberance in the streets of rural Pennsylvania.

Call me a party pooper, but when I celebrate a holiday, I like to know why I'm celebrating. I couldn't tell you a thing about Mardi Gras; all of the facts I found were the hard-earned results of googling.

Getting wasted and flashing and/or being flashed for a holiday that I know people are celebrating in a state I've never been to, or in several countries I've only been to once, is not my idea of a good time.

If you really want to go out and celebrate Mardi Gras, go do it, and I hope you have fun. I just also hope that you know what you're celebrating and that this isn't just another opportunity to consume copious amounts of alcohol and maybe sleep in the street (although for some that may be considered an adventure!).



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Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," has come to define the activities and events held on the day before Ash Wednesday.

I like to hope that in American, we all possess a bit more depth than just thinking, "Oh, it's a Tuesday! And somewhere people are celebrating something! Pull into that bar!"

America is all about the land of the free, the land of the good times, and the opportunity to celebrate Mardi Gras is certainly a good time.

I would just much prefer to celebrate it in New Orleans, or in France, where the costumes are elaborate and the preparations and knowledge make the experience even richer and more memorable.

But if celebrating Mardi Gras in a bar with a couple friends and a few shiny plastic bead necklaces that you bought at the dollar store does the same thing for you as being in New Orleans would do for me, then more power to you.

I just caution all you lovely ladies: go on and have a good time, but don't lift any shirts around any cameras; it might not end too well.

staff column

After ink and paper

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

I'm writing for the Opinion section of a newspaper, which means that I can say things like "'Slumdog Millionaire' is the best film since 'South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut'" without any real fear of retribution. It's easy to become comfortable with this medium, and to get in the habit of writing something, passing it to an established audience, and chasing paper. It is perhaps equally easy to expect that print media will continue to sustain people like me (but not me) into the coming decades, and that it is the Heaven-instilled responsibility of Readers Like You to keep us going.

(It is not.)

Print media — those inexplicable human habits of staining bits of crushed dead trees with scribbles and charging exorbitant prices for the privilege of staring at them — are dying. Tears will not sustain them. Broadcast is hiccupping, too. Readily replicable information now exists — in varying states of legality — over the Internet, and it's simply not cost-effective to pump advertising dollars into cathode-ray tubes lit by Hearst or Time Warner.

The world is what it is. A handful of magazines (including The Economist) reported growth in 2008, but 525 more closed. Even Rolling Stone and US Weekly are floundering. Some publications will endure, but the financial viability of many media is being questioned. Television, for example, will likely deteriorate. In March, the Atlantic prophesied that networks would mutate to become the "equivalent of AM talk radio."

This is not an excuse for you comm majors to weep, beg for attention, or exploit your positions to print "rants." Instead, it is an opportunity to cast off obsolete dreams and demonstrate powers of actual communication. Rather than honing your teleprompter-reading and lining up for newsroom jobs in Needmore, Pa., y'all should learn yourselves some body language and rhetoric. Negotiation, persuasion and rainmaking are timeless and transcend both industry evolutions and economic crises.

The jobs that you want do not exist. Deal wif' it. If you *must* work in media, you'll only make money if you learn the rules of the industry.

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etown men's basketball

Jays advance to conference championship Saturday

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown men's basketball team solidified their spot as one of the top teams in the Commonwealth Conference, bringing down Arcadia University in a 71-49 rout this past Saturday.

The win maintained the Blue Jay's undefeated streak against Arcadia, now standing at 5-0, and kept the team's momentum up after having won their past three games against conference opponents.

The win also put the team in great shape as they prepared for the playoffs, which started yesterday when the team faced Albright College.

Junior Mike Church scored a game-high 16 points for the Blue Jays, grabbing seven rebounds in the process. Sophomore Joe Flanagan also added 14 points to help the team clinch the third seed in the Commonwealth Conference. Impressive shooting by Etown was the story of the game, as the team combined for a stellar 56.5 percent from the field.

They also crashed the boards throughout the game. Senior Phil Schaffer recorded a career-high 12 rebounds from the point-guard position.

"To be honest, the first half, we didn't play that well," sophomore forward Chris Hill said. "But we came out in the second half, and played like the team we know we can be and the team that can win the [Mid-Atlantic Conference]."

Juniors Chris Jomes and Josh Houseal also finished the game with double-digits. Jones continued his streak of sucessful 3-pointers, stretching it to seven, and finished with 10 points, matching his career high.

Houseal finished with 11 points and kept up the Jays' rebounding, adding four to the total. The Blue Jay's defense, as was evident throughout the year, is what really helped bring down Arcadia in the second half. They were able to force Arcadia to commit 21 turnovers throughout the game, increasing their total forced to 53 over their three-game winning streak.

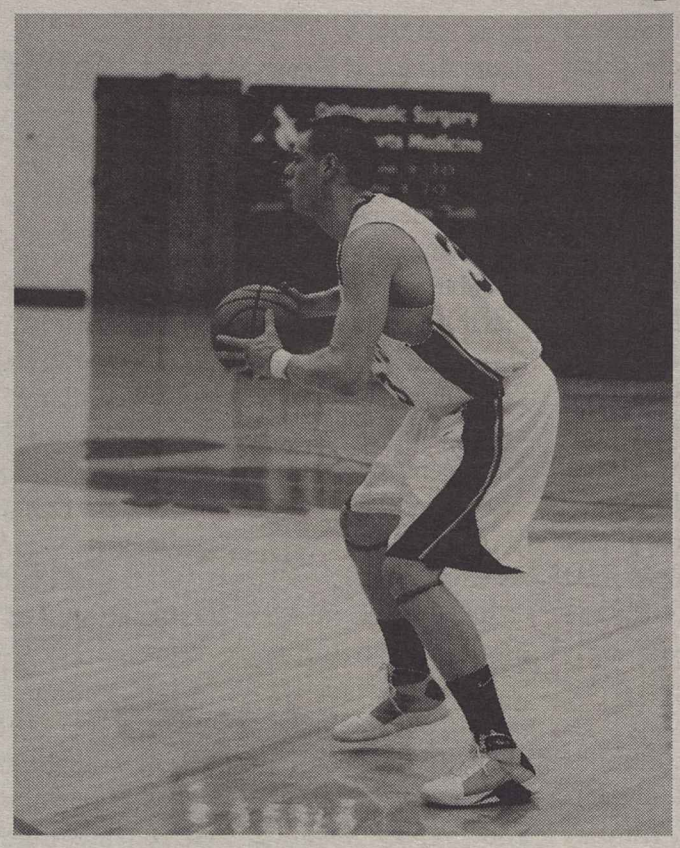

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Junior Josh Houseal looks for somebody to pass to in a match two weeks ago.The Jays played their first playoff match last night at Albright College.

The defensive tenacity of the team helped Etown maintain the lead through all but 28 seconds of the game, and will hopefully carry over to the conference playoffs.

The game against Albright was a big one for Etown, not only because of the playoff implications that come along with the outcome, but also due to the arrogant style of play Albright with which played during their last overtime win in Thompson Gym.

"We needed the momentum to get to the playoffs if we won like we did [against Arcadia]," Hill said. "We wanted Albright to begin with, 'cause they're kind of cocky, and because of the way they acted here when they won in overtime. And right now, between us and Albright, we're playing better basketball. We have that swagger that they had when they played us."

Although the game against Albright would be the team's first priority, it will not be the only match with which they will be paying attention.

The key game will be Messiah's playoff match against Widener, who ended the season at the head of the Commonwealth pack.

If Messiah beat Widener, which they had already done this year, and Etown defeated Albright, then the MAC Championship Game Saturday would be here at Thompson — Etown versus Messiah.

After a rough matchup, the Jays defeated Albright 68-64. They will be playing in their first Commowealth Conference championship since 2004. Church led the men with 17 points. Keith Fogel added 13 points, and Flanagan had 12 points.Both Flanagan and Fogel and two three-pointers in the game as well.

Unfortunatly, Etown will not have home field advantage Saturday for the championship match. Widener University defeated Messiah 76-61 last night. Etown will face Widener in Chester, Pa. Saturday. The last time these two teams met, Widener won 80-69.

etown track and field

Team competes at MACs this Saturday with high hope

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown's track and field teams came out strong this weekend at Susquehanna University. With these improved records, the teams are closer to qualifying for the NCAAs, a goal that has been in their minds since the beginning of the season.

"The meet [on Saturday] went really well for us," Coach Chris Straub said. "We had 'rabbits' set the pace. All had season best performances. Dylan Rulander had Drew Graybeal '08 rabbit for him in the 800m and missed making the national qualifying standard by 4/10ths of a second."

First-year Eric Reichert had Evan DeArmitt rabbit for him in the mile and came up just 2 seconds shy of the standard. Senior Tiffany Kulp had Amanda Daws rabbit for her in the mile and "came up about 2-3 seconds shy of the women's mile standard for a flat 200m track."

"[Junior] Wyatt Eaton had an outstanding day, moving up to 4th all-time in school history in the 200m. He also got a personal best in the high jump at 5'11, or 5th all-time. He closed his day with a split of 50.8 seconds in the 4X400m relay. He is very close to becoming a national-caliber sprinter. His hard work is starting to pay off and is a tribute to his work ethic, patience and 'coachability' under the tutelage of Coach Erin VanderSchaaf last year and Coach Joel Hoffsmith this year."

"Susquehanna's meet went really well," first-year Kathryn Howser said. "We, as a team, were able to try and get in some final qualifications for MACs this coming Saturday as well as better our qualifying times. We are looking to go out there this Saturday and do our best next to win with the support of our team, those competing and those not competing."

After a successful weekend, the team is looking forward to the MACs Saturday, Feb. 28. They have remained on top throughout the season and are preparing to continue as a top four seed.

"Both the men's and women's teams are hoping to remain competitive and maintain our position as a top four team in the Middle-Atlantic Conference at the indoor and outdoor championships," Straub said.

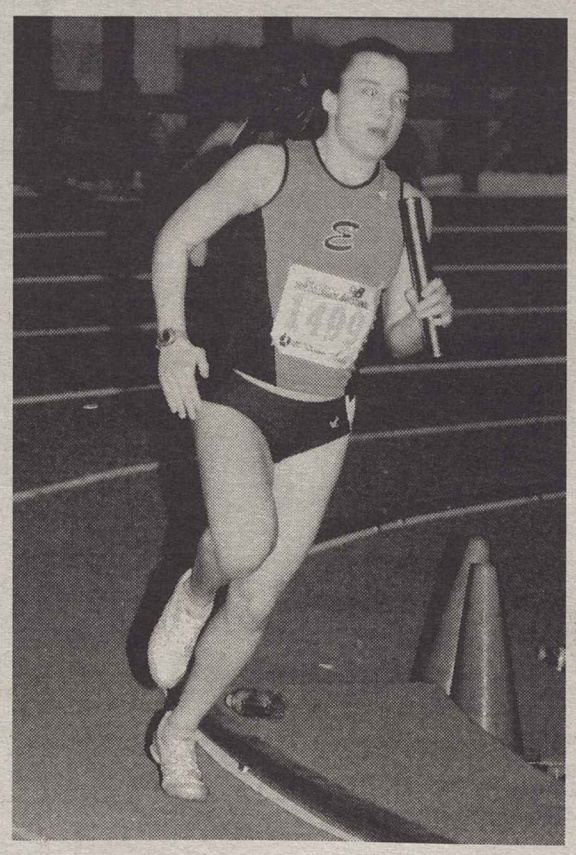

Photo: Drac Williams
First-year Kathyrn Howser competes at the NewYork City Armory earlier in the season. The team's final test will come at MACs this Saturday, Feb. 28.

Etown has done so in all six championships per year since 2002 or 40 championships in a row. The team has also had representation at every indoor and outdoor NCAA Championships since 2003. Etown would like to keep that streak alive. Both teams appear to be in position to achieve this team goal, but it will take a group effort Saturday, Feb. 28th to make it a reality.

"Tiffany Kulp (mile in 5:07), Eric Reichert (mile in 4:18) and [senior] Dylan Rulander (800m in 1:55) were all relatively close to qualifying for NCAAs at the Susquehanna Open Saturday, Feb. 21. Wyatt Eaton, Allie Gold and Chelsea Miles are all having excellent seasons as well and are making progress toward becoming national-caliber track & field athletes," Straub said.

At this point, the work is done. The hay is in the barn. We're focusing on doing all the little things away from practice correctly to be at our mental and physical best come Saturday."

"The season has had its ups and downs, but the team is pulling themselves together for MACs next Saturday and really focusing on achieving our team goal of winning MACs," first-year Russell Speiden said. "Everybody is determined and giving 110 percent in practice so they can be ready for the competition at MACs."

The teams have come together this season to continue the success they have had in previous years.

With their times consistantly improving after every meet, the men and women are on their way to qualifying for the NCAA and ending the season on top.

CORRECTION

In last week's swimming article, *The Etownian* published several mistakes.

The last Etown swimmer to win the David B. Eavenson Award was Chris Miller, who won the award in 2007. Etown graduate Jackie Miller also won the award in 1997 and 1998.

Also, Gretchen Geiger broke the school record in the 400-meter Indivudual Medley, not the 100-meter breastroke.

The Etownian sincerely apologizes for these errors.

sports scandal

Steroid use plagues All-Star; athletes react differently

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

The Major League Baseball off-season was going smoothly. So smoothly, in fact, that little to no controversy rose. The New York Yankees dominated and other teams threw in a few clutch pickups. Because the acquisition of K-Rod, the New York Mets now show promise of surviving a year without an end-of-season collapse, and the Atlanta Braves filled a pitching gap by picking up Derek Lowe. However, all of these large headlines were nothing compared to the storm that was brewing ahead.

Feb. 7, Sports Illustrated magazine posted a story on its Web site that changed MLB history: New York Yankee's Alex Rodriguez tests positive for steroids.

Up until this point, few powerful mainstream athletes in baseball have remained steroid free; Rodriguez was one of those men.

According to SI, the initial story reported that Rodriguez's name was mentioned in a list from a 2003 MLB random drug test results that named players who tested positive for steroid use. The results were supposed to remain anonymous. However, testing was conducted at the time to see if the MLB should enforce a stricter steroid policy. Of the 1,198 players tested, 104 results were positive.

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Derek Jeter
Yankee's shortstop

Two days after the story was published, Rodriguez talked to ESPN's Peter Gammons about the issue. While he admitted to steroid use during the 2001-'03 seasons, he said, "When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me, and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day."

Rodriguez blamed MLB culture at the time for his use of steroids, and he mentioned several times in the interview that he was too naïve to understand that what he was doing wrong.

During the seasons he used steroids, Rodriguez, who played for the Texas Rangers, led the league in home runs, and he won the MVP title in 2003. After his record-breaking year, he was traded to the New York Yankees.

Since Rodriguez's interview, more information about the case has surfaced. As it turned out, Rodriguez's cousin, Yuri Sucart, injected Rodriguez with Primobolan, a substance that was banned in the United States and also the Dominican Republic, Rodriguez and Sucart's native country.

While the MLB has tried to step in and take a stand, it cannot punish the all-star, because under a labor agreement, players cannot be punished for taking illegal substances before 2003, according to ESPN.

Rodriguez showed up, as expected, to the Yankees training camp in Tampa, Fla. He was greeted by supportive teammates; however, not all of them had positive things to say. Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter expressed his support, but he does not condone Rodriguez for blaming the time as a reason to take steroids.

"I think it sends the wrong message to fans, to baseball fans; I think it sends the wrong message to kids, saying that everybody was doing it, because that's just not the truth," Jeter told ESPN. "Not everybody was doing it."

Rodriguez's scandal caused many people to question whether or not Rodriguez was, in fact, telling the truth, and also it has raised questions over the trustworthiness of the MLB.

"If you are an athlete, you know what you're putting in your body at all times," first-year baseball player Tim Rosser said. "You wouldn't put something in your body if you didn't know what it was." Rosser also said that from a fan's perspective, it's sad to find out that some of the great all-stars in the league cheated their way to the top.

Though the case brought about mainly negative feedback from fans, some don't think it's that big of a deal.

"Obviously what [Rodriguez] did was wrong and a very poor choice but I believe that Major League Baseball was one of the major problems with steroids in the game in the past and today," first-year baseball player Alex Poppe said. "No matter what, Alex Rodriguez is still one of the greatest players of all time. Steroids do not make you a great hitter and a great fielder, which [Rodriguez] is."

No matter what the opinions are, Rodriguez's case will certainly be one of the most talked-about stories in the months leading up to the beginning of the season. Rodriguez is sill slated to start at his third base position when the Yankees face the Baltimore Orioles April 6.

etown wrestling

Two take gold at Metros

Thomas D. Hagerty
Staff Writer

The wrestling team took to the mat this weekend, competing in the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championship Tournament at York College. As a team, the Blue Jays took sixth place in a close battle for points. Sophomore Mike Lussier and first-year Jordan Becker both got some points for the Jays by making it to the consolation semifinals. Junior Deron Sharp and Tyler Erdman were standouts Sunday, each winning his respective weight class.

Sharp took the 285-pound weight class as the top seed. He was very well prepared for his matches, as he has seen his opponents throughout the season.

"When I looked at the seeds, I knew if I wrestled well I could get to the finals. I had already seen the guys in the past, so I knew I had it in me [to beat them]," he said.

Sharp had previously beaten both his semifinals and finals opponents just two weekends ago.

Those wins came on a weekend where Sharp won three bouts in two days and was given the honor of being named *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week.

With his successes this season, Sharp noted that winning Metros was always his main goal.

On the other end of the scale is 125-pound Erdman. He came to Elizabethtown with a distinguished high school résumé from Line Mountain. He was 44-1 last year in AA wrestling and was the PIAA State Champion at 119 pounds. Despite his near-perfect past, Erdman did not expect to win the Metros from the beginning.

"I didn't think about it until about halfway through the season, and then I started thinking I could really do some damage," he said.

Erdman went 29-4 on the season, won an individual title at 125 pounds, and was named the conference's Rookie of the Year. Erdman attributed his tough mental attitude to his coach and brother.

"Although I was a little nervous, Coach Walker told me no one works harder than me, I just have to go prove it. Also, my brother told me to just fight like there's no tomorrow," he said. He did just that, and now there will be more opportunities for him in early March in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Both Sharp and Erdman will head to the NCAA Division III National Championships in Iowa March 6. Sharp hopes to stay sharp in Iowa in the most prestigious wrestling tournament of his career.

"I'll be ready to go. Ready to make some noise," he said when asked about his looming trip to the U.S. Cellular Center in Iowa. Erdman was just as excited. "My goal is to come back as an All-American."

The Etownian wishes the best of luck to Deron Sharp and Tyler Erdman in the National Championship.

etown spring sports

Spring sports start strong

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Last weekend, two Etown spring sports teams, baseball and women's lacross, took the field for the first time.

Baseball

The Blue Jays traveled to Winchester, Va. to face Shenandoah University for their opening game of the season. Etown lost the game 7-4 after shutting the Hornets out for the first six innings. The Hornets came back and scored seven runs in the second half of the game.

Some notable performaces by the Blue Jays include senior Tom Semanek who went 2-for-4 and had two doubles, including one that scored two runs. Junior Matt Vinagro also hit a two run single in the fourth inning. Senior Sam Heaps was the starting pitcher and allowed two hits and three earned runs. Junior Adam Hartzell took the loss for Etown.

Etown finished the game with six total hits and one error, compared to the Hornet's eight hits and two errors.

The Jays are tied for first with Messiah College in the Commonwealth Conference baseball preseason coaches poll.

The men will head to Fort Pierce, Fla. to play seven games during spring break.

Women's Lacrosse

The Lady Jays opened strong against York College in their first match of the season.

Etown took their home field Saturday and defeated York 18-3. The Jays earned 15 goals in the first half of the game. Senior Anne Ford scored seven goals and set a career high record.

Also adding to the Jay's total were senior Katie Foley with three goals, and junior Megan Byrnes and senior Kelsea Kozak who each had one goal and three assists.

Juniors Stephanie Kreis and Katie Caprinolo, and sophomore Sara Cullinan each scored two goals, and sophomore Maria Dematteo had one goal and one assist for the Jays.

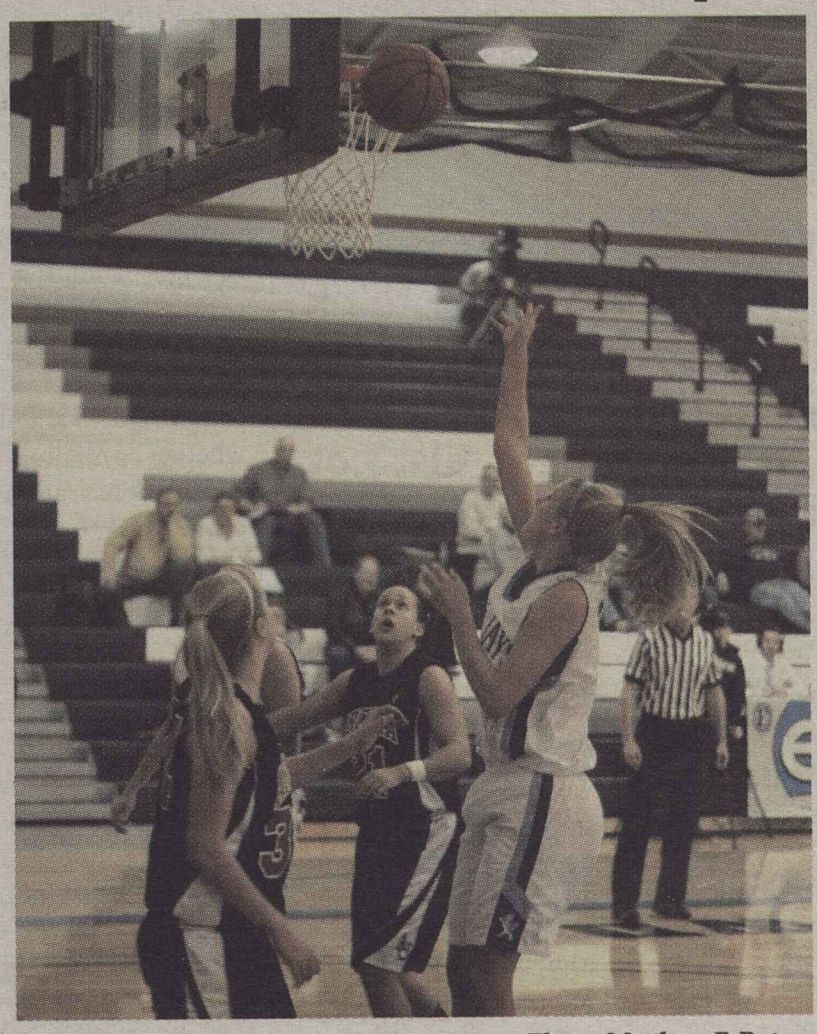
Playing goal in the first half of the game was senior Jenn Hawkins, who made six saves. Junior Becca Watkins stepped into the goal the second half and made four saves.

The ladies will travel to St. Crois, U.S. Virgin Islands over spring break to face Roanoke College.

etown women's basketball

Quinn makes 1,000th career point in finale

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer



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Making history, senior Megan Quinn scored her 1,000th career point in a match against Arcadia this past Saturday.

The Lady Jays ended their season Saturday, Feb. 21. They closed on a win, a high note in a season where the winning percentage was worse than seasons past, beating Arcadia 90-67.

While the win-loss percentage for the Lady Jays remained lower than desired, the team is pleased with how everyone has worked together, and even more so, how they've gotten along on and off the court.

"Our entire team got along so well together, and that has normally not happened," senior captain Jenn Montague said.

First-year Teanna Ziegler said, "I think that the fact we were close outside of basketball gave us the ability to work well with each other on the court."

This year, the Lady Jays took a week-long trip to St. Thomas over winter break, which Coach Yvonne Kauffman believes only further cemented the bonds in the team.

There, the team had one of their best games against Cabrini College, beating them 63-58 after losing to Montclair State University.

Another top game for the Lady Jays was against Widener Jan. 17. The team was behind 15 points and came back to win 72-65.

Four players finished the game with double figures in scoring, including senior captains Megan Romano and Megan Quinn.

Such games as Widener and Cabrini helped boost the Lady Jays' record but they still ended the season with 11-14 overall, and a 4-8 record at the Commonwealth Conference. Even though the Lady Jays lost the conference, they were still able to end on a win, a final victory for the season.

"It definitely was worse than last season, and it wasn't what I expected, but team unity was better and they continued to come to practice with a good work ethic," Kauffman said.

That work ethic carried on through the end of the season at Saturday's game against Arcadia, as the team had two major highlights.

Two of the senior players were able to accomplish their goals during the last game of their careers.

Quinn scored her 1000th point, making her the 23rd player in program history to receive the honor. Her teammates congratulated her by unrolling a banner in front of the Lady Jays bench.

Montague scored the first three-pointer of her career with 24 seconds left in the game.

"She really wanted to be able to accomplish that before leaving," Kauffman said.

When asked if there should be anyone on the radar for next season, Kauffman immediately mentioned first-year Stephanie Ellwood, who was a starter this season and an unexpected boost to the team. However, Kauffman said that all the first years this season did an amazing job stepping up to the plate when center player Montague was injured in practice and unable to play for three weeks.

"The first-years got experience playing center, and even with a lot on their shoulders, they didn't let us down," Kauffman said.

Overall, for the Lady Jays, while the season was not as successful as they all had hoped, the women not only enjoyed playing basketball as a team but also becoming one off-court.

"This year has definitely been the best out of my four years. We all had fun together and definitely have had some good laughs," Montague said.

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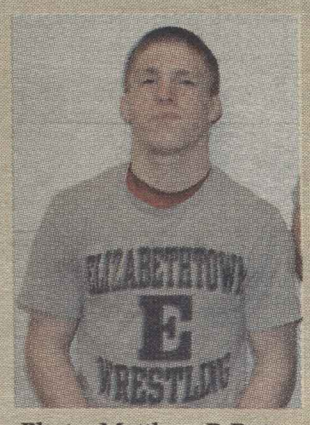
Athlete of the Week

Tyler Erdman

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is proud to name first year Tyler Erdman this issues Athlete of the Week.

Erdman, in his first ever Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championships, was the top seed in the 125-lb weight class. In his first match, Erdman won by decision 10-4 over Jerrid Hartman of York College.



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Erdman then went on to beat Shaun Farnham of Wilkes University in the final by a score of 5-3. These two victories improved his record for the season to a mind-blowing 29-4. (That's *really good* for all of you who didn't pick up on the large number in the first part of the record.)

While we're on the subject, let's talk some more statistics. During the regular season, Erdman went 27-3 in the 125-lb weight class and 0-1 at 133. Out of those 27 wins he pinned 3, teched 9, and scored majors against another 3. If you don't know wrestling, just say 'wow' after reading that last line. Erdman was also nearly perfect in dual matches, posting a record of 12-1.

Oh, and did I forget to mention he was named Rookie of the Year? I would have personally called the voters if he didn't win with those numbers.

Erdman and fellow Champion Deron Sharp will train for the upcoming NCAA D-III Championships at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids Iowa March 6-7. They will be the first wrestlers since 2005 to represent Etown at the national tournament.

Congratulations to Mr. Tyler Erdman for winning his weight class, Rookie of the Year and *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week.

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Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Italian chicken wrap
Something not many people know about me:
I'm very competitve at Dance Dance Revolution.

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on campus

New, improved housing selection options to be tested

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Big changes are coming to campus: Residence Life unveiled several new policies regarding housing options and the selection process. And yes, the rumors are true: beginning in fall 2009, Myer Hall will be a co-ed residence.

Allison Bridgeman, director of Residence Life, was able to confirm these rumors. She said it was a few years ago when the department first "tested the idea of making one of our all-female buildings co-ed. We want to be able to provide students with the housing options that they want."

Bridgeman said that an informal survey was circulated four years ago, and that many students expressed their approval of co-ed living. Another more formal survey was sent to students last spring. According to that study, 72.6 percent of students approve or strongly encourage men and women living together in the same building.

The debate over which building, Myer or Schlosser Hall, should become co-ed, has often swung back and forth over the years, but the decision is now final. Myer was chosen over Schlosser because it will allow strategic housing for placement of men and women.

With bathrooms located at either end of the long middle hall, men and women will not have to worry about encountering one another on their way out of the shower. According to the same survey, 50 percent of students either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the idea of same sex floors — probably, Bridgeman guessed, because of the shared bathroom issue.

"The goal is to strategically place genders," Bridgeman said. "We want the proportions to be balanced, like they are in other co-ed buildings."

Myer also comes closest to providing what Bridgeman called "the Brinser feel" of a small community. The building will provide block housing for both men and women, and a special "Friends in Myer" block in the front porch areas of the building.

These areas feel comfortable and homey to students, and often whole groups of

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Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Science in Motion, a new program, was launched March 11 in the Masters Center for Science and Engineering. The program will bring scientific equipment to high schools all across Central Pa. Elizabethtown is one of 12 schools to enact such a program. See SCIENCE IN MOTION, page 3.

in the nation

Stem cell research funding ban overturned; sparks fly

Emily E. Knitter
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Stem cell research, a frequent topic of discussion and debate among citizens on both public and political grounds, could potentially be one of America's most groundbreaking discoveries in the medical field. Stem cells have the miraculous potential to grow and develop into many different cell types in the body and are used to treat many types of diseases.

Serving as a repair system for the body, they can divide without limit to replenish other cells as long as the person or animal is still living. Stem cell research creates a clash of moral beliefs and science; whether or not it should be used and how much money should be spent on it is a frequent political controversy.

Monday, March 9, President Barack Obama decided to reverse former President George W. Bush's policy on funding for stem cell research. With Obama's new order, federal money will now fund expanded human embryonic stem cell research. But Obama took this to another level by issuing a memorandum that sets broad parameters for how his team will choose only expert advisers and precise data. The memorandum orders Obama's top science adviser to help plan specific guidelines that will apply to every federal agency. Agencies will be required to pick science advisers based on expertise, not ideology. It is predicted that as a result of these new actions, more states will have embryonic stem cell research centers.

Scientists all over the U.S. are generally praising this decision. According to the Xinhua News Agency, researchers in this field are very welcoming of Obama's decision because the ban on federal funding had hindered the pace of progress of U.S. scientists in this field. Some scientists have even left the U.S. to work for other countries because of the lack of funding. Now, scientists will have more opportunities to explore their field of work and possibly make some new discoveries.

Associate professor of biology Dr. Jonathan Coren is very supportive of this decision.

"I am definitely for this technology. I do not think a ball of cells is life. I think it is a possibility of life," Coren said. "If there are embryos that are going to be frozen and eventually discarded, then they should be put to use." Coren recently held discussions on this topic with two of his classes.

"Both sections of my class generally agreed it would be best to use this technology," Coren said.

According to Fox News, certain religious and anti-abortion groups are among the vast majority of those who are still against this type of research. They oppose it because they believe life begins at the moment of conception and that embryos are human beings entitled to the same protections against abuse as anyone else.

Though there may always be controversy on this subject, Obama's choice is final and only time will tell whether or not this research is worthwhile.

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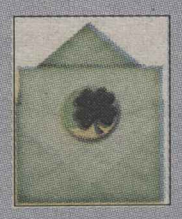

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news in brief

Josef Fritzl, the Austrian man who kept his daughter imprisoned in the basement of the family home for 24 years and fathered seven children with her, has pled guilty to all charges.

These include enslavement and rape; Fritzl also faces murder charges for the death of one of his children soon after birth. Fritzl admitted that he burned the infant's body in the family furnace.

He originally pleaded only partly guilty to most of the charges, but changed his mind after watching video testimony from the daughter he enslaved, Elisabeth.

Elisabeth and her children have been given new identities. Fritzl was sentenced to life in prison.

A severe outbreak of rabies has claimed the lives of 83 children in Luanda, the capitol of Angola. Luanda contains some of the world's poorest slums and has a large population of stray dogs, who are the main carriers of the disease.

World Health Organization rabies expert Francois Meslin told CNN that the situation is "very worrying. This is a huge number and could be the tip of the iceberg."

Rabies can be prevented by vaccination, but most of the residents of Luanda cannot afford the treatment.

Pope Benedict XVI is in the midst of a six-day visit to Africa. The pope has stirred up controversy for certain remarks made about the epidemic spread of HIV/AIDS over the continent, where more than 22 million people are affected.

"You can't resolve [the spread of HIV] with the distribution of condoms," Benedict said during his trip. "On the contrary, it increases the problem."

The comments have drawn criticism from many, including some Catholic priests, who believe the pope should be encouraging safe practices for people who choose to disregard the option of abstinence.

Compiled by Aidan Bauernschmidt from CNN.com

in the world

Drug wars rage in Mexico; U.S. may send aid

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While the war on terror continues in the Middle East, a war far closer to home that has been raging for a few years is only now gaining attention. A drug war is taking place in Mexico, and is now creeping into the southernmost states bordering Mexico, such as Arizona and Texas.

While many people know that the drugs are smuggled in and the drug lords are some of the wealthiest and most powerful people in the country of Mexico, there are also many things that the public does not know. Last month, a retired army general was tortured and killed on a road leaving Cancun. The retired general was supposed to help target the corruption in the local police force. The group of killers is suspected to be a strong paramilitary group linked to the drug cartels.

Because of this problem in one of the most popular vacation areas of Mexico, many tourists cancelled their spring break plans for Mexico. Recently, former C.I.A. director George J. Tenet revealed that he was so concerned about his son's trip to Mexico, planned with a bunch of college friends, that he made his son cancel his trip and told him that he could party anywhere but Mexico.

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This graphic shows the territories of various drug cartels in Mexico, and the areas in dispute between them. Mexico's drug wars have recently worsened, sparking increased violence and causing travelers to cancel their plans.

This year, the University of Arizona encouraged their students to vacation elsewhere during spring break.

Tijuana, another popular vacation spot in Mexico for college students, is said to be one of the most violent cities in Mexico. Cartels fight for turf on a regular basis.

The violence has accounted for over 6,000 drug related murders in the past year — double the number than what it was last year.

Since the war and the drug-related violence has risen so significantly, President Obama is considering putting National Guard troops on the border of Texas and Mexico.

The governor of Texas sent a request to Obama because of the violence spilling over into the state. While Obama does want to do this, he said that he plans to work with Mexico to help them get the problem under control.

The drug cartel has also infiltrated some of the Mexican government, as well as the people who are supposed to protect the country, such as the police force and military.

Some claim that in order to rid Mexico of most of the drug problems, the government must rebuild itself from the ground up.

While Mexico used to be a fun and safe country where many people enjoyed vacationing, that sense of security has left.

With the military patrolling the streets on a regular basis and the murders of many innocent people, the drug cartel in Mexico has taken over.

in the nation

Failing economy felt on national, local levels

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Economists say that in 2008 and 2009 the U.S. has been struggling economically. This turmoil is affecting people both locally and nationally.

In Lancaster, several businesses are rolling up the sidewalk. Roth's Furniture Store on Market Street in Elizabethtown, which has been in business for 76 years, will be closing by the end of May 2009. Brian Miller, store manager, said the store has been experiencing economic trouble for approximately 20 months.

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Secretary of the treasury Tim Geithner observes President Obama speak on the precarious state of the U.S. economy.

"Furniture is not on the priority list. We are tied to the housing struggles lately, and the housing industry has slowed down tremendously," Miller said.

There has been an immense business decline; some days the store is without customers. When the store began experiencing economic troubles, they tried various special sales to stimulate customer traffic.

The main business tactic they tried is cash raising or liquidation, which was not effective. This is when a store tries to sell old merchandise and replace it with more modern items. Although the store has contended in an uphill battle, the business has not laid off any employees.

Roth's Furniture is not the only victim of the unfortunate financial circumstances. Other local businesses in Lancaster, Pa. are suffering as well. Circuit City and Linens 'n Things, located in Red Rose Commons, have closing plans, too.

Economic obstacles exist on a national level. According to Pro Publica journalism, Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac, American International Group (A.I.G.), General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler, Wall Street and Citigroup have all received government bailouts.

These bailouts range from $700 million to $17,4 billion. "I do not feel like all of this spending is going to help," Miller said. "I think it is proven over the years that tax cuts help with getting money."

The stock market has been experiencing many fluctuations. Economists say the market has taken a downward spiral, but it seems to be coming afloat in the past few days.

According to MSNCB News, many stock investors bought financial and home builder stocks Tuesday. This shows a glimmer of hope for the market, but brokers say this is not a sure sign of recovery.

In addition, the market had a solid four-day run last week which produced a 10 percent increase on market barometers. While these are steps in the right direction, analysts say there are risks, and uncertainty remains.

Current economic terms leave people yearning for recovery. First-year occupational therapy major Emily Ulrich said, "The most pressing issue facing me right now with regards to the economy is definitely how much harder it is to get loans for school. Banks are less inclined to give loans because of the economy, and that can put extra pressure on families who are struggling to pay for college.

"I don't know exactly what should be done to help the struggling economy, but changes definitely need to be made."

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Electronic lottery tickets usher in new housing regime

friends would occupy these corners. Sometimes they would move chairs and lamps out into the hall, where friends could mingle, providing the feel of a small apartment setting. "The students came up with the name," coordinator of housing operations Darlene Sommers said.

"We're going to start with one male and one female block, with 14 people each," Bridgeman said. "Then we'll evaluate whether those blocks are too big or too small, and evaluate how to continue."

Bridgeman was also able to clear up another rumor about Myer. "We hadn't planned for naked Wednesdays in the model," she joked.

Block housing is also a new feature of this year's selection process. Blocks of rooms will be set aside in each building, and groups of friends can apply for them in the same way that students apply for an independent living unit such as an apartment or quad.

Sommers said that in her research, she discovered that many universities have found this approach to be successful, including Bucknell, Emory and the University of Delaware.

It makes sense to offer this option to students, Bridgeman said, because "once you find a group, you want to stick together."

Many changes have been made to the lottery system and housing selection this year as well. This year marked the first time that lottery numbers for student housing selection have been sent electronically through e-mail. Not only is this much simpler than the time-consuming process of having students sign for their tickets individually, it is also "greener," Bridgeman said. "We also thought that it would be much easier for the students."

A student who in the past misplaced his or her lottery card used to be required to come to the Office of Residence Life, request another, and have that duplicate printed out for him or her. Now, if a student misplaces the lottery card, he or she only need e-mail Residence Life to have another copy forwarded to his or her inbox.

Bridgeman and Sommers believe that many students will take advantage of the block housing option. So far, they appear to be right.

"Male block housing applications are completely out," Sommers said. "I had to refill them. But the applications are due Friday, so we should know by then how many are really interested."

In addition to block housing, more living-learning communities will be offered to students as well. These communities are groups of students with common interests, living together in the same area of a residence hall.

Some first-year seminars, such as assistant professor of sociology Michelle Kozimor-King's simple living seminar, live together so that some of their residential experiences can be tied into the classroom and vice versa. First-year students in the Honors Program are often placed together as well.

Some of the students in the simple living seminar have decided to continue their community experience, and have together created a group called Global Action, or "GlAction."

"It feels like a cross between [a student directed learning community] and a living-learning community," Bridgeman said.

Partners in Engineering is a community for students currently enrolled in or thinking of entering into an engineering major. The students will work together to provide extra tutoring, study sessions and providing first-year students with support. Bridgeman said she has been contacted by professors, who say that they have seen an improvement in these engineering students since they began living together.

Growing to Empower a Multicultural Society (GEMS) is a brand new living-learning community that will see its first trials in the fall. It will be comprised of first-year and upperclassmen students, including international students.

Bridgeman says the community will provide for personal exploration, and its aim is to foster interactions between students of different ethnic backgrounds and to engage in cross-cultural experiences.

Seven or eight applications have been received, and the rest of the openings will be filled by incoming first-years. This community will be located in Founders.

Other changes may be in store for next year as well. "We may consider putting the [ILU] applications online next year," Bridgeman said. "We're totally ready to expand."

Also, when students were surveyed about a possible new residence hall, results showed that students would want it to feel like Founders, with two genders and a family-like setting.

Even more exciting, Bridgeman and Sommers were able to confirm that next year, housing selection will be taking place online. Many colleges already do this, Bridgeman said, and it should not be a difficult transition for Etown.

"We think it will be a lot easier for everyone, picking their housing from their own rooms," Bridgeman said.

This year, housing selection will be held during the week, instead of a Saturday. "We wanted to try it during the week, because people often had conflicts with sports, or different engagements," Bridgeman said. "We think this will be easier for everyone."

ILU and block housing applications are due today, March 20.

Housing selection for seniors and juniors will be held in the event space the evening of April 14. Students approved for ILU housing should arrive at 7:30; open room selection for upperclassmen begins at 8:15.

Sophomore open room selection will be held in the M&M Mars room in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center April 16 at 7 p.m.

on campus

Science in Motion launched; area schools to benefit

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

Elizabethtown's "Educate for Service" motto was alive and in action this past Thursday with the enactment of the College's new "Science in Motion" (SIM) program. The process was unveiled in the Masters Center March 11. Faculty members, college students and Elizabethtown High School students were in attendance.

Science in Motion is a program designed to bring expensive and precise scientific instruments to school districts in the Central Pennsylvania area that otherwise couldn't afford them. Specifically, Elizabethtown's Science in Motion will serve schools in Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks and Schuylkill counties. The equipment will be brought to the schools by Science In Motion's flagship vehicle, a 2008 Honda Element custom painted with the program's logo. It not only will deliver the equipment, but act as a laboratory for its use.

Some of the goods that SIM will provide include micropipettes (devices designed to measure liquid by the microliter) and the equipment necessary to extract and identify DNA. The equipment is brought to high schools so students there can gain insight into what laboratories doing real scientific research use to make their findings.

In this way, students can learn hands on about what their science instructors are teaching them.

All of this came to fruition thanks to a $148,000 grant that the Pennsylvania Department of Education gave the College earlier this year.

With this event, Elizabethtown joins the ranks of 12 other schools with Science in Motion programs. SIM was started by Juniata College in 1987. Since then, colleges like Susquehanna University, Drexel and Gettysburg College have established Science in Motion operations of their own. Their cumulative efforts have brought equipment to over 200 school districts across Pennsylvania.

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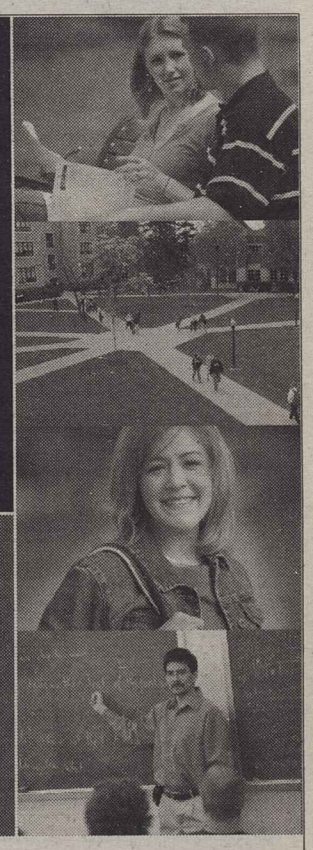

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on campus

Wennberg, Bright display contrasting art, photos in Zug

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Staff Writer

When it comes to art, everyone has their own specific approach. The two very contrasting styles of Dr. Hans-Erik Wennberg and Jim Bright were on display Friday at the Hess Gallery in the Zug Memorial Hall. Faculty, students and art lovers were among those in attendance for the opening reception from 5-7 p.m.

Fourteen of Wennberg's colorful photos lined the walls of the gallery. Wennberg, a professor in the communications department, described his artistic style as "realistic, yet I'll use special effects on occasion. I do like realism, but I like to show different points of view." Staying true to his style, most of the pieces were nature based and looked relatively unaltered by Adobe Photoshop.

Photography is about capturing the moment, and one shot in particular caught the eye of junior Sean Tyree. "I'm partial to the Inner Harbor Rainbow. There's a lot of color in the picture. I like that," Tyree said. Wennberg explained to the crowd that the picture was taken just after a storm had stopped in Baltimore, Md.

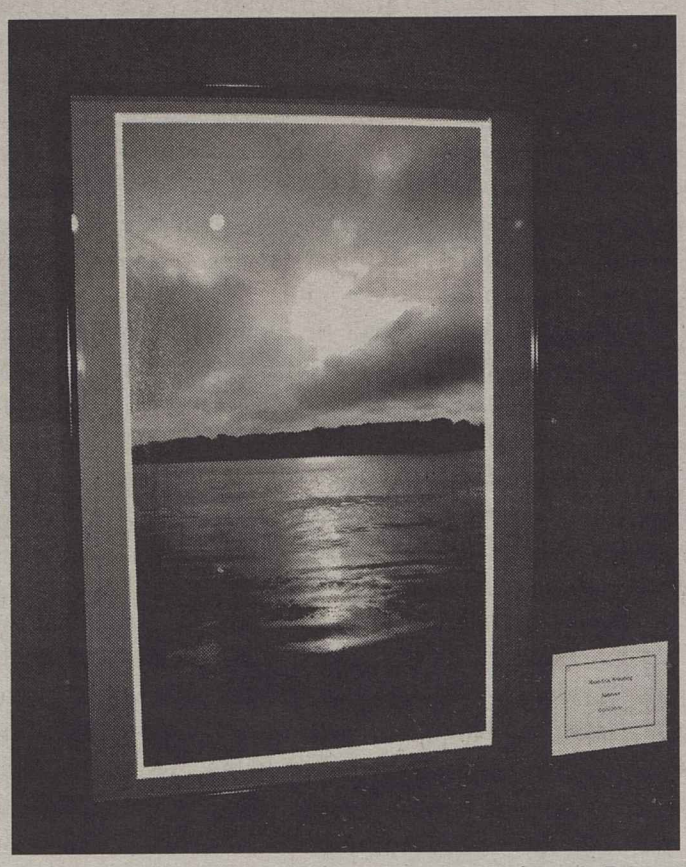
Another one of Wennberg's masterpieces that stood out was titled "Dingy Lines." Although it was a photograph, this photo could have been confused for a colored pencil sketch by the time he was finished altering it. Through the power of a Photoshop program called Lightroom, Wennberg was able to transform the run-of-the-mill picture of small fishing boats in a petite Maine town into something extraordinary.

Also on display were the bronze and wood sculptures of Jim Bright. While Wennberg's work focused more on realism, Bright's work was undoubtedly more abstract.

"The work I've selected for the show is figurative," Bright said. "It's all about abstraction of the human form, simplification of the human form."

Of the 12 pieces on display, five pairs have a relationship to one other. Near the entrance of the gallery sat a small bronze sculpture titled, "Summer Days." It was accompanied by a much larger sculpture made of walnut tagged with the name, "Summer Time."

"There's a feeling of satisfaction that I get from working with the three dimensional things that I don't get from other medias or from any other endeavors," Bright commented.



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One of Wennberg's photos that are on display in Hess Gallery in Zug. Wennberg and sculptor, Bright, are happy to have their work on display.

Two other pieces that turned some heads were both called, "First Formal." The two works, one of bronze, the other of cherry wood, faintly took the form of woman in a gown. Bright explained that his motivation behind these carvings was seeing his daughter preparing for one of her school dances.

Throughout the night, the crowd enjoyed refreshments and conversed with the artists while appreciating the craft. For Wennberg, it was his fourth time displaying his work at the Hess Gallery. "Originally, it was scary," Wennberg said. "I was very reluctant to show my stuff at the beginning, but I found that it was very nice to be able to get it up and share it because you get a different perspective too."

Bright, who is veteran to the field, said while completing works can be time consuming, it is always worth the effort in the end. "A show like this is an opportunity to quietly pat yourself on the back and say 'OK, it's time to move on from here and now that you know what you can do, do something else,'" Bright said.

Wennberg and Bright's work can be seen 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on the weekends at the Hess Gallery in the Zug Memorial Hall. The exhibit will run through April 21.

on campus

Third annual 5K and memorial remembers Katelyn John

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The evening of May 3, many members of the Elizabethtown community will gather together, with their shoelaces tied tight and their hair pulled back to honor the memory of Katelyn John, who was an occupational therapy major and member of the track team here at Etown.

Sadly, Katelyn took her own life in the fall of 2006. In her memory, her parents have established a fund called Kate's Kids, which seeks to raise money for organizations that administer aid to children. Included in those organizations is the COAR orphanage in El Salvador, and the occupational therapy program at Etown (with an emphasis on pediatric study). In order to keep her memory alive here at the school, senior Chelsea Miles, among others, have worked with Katelyn's parents to organize a 5K walk/run. The 5K will begin at Leffler Chapel and wind its way through Elizabethtown. According to Miles, the course is mostly flat, with a few small hills. Miles also notes that certain roads are blocked off, and there will be court marshals pointing the way so that participants know where to go.

In the past, the run has had a sizable turnout. Miles estimates that in each of the past two years there have been about 225 participants who have come to support the cause. All proceeds from the 5K will be donated to Kate's Kids, which, in the past, has managed to raise about $8,000 per year. This year, there is a concern that there may not be as many donations as a result of the poor economy, so Miles is hopeful that they can raise over $5,000, and have a strong turnout of participants as well.

Another hurdle that Miles, and other planners of the event, face is getting students involved. In the past, the turnout was strong, in part because many of Katelyn's peers came out to show their support. However, many of her peers have since graduated from Etown, so the significance of the event must now be translated to underclassmen who did not know Katelyn. Additionally, Miles said that she and the planning committee are focusing on advertising within the community to drum up more support. She remains optimistic that despite the economy and dwindling amount of Katelyn's peers who remain at the school, students and members of the community will come to support the cause and keep Katelyn's memory alive.

Following the event, there will be a short candlelight service held at the gazebo, by the lake to honor Katelyn. Students who did not attend the 5K are welcome and encouraged to join the service.

The 5K is meant to be a celebration of Katelyn's life, and the tone of the event is usually upbeat and positive. Students are encouraged to come out and show their support. The event is a good way to ease your mind the night before finals week, and is a fun way to spend some time with your friends before the end of the school year. Registration for the race will begin at 5:45 p.m., and the race itself will take place at 6:30 p.m., with most participants finishing it within 15-40 minutes. In the event of inclement weather, the run will still take place, however, the post race food and memorial service will be held inside.

Courtesy Photo

Kate's Kids, a foundation established in the memory of Katelyn John, raises money for organizations that help children. The 3rd annual 5K walk/run will be held May 3.

The 5K event celebrates Katelyn John's life, and gives hope to children and students who are in need. Those who have participated in the run in the past have said that it was a very moving experience, and have encouraged their friend's and peers to join them. Members of the community are encouraged to come out in their best sweats and support a cause that will keep on giving.

on campus

Joy Luck Club star, Kieu Chinh, speaks of experiences

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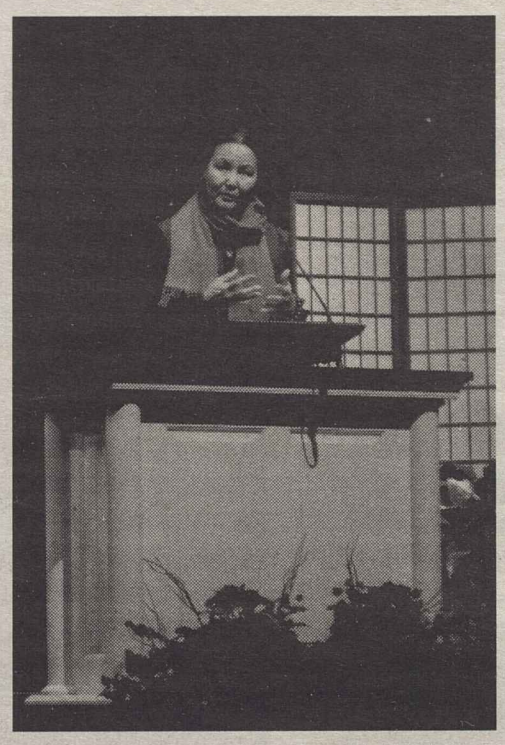
Leffler Chapel was full of students, faculty and community members Monday, March 16, as people gathered to hear the story of Kieu Chinh in "Hanoi to Hollywood: One Women's Triumph". Reminiscent of the Wednesday at 11 favorite, Arn Chorn Pond, Chinh revealed a story of strength and determination, and how she remained hopeful and humble through she has endured.

Chinh began by thanking the sponsors of the event, women and gender studies program, and Linda and Patrick Castagna, who contributed financially. She told her story with the joke, "Men are from mars, women are from venus." She apologized for her English, stating it was not her first language, and later revealed that it was her third language, her second being French.

"I am not here as a woman or a man, but simply as a human being," she said, and began her tale.

Chinh was a refugee who left her home in northern Vietnam under a communist regime. She became a refugee in her own country, as her father and her brother were both taken away, and her mother passed away earlier in her life. She tells about her terrible experience in the airport heading south, and the last time seeing her father. At the age of 15, she stayed with a family who knew her father. "I was so scared. Fifteen at that time is not like 15 nowadays." In the family of 18, was where she met her husband, a young paratrooper who wanted to go to America. They were married so he would not wed an American woman. Chinh and he eloped only three days before he left for the United States.



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Keiu Chinh speaks about her journey from being a refugee in Vietnam to a Hollywood star. She was the star of the film "The Joy Luck Club."

A little while later, she was approached by a Hollywood film maker who wanted to put her in a movie. The character was a woman who stayed with an English reporter who later fell in love with an American CIA officer. However, when her mother-in-law said no, she thought her dreams were over. The next director that approached Chinh first approached her mother-in-law. This time, Chinh's mother-in-law did approve, because she would be play the part of a Buddhist nun. That began her rise to stardom in Southern Asia, as she continuously working in the Phillapines, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Japan and even India. She also had her own television talk show, interviewing Hollywood stars like Danny Caye and Tippy Hedron.

In 1972, Chinh began her own production company."But my lucky time didn't last long," she said. In 1977, as South Vietnam fell to communism, she left with nothing but the clothes on her back. She landed on the last flight out of Saigon in Singapore, where she had just finished filming three movies.

Although her fame kept her name in the papers, she was quickly put in prison because she was traveling without a passport or an official entry visa. With the help of some of her friends in southeast Asia and the film industry, she was released from prison, but was required to leave the country within 24 hours. "Here comes another struggling time for me- no other country in the world would grant me an entry visa," Chinh said. She became a stateless person, and it was an immigration law that if she ever landed on an airline in a country that was falling to communism, she would become a refugee.

The solution was to buy a one-way ticket around the world. She went "From Singapore to Bangkok, Thailand, to Hong Kong, to Thailand, to Hong Kong, to Korea to Japan from Japan I went to London; from London to Paris; from Paris, I flew back to New York, from New York I went to Canada." Canada was where Chinh settled as she became a refugee there, and began a new life. She had to go to Welcome House to receive a jacket and $75 for survival. The only job she could find was working in a chicken coop, and cleaning up after the chickens. She realized that this was not worth finding her way in life, and so she used her $75 to call friends that she remembered from her acting days in the U.S.

Her first call was an unsuccessful attempt at getting in touch was Bert Reynolds. She then tried Glenn Ford, a former guest of hers who no longer remembered who she was. Next on her list was Bill Holden, whom she had met several times, but he was in Europe. With her final $10 she dialed.Tippy Hedron, a person she had "met only one time…in 1965." This was 10 years later, and although Chinh was afraid Hedron would not remember, she did indeed.

Hedron sent her an invitation and a private jet to live with her. Her first reaction was "I am still an actress, working in the United States?" She stayed with her, her daughter Melanie Griffith, and Griffith's boyfriend at the time, Don Johnson. Johnson, along with Holden got her involved with the Hollywood film scene and Holden got her into the Screen Actors' Guild.

Chinh's first audition and role was in M.A.S.H., where she met Bill Metcalf and Alan Alda, who instantly said that the part was hers. "I had a wonderful time on set and a director's chair with my name on it." Alda proceeded to thank her for giving him a new perspective on the war with Vietnam. After M.A.S.H., Chinh thought she would become very famous, but nothing came of it despite the wonderful feedback that came from her performance.

"Working in Hollywood is not easy," she said. There were not many parts for Asian women. Many would flock to audition for small parts, and with her broken English, Chinh had a hard time landing jobs — until Joy Luck Club. For this movie, she would not only learn better English, but also study Chinese. "I [felt] that I am lucky to go back to my acting career, even if it is just a little part here and there," she said.

In 1952, she spoke in Washington D.C. at the Vietnam War memorial, in honor of the 10 year anniversary of the war. Sitting next to her was Terry Anderson, and what blossomed from that brief first meeting brought a world of difference. The two began founders and co-chairs of a fund named The Vietnam Children's Fund along with Louis Puller. Although Puller was not around to see the outcome of his efforts, the three built schools to educate young Vietnamese children, and James Kimsey, a war veteran and the founder of America Online, donated money to begin construction of this school. The schools were named the Louis Puller Jr. Elementary School, and many American veterans of war have gone back to the schools to see the sights. In total, there were 45 schools from North to Central to South Vietnam and room for almost 52,000 children. The goal is to reach 52,000. "If you ask me why 58,000, it is my vow…to help 58,000 children and give them a future," Chinh said.

Chinh has truly triumphed throughout her life. From a young refugee to a strong and powerful women, the speech was inspiring and empowering. Sophomore Samantha Alleman, who attended the performance, said, "I'm glad I was able to attend her presentation; to know that good things can still happen to good people is rewarding. It was a very poignant and thought-provoking presentation, and her story deserved every bit of recognition it received."

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No, really, that's my name!

An Oregon man says people usually think he's joking when he introduces himself as Rip Van Winkle. But that's the name on his birth certificate.

Van Winkle told the Corvallis Gazette Times that his father and grandfather were nicknamed Rip, but his dad made things official for his son, figuring the nickname would eventually stick to him too.

Now, he has a little fun with it.

"I went to the doctor's office," the 37-year-old contractor said. "My name is Rip Van Winkle, and I can't sleep."

He owns and operates Rip Van Winkle Residential Contract and Repair, and prides himself on being able to fix almost anything.

"It's cool, because you get a chance to be yourself," he said. "How many Rip Van Winkles do you meet?"

Take a "chill pill"

A woman has been arrested for allegedly slipping some tranquilizers into her boss's coffee because she felt "he needed to chill out." Allegedly, the 24-year-old woman admitted to detectives that she slipped the drugs into veterinarian John Duckett's drink. According to the officers, Duckett knew something was wrong shortly after drinking some of the coffee Tuesday morning.

The woman cleaned the cages at the Reynolds Road Animal Clinic.

A judge set bond at $25,000 Friday and a jailer at the time said the woman was still being held. Her next court appearance is scheduled for April 21.

Unexpected Collision

Police said a wild turkey is to blame for knocking a 23-year-old man off his motorcycle and breaking his collarbone. Maine State Trooper Corey Huckins said Jeffrey Russell of Hartford was riding with a friend on Route 117 in Buckfield Sunday afternoon when a wild turkey flew straight into his chest, knocking him backward off his motorcycle. Huckins said the impact was like "hitting a bowling ball at 45 mph."

Police said Russell was knocked unconscious and flown in a medical helicopter to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

Russell's riding companion was not injured, but the turkey was killed in the accident.

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on campus

Five groups showcase Spring Music talent

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Elizabethtown College's Community Chorus, Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, Camerata and jazz band entertained an audience of about 150 students, parents, faculty and staff Sunday in Leffler Chapel. The Spring Music Showcase highlighted a diverse selection of musical pieces and talents. Sponsored by the department of fine and performing arts, the two-hour show featured over 100 performers, including members of the Etown community, staff, and faculty who sing in the Community Chorus.

On a dimly lit stage, dressed in black bottoms and white tops and led by conductor Matthew P. Fritz, this group sang the opening song, "America the Beautiful." For the final verse, the 47 chorus members walked down into the aisles, inviting audience members to stand and join them in the patriotic song. Thirty-four who comprise the women's chorus then entered the stage in long, black gowns to add spiritual flavor to the concert. They began with a centuries-old Roman Catholic hymn called "Ubi Caritas" (which included an English translation in the back of the program for audience members to follow along). Next, they sang two uplifting songs of hope: "On Justice, Truth and Peace," and "Music Down in My Soul."

Camerata, a student-led a capella group of 16, performed next, conducted by juniors Jackie Coupe and Stephanie Baumann. They sang "Sing Joyfully" and "Sicut Cervus," a Latin religious number.

The Concert Choir, according to associate professor of music and conductor Fritz's Web site, is the college's "premiere vocal-ensemble comprised of students with varied backgrounds and majors [who] all share a common love of choral music." The group of 22 has performed "a wide selection of literature throughout the northeast, nationally and internationally."

They sang Franz Joseph Haydn's "Abendlied zu Gott," translated "Evening Song to God." Fritz explained to the audience that this year marks the 200th anniversary of Haydn's death, so the group performed the song to honor the Austrian composer's life and work. They also sang "Sanctus," "Steal Away," and "Soon – Ah Will Be Done."

After a brief intermission, Camerata returned for "Sing Me to Heaven," and then the Concert Choir returned with "Workin' for the Dawn of Peace," "Camptown Races," and "Son de Camaguey," the latter an "Africuban" tune which featured percussion accompaniment such as drums and maracas.

According to audience member Kevin Schick, an Etown alumnus who graduated in '76, "Camptown Races" was "rather amazing" in its upbeat lyrics and melody. He and his wife, Julie, class of '79, live locally and regularly attend Etown events, although they have no children who have attended the school.

The final group to perform was the jazz band, led by Grant Moore II, director of the Preparatory Division of the department of fine and performing arts.

"When the Saints Go Marchin' In," the band's opening number, featured the members' voices as well as instruments.

They then played "Samantha," "Country Road," and "Blues Dues." Trumpet player Danielle Caggiano offered her talents as vocalist in "Why Don't You Do Right?" and "Blue Skies," and the showcase ended with what Moore described as a "blood, sweat and tears tune," "Lucretia MacEvil."

Kathy Irwin and her friend attended the concert. "It was very eclectic," Irwin said. "The idea of having a community choir is great because it bridges Etown students with adults."

Irwin also said she enjoyed the a capella group, Camerata, because the students both sing in it and conduct it.

The department of fine and performing arts will also perform a Showcase Recital on Scholarship and Creative Arts Day, which is April 20, a Spring Concert April 29, and a Choral and Jazz Band Concert May 3, among several other upcoming events this semester.

on campus

The Boys are back: Mr. Etown heats up

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Mr. Etown is being held next weekend, March 27 at 9 p.m. in Leffler Chapel.

Elizabethtown has voted, and we have our 2009 Mr. Etown candidates! These boys will be performing their hearts out up on stage in one week. They have had hours of practice and can't wait to show off their skills.

"I'm looking to give the audience a good show and just have fun with it, hopefully making some people laugh along the way," senior Ryan Kasyan said. Ryan will be representing Mr. Off-Campus. He currently lives with the 'in term' Mr. Etown Mike Azzalina, affectionately nicknamed 'Azzy.'

"Living with this handsome devil has taught me, most importantly, how to cook the perfect hot pocket," Kasyan said. He plans to show the audience a great time by showing off his ability to express himself through interpretive dance. When he caught wind that he was going to be on the big stage, he said, "It's very exciting and I'm sort of taken aback by the whole thing." Being named Mr. Etown means, "I won't have to worry about anything financially for the rest of my life. I'll be set!"

Senior Ezra Schatz has also been inspired by the past Mr. Etown. "He has taught me that no matter what the season or time of day, sunglasses are always appropriate," said Schatz. He plans to represent all the people who could use a tall friend. Schatz is by far the tallest competitor. "I plan to try and bring the talent of making tall guys look less awkward when they dance. Try being the key word."

Schatz represents the Quads and loves living out in Schreiber. "The quads are the best because of the combined feelings of seclusion and community. You're somewhat removed from campus, but you're still living with all your friends and peers. Plus you don't have to share a shower with 20 other people," Schatz said.

Another contender who thinks his house is the best is sophomore Tom Hagerty, residing in Founders A. "There are some real stand up guys and girls who live in Founders, and I am proud to represent them." He loves Founders because there are always first-years to meet. You can find Hagerty hanging out in the birdcage working on his pool skills.

On stage, he wants to bring out his skills of looking good. "My boys and I will dazzle you with our 'costumage.' Our props will also be very effective. We've got a pretty solid knockout punch planned as well," Hagerty said.

That knock-out punch better do some damage because Mr. Royer, sophomore Mike White, is ready to plow his way to the top. "I will bring awesome dance skills, and sweet lip-syncing abilities that'll blow the audience away," said White. He was dared to eat worms, though he wouldn't recommend it. It showed his willingness to try new things. "I would look to represent the idea of just being you. Who cares what other people think? Do what you got to do. Be crazy, have fun. Live a little."

Another sophomore ready to blast onto stage is Nate Derr. He is going to be himself and represent Mr. Ober to the best of his abilities. He wants to express the beauty of awkwardness in the rawest form. To be named Mr. Etown would be "the fulfillment of all my dreams," said Derr.

"I like to believe that I am a representative of all the liberals out there," senior, Adam Quinn said. Quinn was shocked when he was voted Mr. Apartments. He will perform with his unique dance skill as his main focus and strength.

"Charisma... just plain charisma," Mr. Brinzer a.k.a. Darren Frehulfer said. The stage will be full of his charisma when this junior takes the stage. He plans to wow the audience with his individuality. He also gloats about Brinser being the best dorm on campus, "even though it is a dorm, it has more privacy than the other dorms; plus it is full of the most attractive group of upper classmen," said Frehulfer.

This year's competition is going to be fierce. Each one of these guys has the heart to take the crown. They each recognized the skill and talent in their competitors and respect it. "Honestly, with the group of guys we have I would be excited for anyone who wins. So on that fateful night, when someone wins I will be excited for whoever it is," Mr. Brinser said.

Hagerty agreed and can't wait for the big night under the lights, "I think that this year's Mr. Etown is going to be so dazzling. All of us have fun together at dance practice, and we all plan to entertain the crowd," he said.

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health tips

Insomnia: snooze or lose

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It is 11:00 on a Tuesday night, and the first floor hallways of Schlosser are virtually silent as "quiet hours" descend upon them. First-year Kaitlyn Miller walks into her room, flicks off the light switch, and crawls into bed. An hour later, Miller is still awake to witness her roommate, Kacey McGuire, walk in and fall asleep almost as instantly as her head hits her pillow.

"I have trouble sleeping every night of the week," Miller said. "I hear my roommate snoring over in her bed, and I get mad because I can't fall asleep like that."

Miller's difficulty sleeping is not new, but it has increased since she came to Elizabethtown. "I think too much about what I have to do the next day, what homework I didn't get done that day, and I worry about friends and family."

Miller is not alone with her sleeping difficulties. According to percentages from the National Sleep Foundation, about 370 students at Etown are lying awake in their beds almost every night, just like Miller. The foundation reports about 50 million Americans suffer from sleep problems and disorders.

College-age students are increasingly affected by sleep disorders. In the last 10 years, the use of prescription sleep aids has tripled among 18-to-24-year-olds, according to a report by the healthcare business Thomson Reuters.

According to Dr. Akram Khan (as reported by ABC News), stress is a major factor for sleep disorders.

"Stress has gone up — and for students, it's even worse," Khan, a sleep medicine expert at Oregon Health & Science University, said. "Not only do they have to maintain their careers, [but] they also have a very active social life."

Miller sees commercials for prescription sleep aids on television, but she is not influenced to use them. "I know those would knock me out, but I'd probably get hooked on them," she said.

Through her own experience, Miller knows she prefers falling asleep naturally. "When I take pills, they knock me out right away, but I wake up more rested when I fall asleep on my own."

Miller has tried a long list of remedies to help her sleep, including taking over-the-counter medications, listening to music, reading, and adding a foam pad to the top of her mattress.

Although these remedies have helped Miller a little, they have not fixed her problem. "I definitely want to see a doctor this summer," she said.

The National Sleep Foundation has nine tips to help manage sleep difficulties.

- Establish a regular bedtime and get up at roughly the same time every day.
- Don't spend too much unnecessary time in bed.
- Do not eat or drink too much before bedtime.
- Create a sleep-promoting environment that is quiet, dark, cool and comfortable.
- Consume less or no caffeine, particularly late in the day.
- Avoid alcohol and nicotine, especially close to bedtime.
- Exercise, but not within three hours before bedtime.
- Avoid naps, particularly in the late afternoon or evening.
- Keep a sleep diary to identify your sleep habits and patterns that you can share with your doctor.

"The ideal thing would be to use drugs as a last-resort measure," Khan said. He highly recommends seeing a doctor before taking any kind of sleep medication.

Sandy Says...

Keep in mind:

The May finals schedule approaches faster than expected, and anxiety begins to creep in. This anxiety can affect eating and sleeping, as well as increase stress. Use the SCUBA mantra: Stop, Breathe, Think, then Act.

Plan your day. Schedule your work time, meal time, sleep time and down time, then stick to your schedule. If you follow your plan, it reduces stress and anxiety. You will be able to get more accomplished when you feel in control.

Contrary to what many students experience, more (rather than less) sleep can help your performance on finals.

Hand washing can still help to prevent those spring viruses that can interfere with your classes and school work.

Sufficient sleep is critical to physical well-being. Six to eight hours is still recommended.

SCUBA mantra if anxiety strikes:
Stop: When you have the overwhelming feeling of too much to do in such a short time
Breathe: Take four deep cleansing breaths to relax
Think: Prioritize your work
Act: Slow and steady wins the race

Happy Spring!
Sandy Spayd, Director of Health Services

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The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
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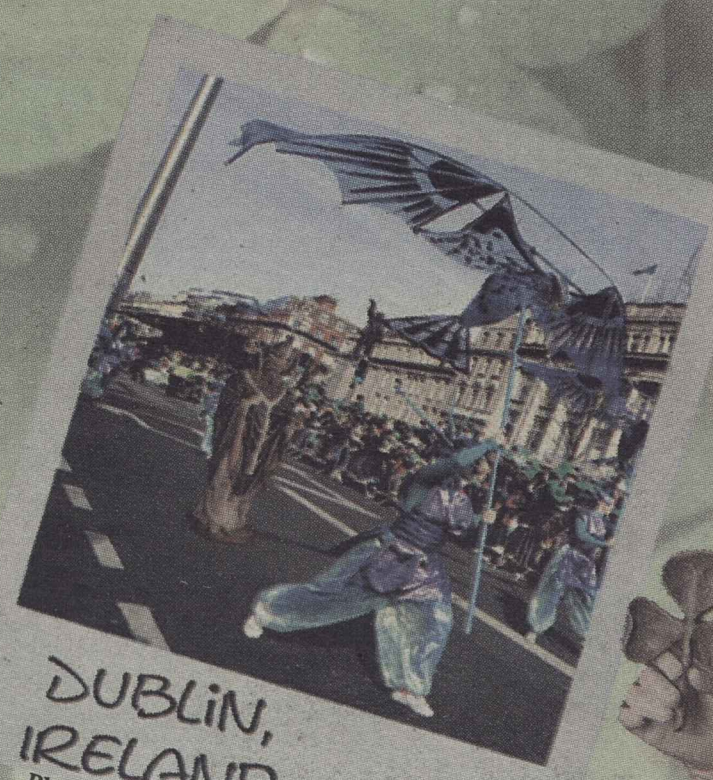

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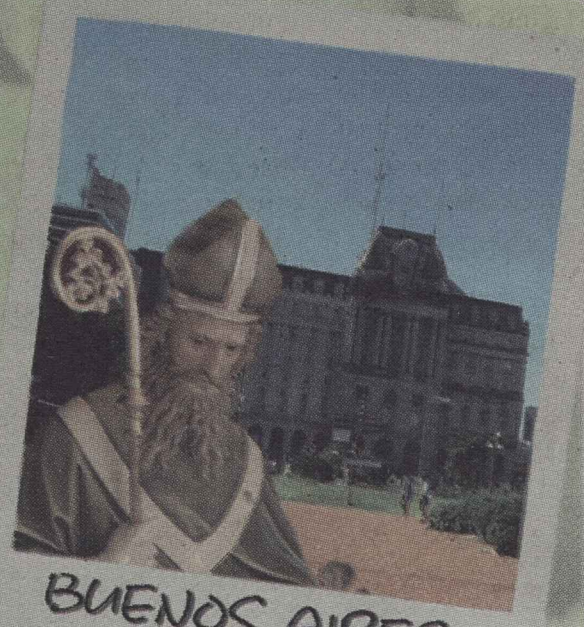

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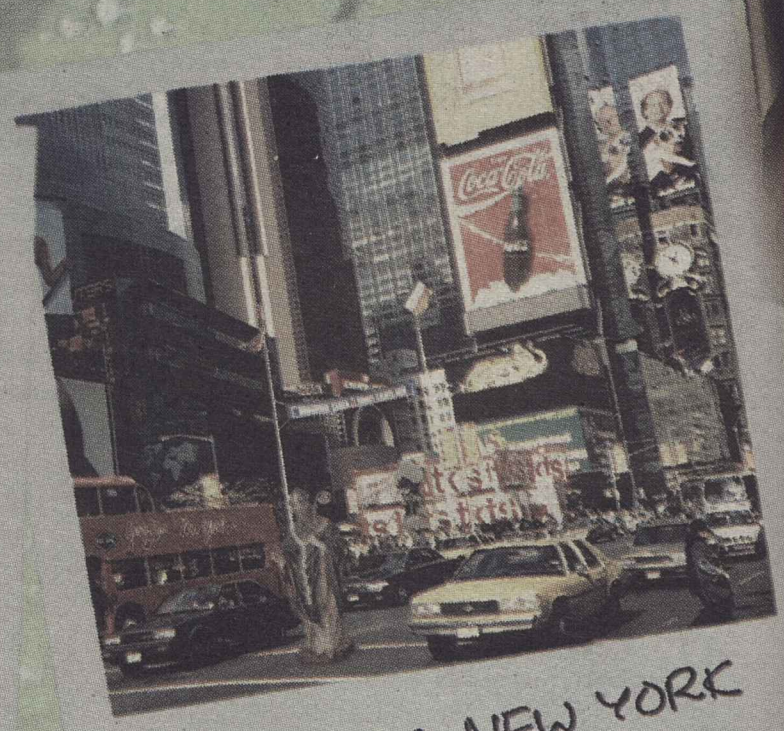

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SAINT PATRICK AROUND TH

St. Patty's Day: More than green beer

Melissa L. Jones
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When most people think of St. Patrick's Day, they imagine two things: Guinness Beer and Irish Car Bombs. Well, maybe that's just college students. But seriously, St. Paddy's Day (as the locals like to call it) is about so much more than getting drunk on delicious Irish beer and wearing green. It's a celebration of one man's struggle to spread Catholicism across Europe. That man is St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick's given name was Maewyn and he was born sometime around 385 A.D. in Wales. At age 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery. Until this point, young Maewyn considered himself a pagan, but after six years in captivity, God visited him in a dream. He told Maewyn to escape slavery and join a monastery. Forty years and one name change later, Patrick (he wasn't a saint yet) returned to Ireland to bring Catholicism to its pagan inhabitants.

He was pretty creative about it, too.

As he began to spread his teachings, he chose to infuse Catholicism with the natives' nature-based pagan traditions. One of his first tasks was to introduce the Holy Trinity. Since he didn't have a cross handy and he knew that the pagans appreciated all things natural, he used a shamrock instead.

He explained that the three leaflets represented the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, just like the cross. This is why the shamrock is Ireland's national flower. Patrick also superimposed the image of the sun, a powerful Celtic symbol, on the Christian cross to make it seem more familiar and therefore easier to worship. Today this is known as the Celtic cross.

Patrick was surprisingly successful as a missionary. It is said that before his death on March 17, 461, he was able to convert over 120,000 pagans to Christianity and create 300 churches.

Legend has it that he even chased all the snakes out of Ireland just by preaching a Sermon. In recognition of his hard work, the Roman Catholic Church made him a saint in 664 A.D.

In the early 17th century, St. Patrick's Feast Day was officially added to March 17 on the Catholic calendar. It was placed on the date of his death, in honor of his accomplishments and in celebration of his entry into heaven.

Contrary to popular belief, St. Patrick's Day was originally intended as a day for spiritual renewal and offering of prayers for missionaries worldwide, not beer.

On this day, Irish Catholics would spend the morning in Mass and then they would celebrate with dancing and drinking and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. The church even waived the Lent ban against eating meat for the day. St. Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in Ireland in 1903 thanks to an Act of Parliament introduced by James O'Mara. Ironically, O'Mara also introduced a law requiring that all pubs be closed March 17, which wasn't repealed until the 1970s!

Today we have new traditions. Instead of praying, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green clothes, eating green foods and drinking green beer. The Chicago River has been dyed bright emerald every year since 1962; although due to environmental concerns they've reduced the amount of dye used from 100 tons to 40. We obsess over wearing green, convinced that our friends will pinch us if we don't. We watch St. Patrick's Day parades. We jokingly look for leprechauns in hopes that we can actually find one and catch him; we could all use a little gold right now. And then there's the beer. Beer, beer and more beer.

Irish be shamrockin' all over the world

Julianne A. Keys
Staff Writer

What comes to mind when you think of Saint Patrick's Day? Most people have visions of Ireland, shamrocks, leprechauns, beer, parades, parties and pots of gold — many don't even mention religion when discussing Saint Patty's day.

According to early Irish belief, the holiday marks the death of Saint Patrick. The date is meant to celebrate the life of a man who escaped slavery to become a missionary and spread Christianity throughout Ireland, using a shamrock (three-leaf clover) to illustrate the Holy Trinity.

In Ireland, Mass is attended in the morning; Christians pray for Saint Patrick as well as missionaries all over the world. Later, the festivities become much less solemn as parades, music, charity shows and feasts begin. With the exception of pubs and restaurants, every business is closed for the day.

Since 1996, a parade has been held in Munich, organized by the German-Irish Society of Bavaria. This parade has become the largest celebration in continental Europe. It is annually on the Sunday before Saint Patrick's Day, and features open-air parties with live Irish music and dancing.

In Italy, a 10-day-long celebration is held called "Festa Irlandese." During these 10 days, live Irish music, dance and drink is available. Tens of thousands of people come to eat potato soup, Guinness-soaked beef and smoked salmon.

In Tokyo, the annual parade includes about 2,000 individuals. Among these people include ambassadors from many countries and women who are sent to hand out vouchers from Irish bars and pubs to the people lining the streets.

In Canada, Irish soldiers began celebrating Saint Patrick's Day as early as 1759, though it is only an official holiday in the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador. Montreal is home to the longest-running Saint Patrick's Day parade in Canada, which the Canadians look forward to annually since 1824.

In Australia, the 30th Annual Sydney Saint Patrick's Day was held this past Sunday. The Gaelic Theatre is a popular destination for those who want to listen to traditional as well as rebel music from the time of the English oppression. It also plays modern music from bands such as U2. There is a bachelor-of-the-year contest to raise funds for the parade.

In Buenos Aires, tens of thousands of people can be found drinking beer and dancing in designated streets until 7 or 8 o'clock the next morning. In Mexico, Saint Patrick's Day is not as celebrated as in most places in the world, but it is still recognized. Schoolchildren have been known to hit or slap anyone who does not wear some form of green March 17th.

New York City is home to the largest Saint Patrick's Day parade in the world. More than 150,000 band members, officers and public figures (including politicians who hold or are running for office) march down Fifth Avenue, where around two million spectators line the streets.

Though political figures can participate in the parade, political activism groups are not allowed (such as pro-choice, gay and lesbian rights) in order to keep conflicting views from taking away from the festivities of the day.

So whether you are Irish, or just Irish for one day, wear green, put on some music and find a parade!

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technology trends

Today, I tripped and fell, and someone laughed — FML

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The new Internet fad *fmylife.com* is rapidly taking over Elizabethtown's campus. Although it is still relatively new, the Web site pulls in online guests with its amusing real-life accounts of people's really bad days.

"It was love at first sight for me and Fmylife," junior Kait McCaffrey said. "It brought light to a boring spring break by giving me solace that no matter how bad my life seemed, things could clearly get worse."

First-year Ayusa Sinha called the site "hilarious," and junior Laura Kuserk recounted, "I read probably about 10 pages in one sitting. Some of them I do not think could possibly be real."

One recent *fmylife.com* story shared, "Today, I was walking my friend's dog around the neighborhood. As I was walking, I noticed a little girl fall off her bike. I let go of the dog and ran over to help. The girl was OK, but the dog ran into the street and got hit by a truck. FML."

Not many people will ever know whether or not this really happened, but the stories are "interesting, to say the least," first-year Jenn Simpson said.

"I think most of the stuff is funny, but it's also sad because it would suck if it happened to you," Sinha said.

McCaffrey said she can relate with the everyday FML occurrences. Some ridiculous situations are too funny not to be shared because they could happen to anyone, and the only remedy is to laugh it off.

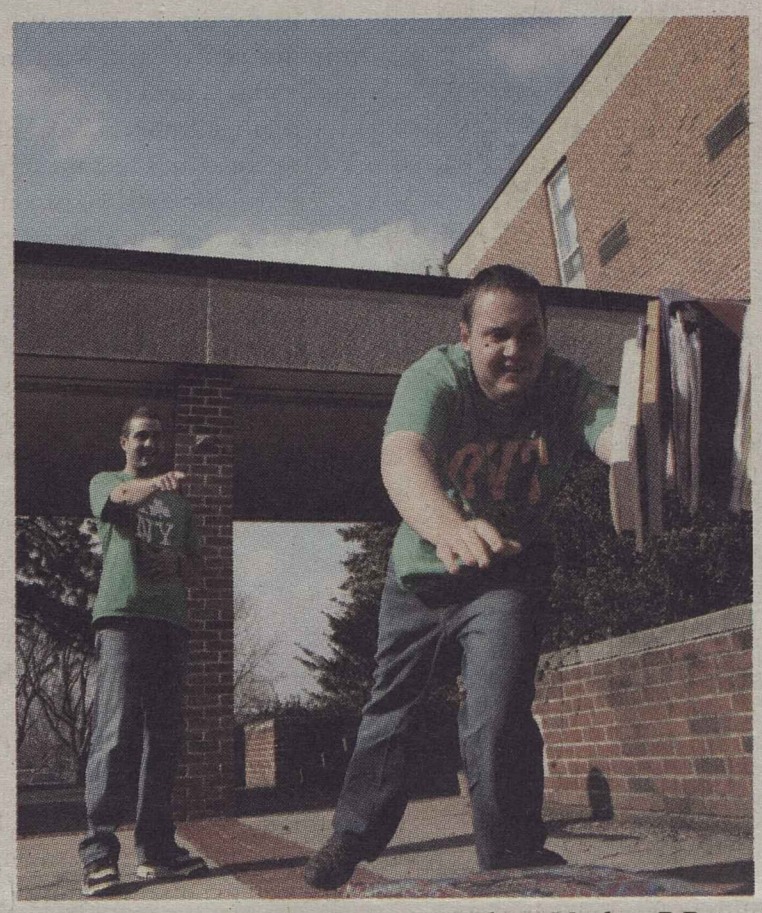

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
As first-year Paul Mackey trips and falls, his books flying, fellow first-year Zach Mitchell points and laughs. This mentality of taking pleasure in others' pain is a driving force behind newfound internet sensation *fmylife.com*.

The story of a man on the subway that was recently posted read: "Today, I was on the subway. I have fairly serious OCD, so I avoid holding the poles or handles. All the seats were taken, so I leaned against a wall. At the next stop, this obsese, sweaty man go on and grabbed the two poles around me, effectively hugging me. My shirt was wet when he left. FML."

Psychology professor Dr. Michael Roy, a one-time *fmylife.com* user for the benefit of this article, admitted that the material is "strangely compelling."

"Some [of the stories] are very funny, but I don't have the time to go spelunking on the Internet all day long," sophomore Tom Hagerty said. "I don't mind laughing at them, though. People put themselves out there to be laughed at. If others need a pick-me-up, I say go ahead and enjoy *fmylife.com*."

Possibly what makes *fmylife.com* so compelling is that the stories are anonymous, suggested sophomore Dillon Gaul. Therefore, both the writer and the recipient can receive their therapy without strings attached.

"I think it's an excellent Web site for people that have gone through the most painful and embarrassing scenarios that are so ironic it's worth sharing," Gaul said. "People, in most cases, wouldn't tell anyone because of the fear of being embarrassed. This Web site, however, helps people by surrounding them with thousands of other individuals that experienced bad or embarrassing things, and the people get to keep their identity hidden so to not feel embarrassed on the whole cyber community."

While some of the Etown community has begun to institute *fmylife.com* into their daily ritual, others see it just as trivially as Facebook bumper stickers, computer games or MySpace profile decorating. McCaffrey admits she usually goes on *fmylife.com* once a day for a "pick-me-up," while Kuserk and Sinha only log on to free themselves from boredom or the blues. Simpson has only visited the site with her friends, and Gaul looked it over only for the purpose of this article.

Some may contemplate that the German concept of schadenfreude is at hand with *fmylife.com*.

"Schadenfreude might play some role here, although there is somewhat of a difference," Roy said. "Schadenfreude is taking pleasure in the misfortune of others. Here, the person posting is taking some pleasure in recounting their misfortune and sharing it with others."

Psychology professor Dr. John Teske adamantly feels that American ignorance is really the problem here. He addressed situations such as feeling bad for not having shoes until one sees children without feet, or that growing old seems bad until considering those who do not.

"One process that might play a role here is downward social comparison," Roy suggested. "At times, in order to bolster self-esteem or feelings of worth, people compare themselves to someone worse-off than themselves. Your situation seems better when you compare yourself to someone who experienced extreme misfortune."

While some of the interviewed Etown students can admit to feeling a bit of remorse for the sadly funny *fmylife.com* stories, all of them think that if you put something "horrible" on a Web site that is meant to be funny, you deserve whatever laughter may result.

"In a way, they are encouraging others to take pleasure in their pain," Kuserk said.

Even though this Web site is still gaining popularity, its essence has always transcended the generations with slapstick and ironic humor.

"Shows like 'America's Funniest Home Videos' make pleasure out of people's pain every week," Simpson said. "It seems as though it's becoming the American way."

Growing into another fad, *fmylife.com* has stolen the hearts of some, crept into the minds of many, and been the target of criticism for others. Gaul referred to it as "the mere opportunity for an individual to admire, through other people's horrific stories, how just when you thought life was perfect, it can go south quickly and turn into the worst day ever."

campus concerns

Strange scholarship opportunities offer financial aid

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

Despite the tough economic times, many people want students to gain a college education. As a result, numerous scholarships are appearing in an effort to help as many students as possible. The key to finding a good scholarship is trying something different.

For example, the Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck on Prom Contest offers a $3,000 prize to the person who makes the best prom dress out of duct tape. Other talents, such as playing the bagpipes, speaking Klingon or being a golf caddy, all present annual scholarship opportunities for students across the country.

However, these bizarre scholarships can be wasteful because sponsors may struggle to find people who fit each award's specific requirements.

According to *abcnews.com*, Loyola University offers a scholarship for any Catholic with the last name Zolp. Junior Lindsey Zolp is currently attending Loyola University because of the $30,000 endowment that she receives for having her last name. Being a Zolp means she'll walk away from college nearly debt-free.

One may wonder why Elizabethtown College doesn't offer a scholarship with unique requirements that therefore allows more students to graduate debt-free.

Director of Financial Aid Elizabeth McCloud explained that Etown ensures there is no trouble awarding scholarships. The College would rather give a little bit of scholarship funds to more people than a lot of money to fewer.

"Most donors [to Etown] don't have too specific requirements for scholarships, and they don't want to make anything extremely unusual, either," McCloud said.

This year, Etown awarded endowed scholarships and cash gifts to approximately 235 students. The awards came from roughly 130 different endowed funds and cash gifts to the College. These endowed scholarships all have requirements, including field of study, GPA and area of residence. With a campus size of about 1,900 students, "most scholarships are coming from merit-based scholarships and trustee grants," McCloud said.

The biggest misconception about the merit-based scholarships is that they will not grow annually. The level of merit-based scholarship which Etown students receive is based on their performance in high school. While the tuition of the College increases yearly, the College will not increase the merit-based scholarship. However, each year, every student has to hand in a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), from which students can receive more or less financial aid based on changes in their circumstances.

Image: kensauter.com
This bagpipe-playing lass could receive sizeable scholarships for her musical abilities.

While bizarre scholarships provide financial aid to students who have unusual skills and traits, most of these are nationwide, making the competition large and the odds slim.

"I was awarded a scholarship from the local Women's Club in my town senior year [of high school]," first-year Jill Patrick said. "Although it wasn't big, it was enough to cover the costs of books for the year, which was nice."

While Etown isn't about to create bizarre scholarships or reward students for having a certain last name, McCloud noted, "We are always looking for more ways and donors to give more scholarships and money to the students."

internet applications

YouTube teaches, builds résumés

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Staff Writer

Facebook, MySpace and various social networking sites have taken Web portals by storm. Students rely on these sites to keep in touch with friends and look at pictures posted from the weekend.

Many professors and students, however, use another Internet resource, both in and out of the classroom: YouTube.

YouTube has proven successful in the classroom, allowing students to learn through various outlets. It provides reinforcement and expands the understanding in hard-to-visualize topics.

"In my Theater History class, I've been using YouTube to show contemporary versions of ancient theater and dance styles," Dr. Michael Swanson, associate professor of theater, said. "Trying to explain an Indian dance form or Japanese theater style or aspects of set-changing machinery so [they] can be comprehended is almost impossible with words, or even with still pictures. Video allows us the closest parallel to seeing it live, and YouTube makes available a wide variety of such performance styles."

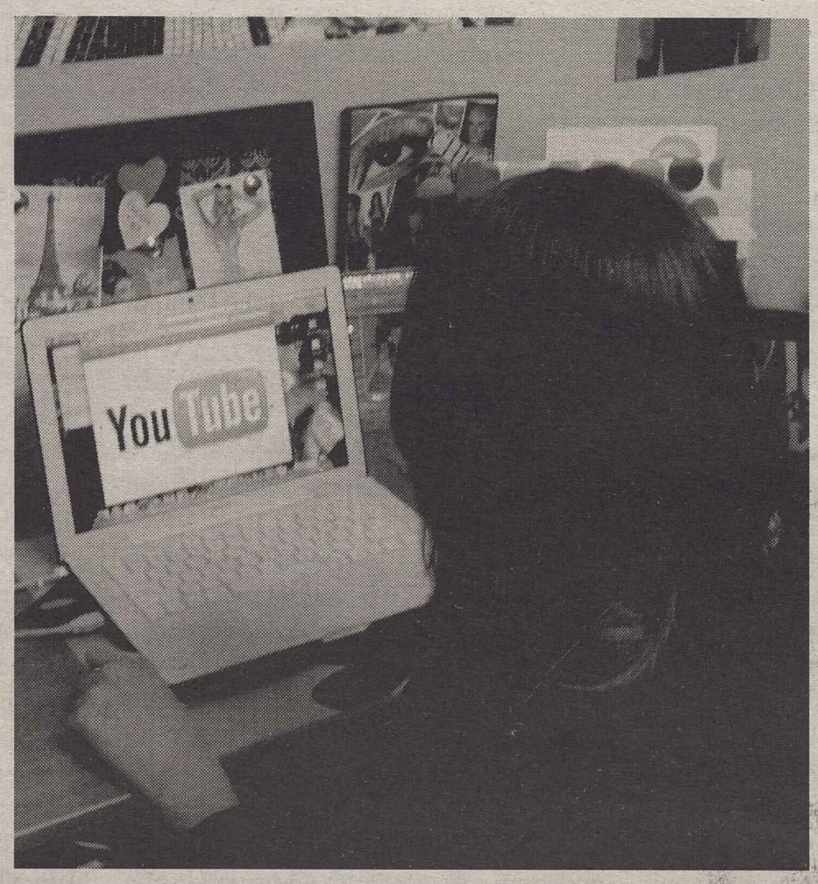
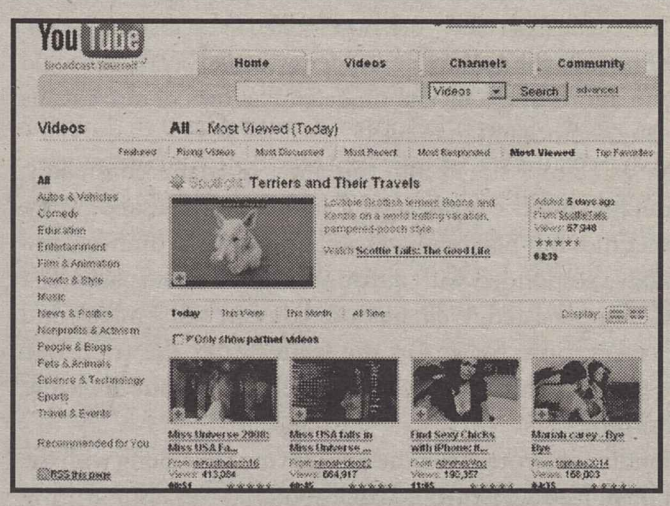


Photo: Glenn P. Knight
First-year Kara Luzik takes a break from studying to check out some YouTube videos. Besides serving as a diversion from homework, the site also can be used as a teaching tool, social network and post-graduation career resource.

Swanson uses YouTube to show a variety of videos, including Italian Renaissance improv theater, Indian dances, Beijing opera and contemporary styles of theater.

"I like the fact that Dr. Swanson uses YouTube in the classroom. I'm a visual learner, so it helps me to be able to see what we learn about through a video," senior Alyssa Miller said. "It's nice because it gives the students a break from lecturing for a few minutes to really absorb what the theater is like. I probably will use YouTube in my future. I think it is a helpful learning tool, and it's entertaining."



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Aside from theater classes, YouTube has also proven successful for ITS Director Ron Heasley in his technology classes.

"I teach Integrating Technology I and II for the education department. In these courses we learn how to use various technology tools to improve teaching and learning," Heasley said. "I use a variety of online videos to enhance the learning in my courses. At least one of them comes from YouTube, but I also use videos from the *Commoncraft.com* and *Ted.com*."

Although YouTube is a helpful tool in the classroom, it also presents dilemmas. Among these are the threat of inappropriate material and dependency on technology.

"We better not forget how to read, but I'm concerned that that is the risk," Swanson said.

"One has to be careful showing a YouTube video in class, as there may be content on the page that is not appropriate for the classroom," Heasley said. "Most public schools have YouTube blocked to keep the children from viewing content that may be objectionable. An alternative for site public school teachers or college faculty is *TeacherTube.com*."

Students also find YouTube helpful in various aspects. Some use YouTube to upload videos of friends, make video projects for classes, promote a certain cause, or prepare for their post-college careers.

Senior Jake Keeler and junior Lauren Fairweather are two of those students.

"Throughout college, I've made a bunch of videos. I've made packages and promotions for ECTV, as well as marketing videos for the school," Keeler said. "YouTube allows me to have a sort of digital portfolio that I can access from any computer."

Fairweather uses YouTube to keep in touch with friends, among other things.

"Four of my best friends from around the country and I started a bit of a craze with the days of the week video blogging we've done since the beginning of 2007 in order to get to know each other and keep in touch," Fairweather said. "There are hundreds of spinoff channels that our fans have created because we've inspired them to communicate with their friends using video blogs as well."

Not only has YouTube proven successful for many in their college career, but students hope to use it in the future as well.

"I think video on the Web is a market growing at an exceptional rate, and YouTube is the leader," Keeler said. "Since I am a marketing and public relations major, I see myself continuing to use this medium in my professional career."

Whether YouTube is used for fun or in the classroom, it provides quick information and entertainment for all.

cinema review

Watch 'Watchmen'

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Copy Editor

Who watches the Watchmen? We do, apparently; the film's opening weekend earned $55 million.

In an alternate-reality 1985, President Nixon (in his third term) leads the United States in its Cold War with the USSR. The movie, based on an award-winning graphic novel by Alan Moore ("V for Vendetta"), is framed by the Doomsday Clock, set at five minutes to nuclear midnight and counting. Its no-name cast soldiers through 157 minutes of hyper-stylized material doggedly faithful to the original comic.

The graphic novel's pace and patience earned it a spot on TIME Magazine's "100 best English language novels from 1923 to the present." Through 12 issues loaded with literary deconstruction, resonance, irony and symmetry, readers are led through an examination of American superhero psychology. The comic-book medium was what allowed "Watchmen" its great critical reception.

As a film, however, "Watchmen" loses much of its momentum. Director Zack Snyder ("300") loyally matches each stunning scene to its print counterpart, but the characters have no time to simmer. Many of the comic book's subplots — the death of Hollis, the newsstand dialogues and the climactic conspiracy — are cut to shave minutes from the still-immense story. Consequently, the "Watchmen" of the big screen focuses exclusively on the narrative of the heroes without establishing the graphic novel's sense of place. The resulting experience is alternately gaudy and gritty, but without the depth that fans of the franchise will doubtless demand.

Moore has stressed that a film adaptation could never live up to expectations, saying that comics can do things "that cinema and literature [can't]." He refused to let his name be associated with Snyder's project, as he had with "V for Vendetta." But though this theatrical translation of "Watchmen" left critics at Newsweek and Variety disappointed, it remains a tough, worthwhile tribute to one of the most innovative books of the last century.

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Top: One of the Watchmen engulfs a policeman in flames during a scene from the movie. Below: A panel from the graphic novel by Alan Moore.

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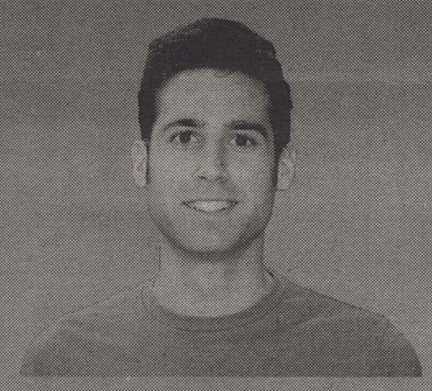
Sound Off

How do you feel about President Obama lifting the restrictions placed on embryonic stem cell research?

by Matthew P. Butera

Jess Duelfer
Class of 2011

"In a way it's good for scientific research to find cures, but it is still harmful to the embryo, so I'm not really sure how I feel."

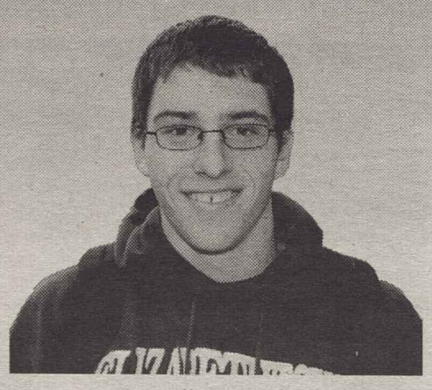


James Munnelly
Class of 2009

"I really don't have an opinion because I am not affected by it."

Genevieve McCarron
Class of 2009

"I think it's a good idea because it will stop a lot of suffering."



Callum Luff
Class of 2012

"I think it is a good idea, as long as it doesn't go too far."

in the nation

Stem cell research: ends justify means

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President Obama recently signed an executive order that lifts an 8.5 -year ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. This new order has many people debating over the issue of whether this complex research is ethical.

First and foremost, if you're like me, you're probably wondering what embryonic stem cells are. Well, in simple terms, embryonic stem cells are stem cells derived from the removal of critical cells from an embryo that was developed through in vitro fertilization.

In the process of in vitro fertilization, doctors extract several eggs from the woman and combine them with sperm. Embryos that don't get implanted are often frozen for future attempts, although many couples donate their extra embryos to research. Embryonic stem cells do not have to come from eggs fertilized in a woman's body.

The controversial part of this issue is that in order for scientists to study embryonic stem cells, a human embryo must first be destroyed. While these unborn lives may never get to see the light of day, they may help millions of people who struggle with a disease on a daily basis. They may also be responsible for scientists finding a cure for many incurable conditions.

Although the full promise of embryonic stem cell research is unknown, many scientists believe it holds potential cures for spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, hundreds of rare immune system and genetic disorders, and much more.

I believe that this possibility outweighs the fact that many unborn lives would be risked, although some studies have found new research in which these embryos can be saved.

According to a 2007 article in Biotech Business Week, University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers succeeded in reprogramming skin cells to behave like embryonic stem cells. This alleviates some of the ethical dynamics of this crucial issue. Their research shows that by introducing cells derived from skin tissue results in cells that basically share all of the features of embryonic stem cells, minus the destruction of a human embryo.

In addition, Obama gave the National Institutes of Health a timeline in which to develop ethical guidelines, with public input, for awarding grants to fund research. Presumably, embryonic stem cell lines derived from spare embryos donated by infertile couples will be eligible for research funding.

If the ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research had been lifted earlier, or never existed at all, it's possible that scientists may have found the cure for one or more of these diseases already. Thousands of lives may have been saved and millions of people may not have had to suffer. We could see a world where our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends could live disease-free. I have seen the devastating effects that this extraordinary research could one day help alleviate.

My mother is a proud survivor of two different types of cancer. She was diagnosed in 2005 with breast cancer and in 2007 with leukemia. Both times she was faced with death, but she stayed strong and overcame the disease, twice. Despite her close encounters with death, her amazing strength and fortitude helped her overcome this disease. Naturally, as her daughter, it greatly affected me, too, but I am so proud of her fight to get past it. It's because of this that I advocate anything that would help prevent others from suffering as my mom did.

letter to the editor

Amtrak experience parodies consumerism

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Homer took the train the other day. He was headed to New York for a conference, and Amtrak was convenient. Homer looked up the fares online. $77 for a one-way trip from Elizabethtown. That seemed a bit high. He looked at other times. There was a train leaving an hour later — the fare was only $45. Seeing that arriving in New York an hour later wouldn't really make a difference, Homer decided to take the later train.

So here was his first saving! By electing to leave an hour later, and even before he had stepped on the train, Homer had "saved" 32 bucks. These were savings that Homer now regarded as pocket money — he could use it to buy an extra meal in Manhattan. Perhaps even eat three times a day!

The train was on time. He found a seat, and opened The New York Times. Ah, there was a new archbishop of New York. And he had already made friends with the hot dog vendor outside St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Since the Elizabethtown station does not have a ticket counter, Homer had planned to buy the ticket on the train. Soon the conductor came around, asking passengers for their tickets. Homer had his hand on his wallet, ready to whip it out and pay the 45 bucks to buy the ticket.

The conductor asked if Homer had a reservation. A reservation? No, he didn't have a reservation. Homer had traveled this route before, and the subject of reservations had never come up. Turns out that if you travel beyond Philadelphia, having a reservation can shave a few bucks off the price. Homer listened to this with trepidation. How much would he have to pay sans reservation, Homer asked.

His fears were confirmed. It was going to hurt. The fare would be 79 bucks. Seventy-nine! Homer was counting on the online price of $45, not to mention his "savings" of $32. And here he was, facing this unexpected complication. No more savings. In fact, paying $79 would leave him with a "deficit" of $34, the difference between the new price and the online fare.

All his carefully cultivated plans of taking the later train, the prospects of using the savings to treat himself in New York — they had turned out to be a chimera. Homer had deluded himself. Oh, what a fool he had been! To count on unrealized savings to finance flights of fancy! Homer had in his mind's eye already spent the surplus. Three meals in New York now looked like a distant dream. With his financial picture having suddenly turned bleak, he would be lucky to afford one! Oh, the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Homer thought to himself.

But ere as Homer stared into this abyss of shattered dreams, the conductor spoke. Do you have a cell phone, he asked? Why, yes, Homer did. But his mind was still on foregone dinners, and he must have responded with a distinct lack of enthusiasm. But the conductor persisted. Well, he said, you can call Amtrak and make a reservation. Now? On the train? After the train had left the station? Bleak humor, he realized wanly, but his mind was swimming.

The conductor wrote down the toll-free number along with the train number. He said he would back soon.

Homer could scarcely grasp the dramatic turnaround in his fortunes. The depths of despair one moment – hope, resplendent hope the next. O fortuna!

With trembling fingers, Homer called Amtrak. The automated voice at the other end was helpful, but soon it became evident that they couldn't communicate well with each other. After a few bouts of "Are you sure?" from the Amtrak end and "What the hell?" from Homer's, the disembodied quasi-human voice put them both out of their misery and passed him along to a real human being.

Things went well after that. When Homer said he wanted to make a reservation for a trip he had already begun, the voice at the other end didn't seem fazed in the least. Perhaps this sort of thing happened all the time.

Homer was given a couple of numbers, a confirmation number and a reservation code. He would have to provide them to the conductor. Homer jotted them down.

The conductor returned. Homer paid him $45 for the ticket. He thanked him for advising him to make the call. What a gem of a human being, he thought. He could almost hear the milk of human kindness sloshing around in him.

Homer settled down for the three-hour journey. What should he eat when he got in, he wondered? Perhaps a hot dog? If it was good enough for an archbishop...

Is alcohol a date rape drug?

No one's debating the presence of alcohol in date-rape situations. According to statistics from Brown University, 90 percent of campus rapes occur when either the assailant or the victim has consumed alcohol, and 70 percent of students admit to having sex when intoxicated that they would not have agreed to sober.

The question is whether alcohol can be considered a date rape drug, and I don't think it can. Alcohol may lower the inhibitions of those involved, and it may leave victims more vulnerable to dangerous situations, but the bottom line is that the decision to drink is a personal one, and making wise social choices is a personal responsibility.

Rachel L. Jesten

"I would come out as saying I don't think alcohol is a date rape drug," professor of psychology Amanda Price said. "Is it something that contributes to date rape? Absolutely."

But the problem isn't with the alcohol itself, Price said. When it comes to the combination of sex and alcohol, the problem lies in communication between the partners involved. Understanding the nuances of nonverbal communication between the sexes is difficult enough sober, but when inhibitions are lowered with alcohol those lines become increasingly more blurred.

According to the Journal of Clinical Forensic Medicine, a UK study showed that in a pool of 1,014 date rape situations involving alcohol, less than 2 percent of them involved any sedative meant to incapacitate a victim. That means that 98 percent of those cases could have been avoided had the people involved been more aware of both their levels of alcohol intake and of appropriate social interaction.

And despite popular opinion, this responsibility doesn't lie just with women.

"What I would really love to see in an ideal world would be more education and more socialization of men on how to act," Price said. "We tell women that they should travel in groups, but we don't ever tell men that they should have a buddy system. Wouldn't it be really cool if a guy said 'No, dude, you can't go off with this woman, you have to stay with me,' or, 'Hey, you're starting to get a little out of control, you're being rude to that woman. Let's get out of here, because you're going to do something that you regret.'"

There's no question that if a person is incapacitated by alcohol and is forcibly taken advantage of, it's rape. There's no question of whether taking advantage of the willingness of someone drunk to have sex is morally acceptable.

But let's look at it honestly. No one can trick you into taking 14 shots, and no one is going to "slip" you a glass boot full of jungle juice when you're not paying attention.

"I wouldn't say that someone who drinks too much has been drugged," sophomore Samantha Phillips said. "Being drugged, in my opinion, is when you don't know it's happening, and someone is putting something in your drink."

If the stigma of alcohol as a date rape drug were taken away, it would encourage people to think more critically about the decisions they make when they're drunk. Drinking is never an excuse for poor behavior, and it's important that both men and women set up safety nets to protect themselves from potentially dangerous situations.

So, yes, when you go to a party, watch your drink. Don't accept drinks that have already been opened or you didn't see poured, and don't leave your cup unattended when you go to the bathroom. But also be aware of how much you've had to drink and of the social messages you're sending to and receiving from those around you.

"Moral of the story," Phillips said, "is don't be drunk and stupid."

Double Take

Alcohol should always be considered a date rape drug. It changes your mind, attitude, and behavior. Date rape is defined by Medical Dictionary as the rape of a woman by a man with whom she is acquainted. It goes on to describe what happens with a date rape: "Although there are many possible date rape scenarios, in a common one, the man tries to weaken the resistance of the female by exerting undue psychological pressure upon her or by plying her with alcohol or even by giving her a drug without her knowledge."

Womenshealth.gov identifies alcohol being a date rape drug by saying, "Any drug that can affect judgment and behavior can put a person at risk for unwanted or risky sexual activity. Alcohol is one such drug. In fact, alcohol is the drug most commonly used to help commit sexual assault." Alcohol makes it hard to think, make good choices, and can lead to a blackout. When a guy has that on his side, it's easy to persuade his date into performing sexual behaviors she normally would not think of doing. Many girls find themselves in situations in which they would never want to put themselves.

Alcohol is a drug that creates unstable emotional and physical terms by affecting the brain. Women are more susceptible to the effects of alcohol because their bodies are unable to metabolize it as well as men. So if a girl was on a date with a man, and he has three beers and the woman also has three beers, she would feel the effects sooner and be more vulnerable due to the alcohol.

Paige M. Tanner

Dr. Janet Hall, who examined the Forensic Science Northern Ireland toxicology, said, "Studies in the UK, U.S. and Australia show alcohol as a major contributor to vulnerability to sexual assault in social situations and acquaintance rape."

I think alcohol is the most underestimated date rape drug because it is such a casual substance. Your parents drink it at dinner; you and your friends have some while watching a movie. Not being able to know when you have had enough, especially if you are out with someone with whom you are not completely comfortable, is a problem.

Alcohol can be used as a date rape drug when your date or acquaintance keeps offering you more drinks. This might seem harmless, but in fact it can be dangerous when you don't realize how many you have had or how much alcohol is in the drinks. Once the drinks take effects start to take effect, you become less capable of understanding what is going on and it is easier to be taken advantage of.

It is sad to think the person you know or came to a party with is the person of which you should be most afraid. The Web site of the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) said college-aged women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted. I think that is because college is the time when you come of age, and many activities include drinking. RAINN also says that about 73 percent of rape victims know their assailants.

When anyone uses any drug, including alcohol, to try to gain sex, it should be considered a date rape drug.

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staff column

Looking up

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Earth isn't terribly large compared to the rest of the universe, and even those of us who've travelled somewhat still have a good deal of existence to see. For better or for worse, there is much more of it than we'd all previously thought, apparently.

Researchers from the University of Arizona claim that "between 20 percent and 60 percent of Sun-like stars" could have planets like ours around them. NASA's Kepler spacecraft, a big ol' telescope designed to ferret out Earthlike planets in half a billion eligible solar systems, launched March 6. It'll tool around the sky for three and a half years, and will perhaps spot us some friends.

Unfortunately, NASA is old and clumsy. It is a government-funded dinosaur, and actual interstellar progress will come at the helpful hands of corporate innovators. Consider Elon Musk, the South African billionaire scientist responsible for PayPal, Tesla Motors and SolarCity. With $100 of his own money, Musk created Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) to help the human race leave its home behind.

Musk is preparing his Falcon 9 rocket for launch later this year. Its Dragon capsule will carry 11 tons of cargo to the International Space Station, supplying our sky-walkers with plenty of nonsense. In the longer run, he wants to colonize Mars, harvest asteroids and get our species to a space unthreatened by expansion of the sun's corona, or whatever.

The Washington Post quoted Musk as wanting to "make the United States a truly space-faring civilization." In GQ, he said that space travel "is important enough to be on the scale of life itself." Other entrepreneurs — Branson for now, maybe eventually Buffett as well — can doubtless add their financial weight to this endeavor.

Space exploration is important. We have other things to worry about, of course; starvation, AIDS and cancer, for example, all devastate lives. However, Musk takes a longer view, insisting that the extinction of these afflictions "would improve the average life span by only two to three years." Aspirations of galactic expansion could extend the existence of our species. In the meantime, we can look up to the stars.

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etown men's tennis

Men enter season with three straight victories at home

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Staff Writer

After spending a sunny spring break in Hilton Head, S.C., the men's tennis team started out with two solid wins at home versus Alvernia and DeSales.

The men began their spring season with a home opener with an 8-1 win against Alvernia University. Topping the line up at the number one position is first-year Manrique Arrea. Arrea, a four year international student from Costa Rica, defeated Zach Lockwood 6-3, 6-4. At number two singles junior Captain Brok Walker took down Ryan Lineaweaver 6-0, 1-0 at which point Lineaweaver retired from the match. Senior Jeff Kirkhoff suffered the lone loss for the Blue Jays to Morgan Davidheiser 6-3, 4-6, 7-10.

Hitting the number four singles spot for a second season, sophomore Bryan Metz continued to stay strong as he defeated David Schaeffer 6-1, 6-2. One year international student Jonathan van den Ende made his Etown debut with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Adam Lush at the number five singles spot with sophomore Brian Osborn at number six, defeating Zach Marsar 6-2, 6-3.

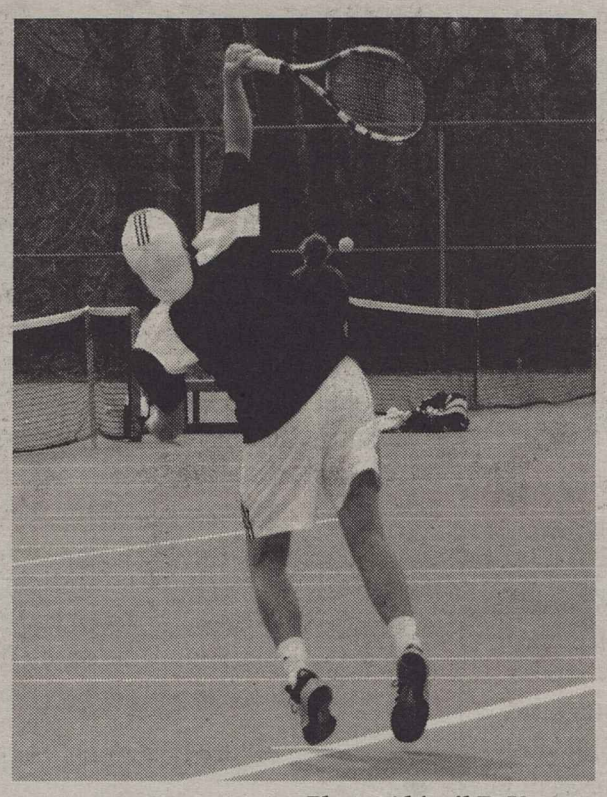

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
Going for a serve, junior Brok Walker hits the ball against Alvernia Saturday.

In doubles, Arrea and van den Ende paired up at the number one spot and came out with an 8-1 victory over the paired Lockwood/Lush. Walker and Metz continued to play together for a second season and won by a score of 8-2 over Davidheiser/Schaeffer. Number three doubles team Kirkhoff and junior assistant sports editor Michael Steiner defeated the pair of Marsar and Dearstyne 8-3.

The Jays carried their weekend success into Wednesday's match against DeSales University winning without dropping a single set. Arrea defeated Michael Cejovic 6-0, 6-0 to improve his singles record to 2-0. Walker won at flight two with a score of 6-2, 6-2. Kirkhoff picked up his first singles win of the season by overtaking Dan Bullen 6-2, 6-1.

At number four, Metz took down Joe Sulpizio 6-1, 6-1. Osborn moved up to the number-five spot where he defeated Seth Conklin 6-2, 6-2 while senior Nick Ziobrowski defeated Timothy Golden 7-5, 6-1 at number six.

Although the different singles line up did the trick for the Jays, Saturday's doubles line up seemed to work well, as all three doubles teams took home a victory. Arrea and van den Ende didn't drop a game as they defeated Cejovic and Allen 8-0. Walker and Metz won by a score of 8-1 over the pair of Bullen and Sulpizio at number two doubles, and Kirkhoff and Steiner won 8-2 over Conklin and Golden.

Yesterday, the men faced Immaculata University at home. The Mighty Macs provided no competition as the Bllue Jays shut them out 9-0. All men won their matches. For the single matchups, Walker had a 6-1, 6-0 defeat at flight one. At flight two, Osborn won his matchup 6-2, and 6-1, and at flight three sophomore Shawn Cotton won his 6-0, and 6-1. In doubles, Arrea and Vanden Ende won 8-1 at flight one, and Metz and walker won 8-0, and Kirkhoff and Steiner won 8-0.

The Jays look forward to their next match this coming Sunday at La Sales University and hope to continue their early success this season.

etown winter sports

Winter sports wrap up successful seasons

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Congratulations to Etown's seven winter sports teams for completing a successful winter season!

Men's Basketball

After a 14-12 season, the Blue Jays entered the playoffs hungry for a championship. They defeated Albright in the semi-finals and earned a bid to to the Commonwealth Conference championship game for the first time since 2004 against Widener University Feb. 28.

The men lost the game in a close 67-65 match. Despite the final loss of the season, the men recieved good news a few days later. Junior Mike Church and sophomore Joe Flanagan were named to the All-Conference men's team. Church was selected as a first-team pick as he averaged 12.8 points per game. Flanagan lead the team this season with 14.3 points per game and 53 total three-point shots made.

Wrestling

Junior Daron Sharp and first-year Tyler Erdman both competed at the NCAA Division III National Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa March 7. Erdman became the first Etown wrestler since 1966 to earn an All-American honor after he placed seventh in the 125-lbs weight class. Sharp advanced to the quarter-finals at championships.

Track and Field

In a close meet, the men's track and field team finished second overall in the Middle Atlantic Conference championships Feb. 28. Junior Wyatt Eaton finished first in the 200-meter dash and second in the long jump. Etown also took first in the 5000-meter (sophomore Rich Greco) and the 4x400-meter relay.

At the same championship meet, the women's team finished third. Senior Chelsea Miles placed second in the high jump, long jump and triple jump. Senior Tiffany Kulp earned gold in the one mile and second in the 800-meter. Kulp also qualified for Nationals in the one mile, which took place March 13 and 14. She finished 10th overall.

Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Swimming

The women's basketball team finished their season with an 11-14 record. Senior Megan Quinn was named to the second team All-Conference. Women's swimming finished fifth at MACs, and the men finished seventh.

etown baseball

Jays anticipate conference rival, Messiah, Saturday

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

It has been a while since *the Etownian* has reported on the Blue Jay's baseball team —three weeks, to be exact. In that time, the team has played 13 games, going 8-6.

Over spring break, the Blue Jays made their annual trip to Fort Pierce, Fla. The Jays were 5-2 on the trip, but, as junior Rodney Francis pointed out, the trip was about much more than wins and losses. "It bonds our team together much more because being on a bus for 20 straight hours, you gotta be tight with your guys or it will be hell," Francis said.

The two games Elizabethtown played March 1 were anything but typical. They started with an afternoon match-up with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The Blue Jays won and set a school record for runs with 34. Yes, 34.

In the second game, Etown found itself in a 9-5 hole entering the ninth and final inning. The Jays fought all the way back for an improbable 10-9 victory on a single by senior Tom Semanek.

Francis said his team should be encouraged by the way they were able to battle back from the late deficit. "The comeback was just a reality check to show us that we're not always going to score a lot of runs," Francis said. "So when we need to make that comeback, we have the ability to do so."

The following day, the Jays were victim to a sweep at the hands of Alvernia University, losing the first game 1-0 and the second by the score of 10-9.

Etown quickly responded pulling off three straight wins, two over Kenyon and one over Marywood. Following the trip, the Jays lost their first two games back in Pennsylvania. The first was the team's home opener against Franklin & Marshall, in which they found themselves down 8-2 after four innings. It was a hole that was too deep to dig themselves out of, and they dropped the game 9-6. The second game, against King's College, was back-and-forth. Despite four Blue Jay errors in the field, Etown was in it till the end but took the loss 12-11. The loss dropped Etown's record to 5-5.

The Jays entered their March 14 doubleheader with Muhlenberg on a two-game losing streak. Etown sent senior Sam Heaps to the mound to stop the bleeding.

"Well, the fact that we needed to win was on my mind for the days leading up to the game," Heaps said. "I realized that we needed to stop that skid." Heaps pitched a gem. He went all seven innings, yielding just one run in the 5-1 win.

In the second half of the doubleheader, junior Adam Hartzell silenced the Muhlenberg bats with a nine inning, four-hit shutout. Hartzell was named Commonwealth Conference Pitcher of the Week for his efforts.

Monday, the Jays traveled to York to play the red-hot Spartans in the midst of an 11-game winning streak. Etown fell to York with a score of 9-2.

"We have been working some people into different positions and still tinkering with some things," Heaps said. "I think we will continue to get better and be very strong heading into conference play."

Wednesday, Etown played Dickinson College and won 7-5. Their next match will be a double header at rival Messiah Saturday.

etown men's lacrosse

Strong start to season give men's LAX hope for future

Dillon A. Gaul
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown's men's lacrosse team will launch its eighth year this spring. The team has yet to win the Mid-Atlantic Conference, so they are hoping for a successful upcoming season. Head coach Terry Corcoran, on his fourth season with the Jays, shares this desire with the team to reach the challenging goal of becoming MAC champions this year.

"Last year's team was young and suffered injuries to key players early in the season," Corcoran said, "yet the 2008 team rallied to finish the season strong. This year's team is more of a veteran squad that knows the effort and commitment it takes on and off the field to be successful."

The Jay's first game of the season against Guilford College in N.C. was cancelled due to snow. The team traveled back home and prepared for their season opener Sunday, March 8 against Moravian College. The guys showed their effort and commitment, winning the game with a high-scoring total of 14-5.

"We've had some good offensive output, and our defense has obviously played well," senior team captain Ryan McCafferty said.

The guys' second game at Immaculata University had equally reassuring results. The Jays walked away with a 15 -2 win.

The Jays fought through difficult preseason practices and scrimmages.

"We've had some tough challenges with higher ranked teams in the preseason scrimmages, so it was good to come in and take care of business against a couple of teams that we knew we were better than," McCafferty said. All of the work that had gone into the preseason led to success in their first couple games.

The first true challenge for the Jays presented itself Saturday, March 14 against Widener on the Jays' turf. Widener has been MAC champions for the past four years. The last time the two teams played at Etown, the Jays triumphed.

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
In a match against Widener University Saturday, sophomore Greg Kenneally attempts to run past a defender.

Junior team captain Aaron Weber said, "So far we started out strong. We really haven't played anybody that good but we play Widener on Saturday and that's a big measuring stick." Weber explained that this big game would show how the team stands in preparation for the season ahead.

The guys lost 7-5 in a very close match against Widener. The close match means the Jays are close to their desired level of preparation. As it's early in the season, there is plenty of room for improvement.

Despite their recent loss, the Jays have a very exciting season ahead. The guys have 11 more games to play, nine of which are conference games.

The first lost for a team can be a tough one, but becoming MAC champs is still an attainable goal.

"This year, it's more of a reality to win the conference. We have a lot of talent on the team; coaches have been pushing us hard to develop our talent — if we stick together and we play to our potential, then there's no reason why we can't come together and win the conference," McCafferty said.

Changing history is important, but so is being part of a team. A lot of college sports teams are so worried about winning that they forget what being a team is really about.

Corcoran shares his goal, something much more elementary then winning the conference: "The most important goal for the year is for everyone to learn to be part of something bigger than themselves," Corcaran said.

"Teams with unselfish players who treat each other with respect and loyalty have the potential to be very successful."

The men nearly shut out Marywood University as they defeated the Pacers 14-2. McCafferty scored five goals and Weber aded four.

Next, The Jays will travel to FDU-Florham Sunday.

event spotlight

Battle of the Birds seeks improvment

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

With all of the hype over the upcoming Mr. Etown competition, one contest seems overlooked. This is no beauty pageant, though; it is one for the jocks.

For the second year in a row, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is planning the Battle of the Birds competition. SAAC, made up of representatives from all 20 of Etown's NCAA sports teams, is sponsoring the event as one way to bridge the gap between sports and academics.

This year's competitors will be baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's and women's track and field. The basis of the competition is that each team will put together a performance, usually a dance routine, that will be scored by the three guests. The judges this year will include Dr. Jon Coren, Nancy Litimore and President Theodore Long. Hosting the event will be senior Megan Angstadt and junior Kayla Deats.

Though Battle of the Birds is still in the planning stage, SAAC hopes it will carry on through the years and become a tradition.

"The idea of the event is to bring together the student body in support of Etown athletics," Angstadt, who is organizing Battle of the Birds, said.

According to Angstadt, SAAC's goals for this year are to improve attendance and participation, and also contribute a larger donation to the Special Olympics cause. Tickets to the competition will cost $2 and all proceeds will be donated.

Since no planning materials were kept from last year, SAAC had to start from scratch. They contacted teams and potential judges, and also solicited businesses to donate prizes and buy advertisements. As of how, the prize is unknown; however, SAAC is working on it.

The Battle of the Birds will take place Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in Leffler Chapel.

etown softball

Lady Jays start with early losses

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

After beginning their season March 1, the softball team has been hard at work. They have already completed 15 games and for a record of 3-13.

The ladies opened their season under the hot sun with a trip to Clermont, Fla. In Florida, they went 2-6. The Jays had some notable wins against Anna Maria (17-1) and Northland (4-1).

In the match against Anna Maria, the ladies won the game in five innings. First-year Elaine Parr earned the win, and she also went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs. Junior Paige Tanner went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBIs.

The second day of the trip ,the Jays picked up their second win. Again, Parr was awarded the victory, having struck out 15 batters and allowing only one hit the entire time she pitched. First-year Veronica Bariero went 2-3 at the plate with one RBI.

The ladies returned home March 6 and had a week off before their next match. March 11 they faced Susquehanna in a double-header. The ladies dropped the first game, however they won the second 8-2.

Saturday, the Jays traveled to Widener for a double header. They were unable to produce a win. The ladies came close in the first game, tying the game in the seventh inning sending the match into overtime. It wasn't until the 10th inning that Widener was able to score and win the game.

Tuesday, the ladies faced Gettysburg College but were defeated in both games of the double-header. Etown was able to score three runs in each of the games, but, they couldn't prevent the Bullets from taking the lead. Juniors Sarah Church and Tanner each went 1-for-3 in game one. In game two, Church went 3-for-3.

Yesterday, Etown attempted to add two more wins to their record as they traveled to Swarthmore College for a double-header. Despite efforts, The Jays lost both games. In game one the Jays came back from a 4-2 deficit and took the lead at 5-4, but the Garhet came back and won 6-5. In game 2, the ladies fell 4-0.

Though the season is still young, the women hope to improve as they begin to enter conference play.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Rounding the bases, junior Sarah Church looks for home in a game against Susquehanna.

etown women's lacrosse

Jays ranked 20th in IWLCA Division III Poll

Kristen A. Conroy
Staff Writer

The sun was shining, the campus was booming, and the crowd was cheering as the Elizabethtown women's lacrosse team took to the turf Saturday, March 14. The team had just earned the 20th spot in the Intercollegiate women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III Top 20 Poll, for the first time in program history. Saturday, the women proved they deserved the recognition. With lacrosse sticks in hand and two wins already under their belts, the Lady Jays were ready to go head to head with Eastern University.

For the first 10 minutes, Etown held the lead closely at 5-4. Before half time, the Jays scored eight of the next nine goals to take a 13-5 lead. In the second half, the women came out barreling with four goals to build their largest lead at 17-5 with 19:34 to go.

Throughout the game, senior Katie Foley proved she's a constant force to be reckoned with. She scored seven goals and contributed an assist on senior Anna Ford's third goal of the day, giving Etown a 19-9 lead with 3:34 left. The women held a 3-19 advantage in shots and an 18-10 edge in found balls, while both teams won 15 draws. Foley and first-year Katie Scheurich each had a team-high three draw controls. The Lady Jays took the win with a final score of 19-10.

"We didn't play a perfect game," Ford said, "but we definitely didn't give up when we were down, either. We kept pressuring them and made smart passes, and before we knew it, we won by nine."

Foley's eight-point effort Saturday increased her career point total to 261, equaling the school record set by Liz Fretz from 2002-2005. Foley is also closing in on Fretz's career mark of 202 goals, standing strong at 198. While still early in the season, junior Megan Byrnes netted her 100th career goal. She scored twice in a two-minute span and became the fourth player in school history to net 100 goals, joining the ranking with fellow teammate Foley.

Right behind Byrnes and Foley, junior Stephanie Kreis contributed four goals and one assist, while Ford netted three goals and two assists, and juniors Katie Caprinolo and Alisha Sangrey and sophomore Maria DeMatteo each scored once. Senior goalie Jenn Hawkins came out strong for the Blue Jays with four saves in 46 minutes, with junior goalie Becca Watkins adding two stops in 14 minutes.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Jays battled McDaniel College in what Ford called a "heartbreaker. We outhustled them and out played them, but we just didn't score enough goals to beat them."

Sophomore Sarah Cullinan agreed. "We dominated the whole, but just didn't come out on top. We played well as a team, and the loss showed us that we're the team to beat."

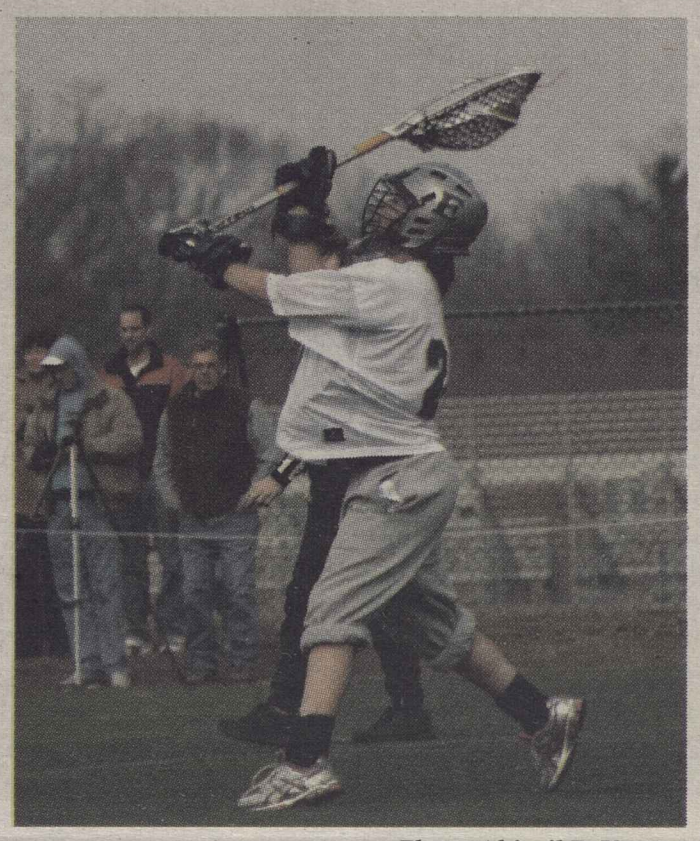

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
Junior goalkeeper Becca Watsons takes a throw against Eastern University Saturday. The Lady Jays won the match 19-10.

Etown fell to the Green Terror in the final 42 seconds, 11-10.

Before this loss, the team traveled to St. Croix for their annual spring break trip and came back defeating Roanoke College 17-10. "The game was intense and hot—very hot," Watkins said, "but we never hung our heads. We just kept playing like it was 0-0."

Coach Mike Faith described the trip in one word: "Awesome. We had some really tough practices, but the girls could relax on the beach afterwards."

Tuesday, the Jays traveled to Gettysburg to face the Bullets. However, they were unable to produce and lost their second game of the year 6-11.

With a tough upcoming week the Blue Jays plan on working "on the small stuff," Watkins said.

"Practices aren't easy, and they shouldn't be," Ford said. "They are a time for getting better. Besides you play like you practice. Practice hard, you play hard, and that's our goal."

Their practice worked, as the Jays defeated Stevenson yesterday in a close 16-15 game. The Jays are currently ranked 20th.

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Athlete of the Week

Katie Foley

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is très heureux to name senior lacrosse goal scoring phenom Katie Foley as the Athlete of the Week!

It has been said that records are meant to be broken, and Foley is taking that sentiment to heart. In Sundays contest against Eastern University, Foley scored seven goals and also assisted another.

With these eight points, she increased her total career point total to 261 which ties her with Liz Fretz at the top of the list with 261 points.

Foley's seven goals increased her then total career goals to 198.

In Tuesday's game against Gettysburg College, Foley became the all-time career point leader when she scored her 264th career point. Foley also made her 200th career goal. She is only two goals away from tying Fretz's record of 202.

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer

Foley coninued her record setting week when she scored four goals in Thursdays contest against Stevenson College, formerly Villa Julie, which leaves her total career goals at 204. In addition to scoring four goals she also tallied 4 assists moving her career point total 272.

For those of you that arent as mathematically as I am that means that over her four year career she scores an average of 51 goals a season and 68 total points. That is pretty good.

Congratulations again to Katie Foley for breaking records and winning the Etownian's Athlete of the Week.

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I have a large shoe collection
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March 24: @ Moravian (DH)

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Announcing TGIS Theme 2009: THROUGH THE DECADES

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The Office of Student Activities has given *the Etownian* the exclusive right to announce this year's TGIS theme! This year's theme is time travelling "Through the Decades." With this motif, TGIS intends to celebrate America and Elizabethtown throughout the 20th century.

Decades highlighted by TGIS will be: the roaring twenties, the thirties, the fifties and family values, the sixties and the hippie movement, the crazy eighties, and finally the era all of us students grew up in: the glorious nineties. A schedule for the TGIS theme weekend is currently unavailable, but is in progress. See next week's issue for details on what exactly OSA has planned for Elizabethtown and its students! It promises to be a roaring good time!

on campus

Organic garden next step toward greener community

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Staff Writer

This spring, directly following Easter break, Elizabethtown College will introduce its first annual community garden!

An acre of land where the farmhouse once stood is where this student run facility will be started and managed until the new dorm building is constructed.

This elaborate project began just last April when Eric Turzai, director of Dining Services, was greatly impressed with Dickinson College's environmentally friendly atmosphere. Dickinson has developed a 40-acre sustainable farm that began with just one small garden project.

They are currently in their second year of a three-year transition to organic farming. Following in Dickinson's experienced footsteps, Etown hopes to better enhance its pricing by selling the freshly grown food to Dining Services at market price. For example, if a head of lettuce costs $25, the lettuce grown in the garden would be sold to Dining Services for $25. That money would then go back into the fund to maintain the garden.

Etown plans on occupying one half of the acre with the garden. One-fourth of the plots will be rented to the campus community. Their contribution will help pay for the other quarter of garden that will be devoted to student use.

Senior Jess Hargest, an environmental science major, is the willful advocate who will be the heart of this beginning process for students. Seedlings are already being planted in the greenhouse so that they will be ready to go after Easter break. While Hargest prepares to graduate this year, the garden will be left in the hands of underclassmen. Turzai really stresses campus community involvement in the development of this project.

Maintenance tools such as rakes, shovels and a motor till have been donated by Etown College retiree Dr. Wes McDonald. Students and the campus community will be asked for donations as well.

A local farm owner will help till the soil while the facility gets going. Even though Etown is starting small, funding issues will still be a challenge.

Organic foods can generally only be grown in limited quantities, and Etown expects to rent out 20-25 plots.

The organic food digestive equipment the garden will need is costly, and the project itself will take 3-4 years to pay off. However, in the long run, Turzai assures it will save the College money.

Ultimately, Etown is moving toward a greener culture, investing in eco-friendly cleaning supplies, and putting waste to good use. In the future, organic waste facilities will take the scraps of student meals and incorporate and harvest them with manure at a local farm to produce electricity.

This project is a student responsibility. The initiative will educate and challenge the campus community by providing responsibly-grown organic food for current and prospective students.

Anyone who missed the informational meeting Tuesday, March 24 can email Turzai at TURZAIEC@etown.edu to stay posted. All positions are on a volunteer basis and will be active during the school year only. Dining Services will manage the garden during the summer. Since the new dorm will at some point take over the land where the garden is temporarily being planted, Etown plans on eventually occupying space by the quads to expand and resume the project.

Turzai is just as eager and excited as the rest of the campus community and staff, who he said have been really receptive to the idea. "The end result will be really neat … we get the first-years under our belts, and we're good to go," he said.

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Produce such as tomatoes will be grown in Etown's newest green project, the community garden.

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news in brief

A plane crash near Butte, Mont. killed 14 people Sunday, including seven children. According to a witness, the craft nosedived just 500 feet from the runway into a small cemetery. The weather, which was clear, was not considered a factor.

After the Dalai Lama was denied a visa for South Africa, preventing him from attending a peace summit there, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a fellow Nobel laureate, said he would boycott the event.

Former South African president F.W. DeKlerk also promised not to participate in the conference. Because of these threats, the peace summit has now been cancelled.

Nicholas Hughes, son of poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, killed himself March 16.

Hughes was found in his Alaska home. He had been battling depression, and took his own life by hanging himself.

Hughes' mother, Plath, committed suicide in 1963 by asphyxiating herself in the gas oven of the family's home. Hughes and his sister were asleep at the time.

"He was a loving brother, a loyal friend to those who knew him and, despite the vagaries that life threw at him, he maintained an almost childlike innocence and enthusiasm for the next project or plan," his sister Frieda Hughes said.

Nicholas Hughes, 47, was unmarried and had no children.

Mount Redoubt in Alaska erupted five times between Sunday and Monday. Residents in nearby Port Alsworth, a town of about 100, were cautioned to stay inside due to concerns about falling ash.

The first eruption took place Sunday at about 10:38 p.m. The volcano was last active in 1989.

Stories compiled by Aidan Bauernschmidt from cnn.com.

in the world

India in crisis: child malnutrition epidemic

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Malnutrition in children is a major problem in many developing countries, but efforts to fight it are often focused on African nations. However, a study recently completed by The World Bank has concluded that in India, 47 percent of children are malnourished.

Those numbers are taken from the year 2000, and that percentage shows worse numbers than in most of Africa's struggling populations. The numbers are, in the words of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, "a national shame."

On a global scale, India's percentage of undernourished children is second only to Bangladesh, with 48 percent of children suffering from malnutrition. Ranking third was South Asia with 46 percent. Sub-Suharan Africa's percentage of malnourished children, which usually attracts a lot of attention, totaled 24 percent.

A large number of adult women in India suffer as well. In its 1999 report "Wasting Away — The Crisis of Malnutrition in India," the World Bank reported that not only are half of children under the age of four undernourished, but a shocking 60 percent of women in India are anemic.

The report blames this condition partially on Indian tradition, which often sees mothers and daughters in poor families giving men and boys more of the family's food during meals.

Extreme poverty in some areas of the country is perhaps the largest contributing factor to the hunger epidemic. Other causes, the report says, are the government's fault.

India does have the largest child feeding program in the world, but during the last 10 years it has drawn criticism for its inadequate design.

The program has especially failed to provide adequate nutrition to pregnant women and infants under the age of two. Pregnant women who are malnourished in turn give birth to underweight children, and so the problem persists.

The latest report, "Undernourished Children: A Call for Reform and Action," stated that "India's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) needs to undergo significant changes" to address the current crisis.

It goes on to say that "malnutrition in India is a concentrated phenomenon. A relatively small number of states, districts and villages account for a large share of the burden — five states and 50 percent of villages account for about 80 percent of the malnutrition cases."

This report also states future problems that will arise from the current malnutrition crisis. It states that there will be "an appreciable impact of undernutrition on productivity so that a failure to invest in combatting nutrition reduces potential economic growth."

Perhaps the most shocking aspect of this problem is that even areas that have experienced enormous economic growth, malnutrition is the worst. In the Indian capital of New Delhi, which sees the highest per-capita incomes of the entire country, 42.2 percent of children suffer from stunted growth as a result of hunger, and 26 percent of them are underweight. Most democratic countries have managed to nearly eliminate extreme hunger, bringing greater focus on India's inability to do so.

India's "green revolution" of the 1960s and '70s saw the beginning of the country's self-sufficiency in food production. However, with hunger still such a prevalent problem, more action is needed.

The report praised India for its self-sufficiency, but stated that population growth, high food prices and a high unemployment rate are offsetting these benefits.

While India's malnourished children continue to fight for life, India will continue its attempts to better its health, education and nutrition programs. Only time will tell whether any new policies will prove effective enough to relieve the suffering of so many.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is expected to make a visit to India, but it is unclear whether she will make the trip before or after the country's general election.

The full report is accessible at *web.worldbank.org*.

in the nation

AIG executive bonuses cause further outrage

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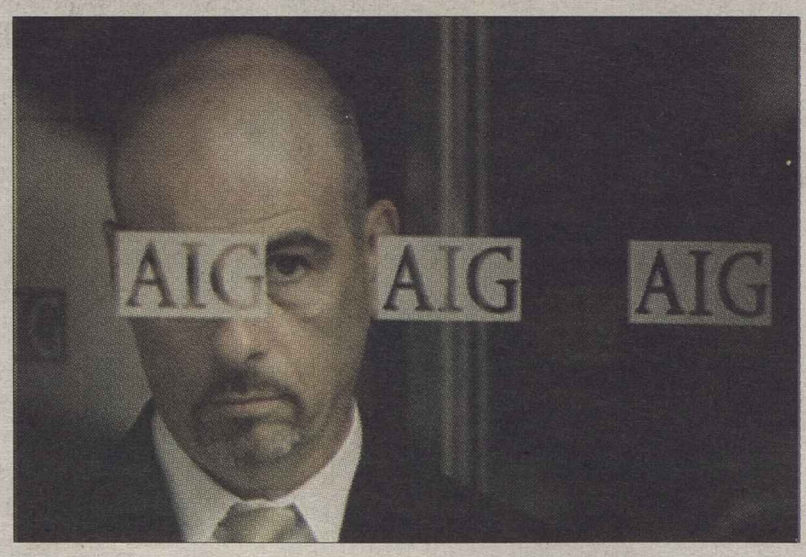

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A man enters the AIG building in New York City. AIG is returning most of the bailout money it granted to executives.

Feeling less like a roller coaster ride for the past few days, the stock market has been steadily increasing again. However, most of that diminished when the well-known American insurance company American International Group (AIG) distributed most of their bailout money amongst the many executives in the company. In total, these executives were awarded $165 million. Along with the money given out in the U.S., an additional $85 million was allotted to employees in other countries.

"I think that the fact that they gave it to employees in other countries is worse than giving it out to employees in the United States," junior Megan Momenzadeh said. "You can't get that money back, and that just goes to show how bad the company is."

The government, more specifically U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, issued a request that by Monday at 5 p.m. people who received bonuses needed to make up their mind on whether to return them or not. According to the Attorney General, the people who returned their bonuses would not have their names published.

Junior Nina Garcia feels that the names should be published regardless. "They made a huge mistake, and while they might have returned their money, they had to know where it was coming from, and people have the right to know who messed up," she said.

This week the New York State Attorney General Andrew Curono has compiled a list of AIG employees and has been working on getting the employees to pay back their bonuses, beginning with the largest. He has already gotten nine out of the top ten highest paid bonus recipients to return their money.

Out of the $165 million given out, $50 million has already been returned. Curono hopes to recover $80 million of the bonuses, but does not think he will recover those paid overseas because of jurisdiction issues. However, the recipients of the bonuses in London were said to have returned their money without any problems.

"I think that what they did is very selfish," senior Noelle Hartzman said. "The money is used to help the company, not help their pockets."

In an effort to prevent such problems from happening again, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geither feel that Congress should give the Treasury Department and National Reserve new powers.

"If the government had any sort of way of knowing this was going on I'm sure that this would not have happened," sophomore Lauren Selleck said. "It would have been stopped long before they even considered giving people the money."

Bernanke told members of the House Financial Services Committee that he feels if they had had the authority, they would have put AIG in conservatorship in September when AIG's problems began. The government would have been able to assume control over the company's policies and no bonuses would have been given to anyone. Mr. Bernanke testified that if this had been the case, "the outcome would have been far preferable to the situation we find ourselves in now." Bernanke wanted to sue AIG for the bonus payments and to prevent more from going out, but was unadvised to do so. If the lawsuit failed, the government would have had to pay possibly triple the damages in addition to any other money because of a law in Connecticut where their financial headquarters is located.

"AIG should be punished for what they did," senior Peter Matlack said. "They made a mistake, and continued to further that mistake even more."

on campus

New Mexico governor repeals death penalty option

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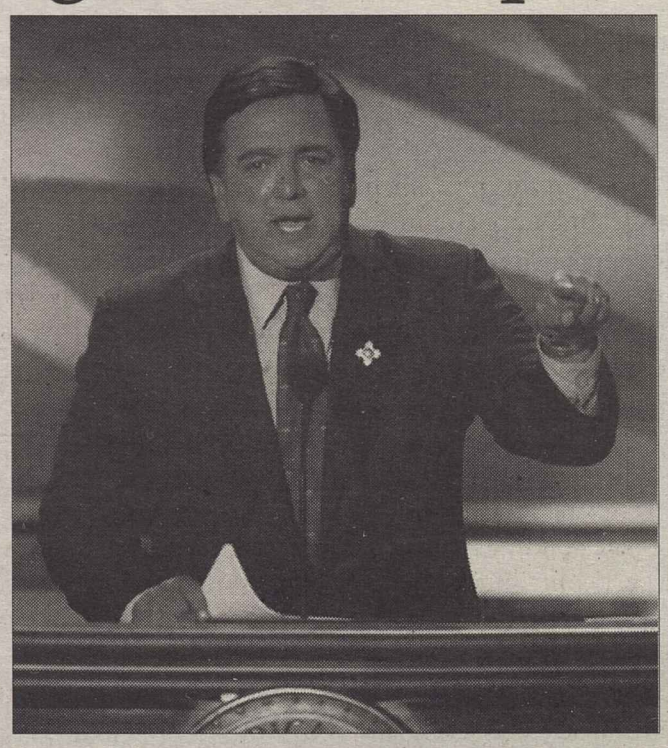
Cost was cited as a factor in New Mexico governor Bill Richardson's decision to sign legislation to repeal the death penalty. The bill replaces lethal injection with a sentence of life in prison without parole and will go into effect July 1, 2009.

Richardson, a Democrat, previously supported the death penalty and stated that he felt capital punishment is still appropriate in rare cases. His position reversal was the "end of a long personal journey on the issue."

The New Mexico Sheriffs' and Police Association did not support the repeal, saying that capital punishment is an important deterrent to the murder of law enforcement and police officers.

Prosecutors made a case for continuing the use of capital punishment because they viewed it as a "useful prosecutorial tool."

However, some agreed with the decision. The American Civil Liberties Union referred to the bill's passage as "a historic step and a clear sign that the United States continues to make significant progress toward eradicating capital punishment once and for all."



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New Mexico governor Bill Richardson signed legislation to ban the death penalty in the state. He says the decision will help the state save money.

Opponents of the death penalty argued that banning capital punishment will relieve some of the financial burden on taxpayers. This claim is supported by studies gathered by organizations such as the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, it is estimated that the annual price of the death penalty system in California alone is $137 million. Housing an inmate on death row costs an additional $90,000 yearly due to extra security.

On average, a prisoner spends 10 years on death row prior to execution or receiving a pardon. The cost of the lethal injection itself is the least expensive aspect of the process: $86.08 per prisoner, according to the Texas government's Web site. Thirty-seven American inmates were executed in 2008 according to The New York Times online.

New Mexico joins the ranks of 14 other states which do not allow capital punishment. It is the second state to repeal its capital punishment law since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

The number of executions in the U.S. has steadily decreased since 1994, but the use of capital punishment worldwide doubled in 2008.

A report from Amnesty International states that China accounts for 72 percent of the world's executions with 1,718 held in the past year. Additionally, at least 7,003 people were sentenced to death in China during 2008 alone.

Iran and Saudi Arabia executed 346 and 102 people respectively during the course of the past year. Pakistan's 36 executions were only one fewer than those which occurred in the U.S.

These five nations accounted for 93 percent of all uses of the death penalty in 2008.

Amnesty International also recorded that in addition to lethal injection, modern nations use hanging, firing squad, electrocution and stoning in order to execute prisoners.

There are still 59 countries where it is legal to employ various forms of capital punishment, but in 2008 both Argentina and Uzbekistan abolished the death penalty.

Capital punishment is still legal in Pennsylvania. There are currently over 200 prisoners on death row in Pennsylvania, and nearly 70 percent of those prisoners are minorities.

in the region

Area brush fires and midwest floods cause concern

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March 24, the fire advisory board for Lancaster issued a warning that a county-wide wildfire could be imminent. The Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency declared Tuesday a "red flag" day. This is the highest state of alert that the county can take in regard to spontaneous forest fires. Tuesday was the second day of the week to receive such a "red flag" warning.

Emergency service workers have already been called to put out over 20 random brush fires throughout the county in the past three weeks. One of them occurred on Schwanger Road, near the campus, after a lit cigarette dropped by a careless driver started a small fire in a cornfield.

According to emergency management coordinators, the sudden occurrence of fires in our area can be blamed on the region's lack of rain. According to Millersville University's Weather Information Center, the area has only received around three inches of rain so far in 2009; usually the county receives just under eight inches of precipitation by this time.

The drought, combined with dry, dead plant matter left over from the winter, makes for perfect conditions for fires to spring up anywhere there is kindling. The Bureau of Forestry is urging residents to start contained fires carefully and to properly dispose of cigarettes, as the conditions make it very easy for brush fires to start.

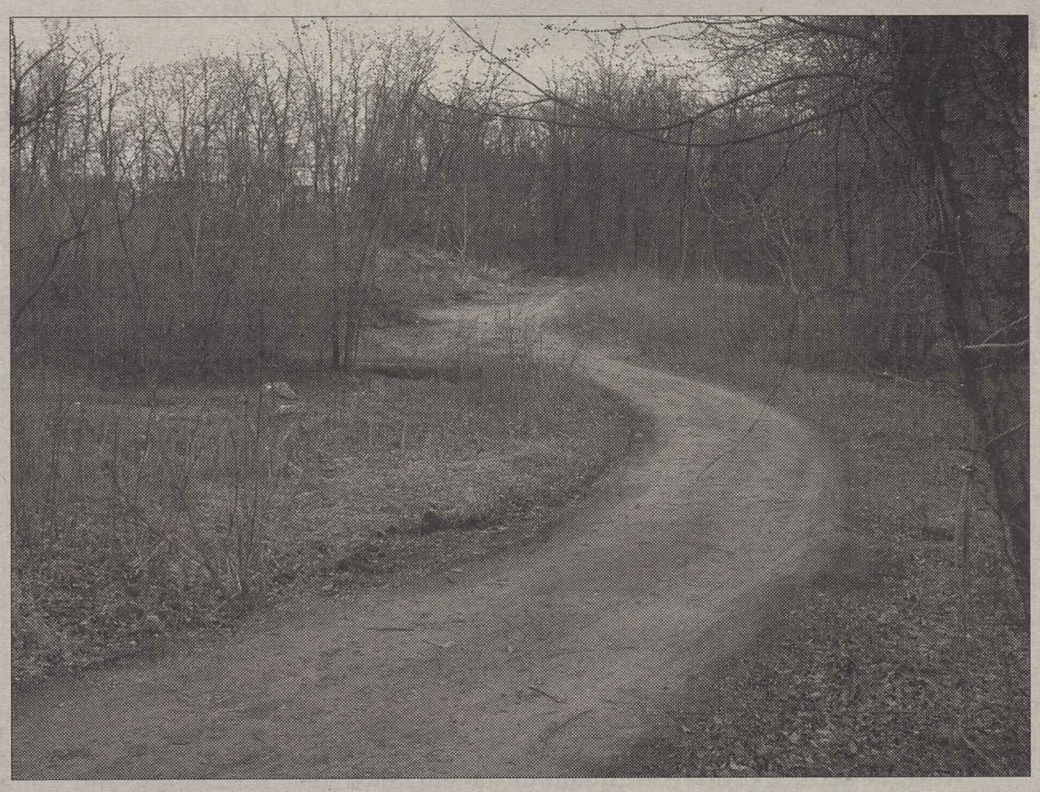

Photo: Peter S. Northrop

Areas full of dry brush, such as this lot behind Founders, have Lancaster County Emergency Management officials worried, due to the possibility of small wildfires.

At the same time, the Midwest is suffering from the exact opposite problem. People living around the Red River in North Dakota are scrambling to ebb the river's constantly rising levels. The Red River's water levels have been getting higher and higher as precipitation has fallen consistently for the past couple of weeks. The Red River was at a height of 35 feet on Wednesday and is expected to reach its highest level of 39-41 feet around the Fargo area on Friday. The river's floodstage level is considered to be at 18 feet.

Essentially, Fargo and surrounding areas in North Dakota are preparing for the worst. Three counties in North Dakota were under flash flood warnings from the National Weather Service as of Wednesday, and it is expected that flooding as high as a two-story home could be underway by Friday.

Over 10,000 volunteers have come from miles away to start a massive sand-bagging process that may lessen the flood's impact. Officials' goal is to pack two million sand bags and place them in strategic locations across the river. Volunteer efforts are based at the North Dakota State University in Fargo, and a good number of the volunteers are college students.

As of Wednesday, volunteers were more than halfway to their two million sandbag goal, and expect to reach it by Thursday. These volunteers are working outdoors despite the fact that it continues to snow heavily throughout the area.

Two hundred miles to the west, near North Dakota's capital, Bismarck, the Missouri River had also started to rise to dangerous levels thanks to hundreds of small "ice jams," pieces of ice that can get as big as small cars. They came from up stream and collected at a specific point 11 miles downstream from Bismarck. They have crushed together, effectively creating a dam that is causing ever-rising water levels near the city.

Demolition crews have been called in, and the jam will be blown up by early Thursday, effectively stopping any flooding that may occur in Bismarck.

All in all, Mother Nature has been brutal this week.

on campus

Phalanx spring show last performance for four seniors

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For four Elizabethtown seniors, Saturday's Phalanx spring show was more than just another performance. It was the last time on stage as part of the school's all-male a capella group for seniors Chris Strulson, Joe Cooper, Austin Hayes and Trent DeArment.

About 160 people attended the concert, which included five songs by Sixteen Feet, Swarthmore College's all-male a capella group. Strulson, Phalanx's president, and Colin Aarons, Sixteen Feet's president, have been friends for many years and were excited to combine the two groups in concert.

Phalanx's 12 members, most wearing plaid shirts and jeans, entered the stage in Leffler Chapel to a roaring crowd. They sang popular tunes such as Starship's "We Built This City," Howie Day's "Collide" and Ryan Cabrera's "Shine On." Then, after a 15-minute intermission, the guys reemerged wearing black pants, dress shirts and ties. A group of Phalanx alumni came out and performed "Brown-Eyed Girl" with Phalanx, drawing wild approval from the audience.

Next, after getting caught in traffic, Sixteen Feet's 10 members entered the stage in plaid shirts, jeans and perhaps, most memorably, no shoes or socks. Among other songs, they sang New Found Glory's "King of Wishful Thinking," Tom Petty's "Don't Come Around Here No More" and Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours," often dancing and encouraging the audience to join in by clapping above their heads. Sixteen Feet's performance ended on a high note with Gnarls Barkley's "Crazy," and then Phalanx was back, with a slide show honoring the four graduating senior members. Photos of each individual flashed on the screen with sentimental music, such as "Lean on Me" and "Total Eclipse of the Heart," and the ending slide drove the message home: "Thanks for all the great memories, seniors. We will miss you."

Next came the senior songs, in which each senior had the opportunity to choose any song he wanted to mark his "last legacy," Cooper said. According to DeArment it is "something that we worked all four years for." Each senior was introduced by two or three underclassmen who reminisced about the good times and positive qualities he brought to the group.

Hayes, who chose "Chicken Fried" by Zac Brown Band, presented first, followed by Cooper with David Cook's "Time of My Life." Strulson performed "Faded" by Soul Decision, and DeArment sang last with "the greatest song in the world": Tenacious D's "Tribute." Then the group together sang Matchbox 20's "How Far We Come" and left the stage, only to hear "One more song!" ring out from the crowd.

This final song, which the guys dedicated to the audience, was a Disney medley featuring "Hakuna Matata," "A Whole New World," "You'll Be in my Heart," "Kiss the Girl," "Go the Distance" and "Seize the Day." The last line of the final song, "Neighbor to neighbor, father to son, one for all and all for one," seemed fitting to describe the bond between Phalanx members.

"We're all alike, so we get along pretty well," DeArment said. He and Cooper both referred to the group as "a brotherhood," to which Cooper added, "It's a group of guys that you can depend on." For this and other reasons, Strulson had mixed feelings about this being his last show with Phalanx. "I'm nervous because I want to make it a good one," he said, "but I'm more excited than anything."

As the guys arranged themselves in a line and held hands after the final song that night, bowed and waved to the audience, the sense of togetherness appeared to overpower any sadness resulting from the inevitable graduation that would soon separate them. Sophomore Jess Roberts, one of the many audience members who cheered Phalanx on with a standing ovation, said, "It's a shame that such a big part of the group is leaving, but I know the leadership will still be strong, and the seniors' legacy will still live on."

Courtesy Photo

The group performs hit songs that had the audience toe-tapping all night. For some Phalanx seniors, Saturday was their final perfomance.

on campus

Circle K sponsors successful Hunger Awareness marathon

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As I entered Hoover, I noticed the doors of all the rooms were labeled with construction-paper signs. "The Sleeping Room" was one that particularly jumped out at me, and for a moment I wondered if I had traveled back in time to the 1960s and the College had rented out the space for the shooting of some kickin' Sci-Fi movie — until I spied a smiling blonde girl walking out of one of the rooms with a paintbrush in her hand.

Quickly, I snapped out of my alternate-reality musing and flagged her down.

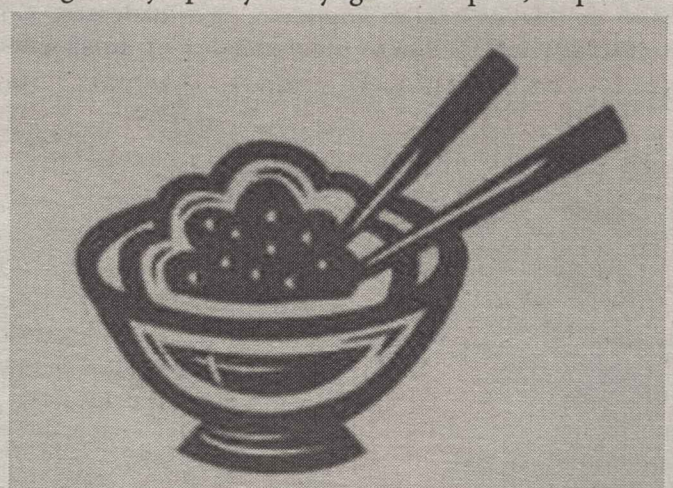
This was not the set of a Stanley Kubrick film, as it turned out, but a 24-hour famine and service marathon sponsored by Circle K. SIFE helped with the project, through advertising and flyers. I was lucky enough to have caught the club's president, Erin Lengel, during one of the half-hour segments of free time when she and a group of students were ardently painting picture frames as one of their planned service projects.

Planned since February, the event was designed to create awareness both on campus and in the community. The club hoped to see upward of 40-50 participants throughout the 24 hours, including students from three other schools outside of Elizabethtown. Some, Lengel said, would come across the state from as far as Erie to attend the program. The event took place from 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, until 1 p.m. the following day.

Other projects during the 24 hours included cleaning up the highway along Route 743, collecting canned food from the community, putting together activity bags to donate to "Caitlin's Smiles" and painting spring décor for Manor Care Health Services.

Several speakers came throughout the 24 hours, including one from Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg, to help educate about the needy. The group of Etown students that went on the Washington, D.C. trip over spring break also shared their service-learning experiences involving the topics of hunger, homelessness and HIV/AIDs.

Other activities and games were also interspersed with the service projects throughout the day, such as dodgeball, jeopardy and yoga. At 11 p.m., all participants were sent to "The Sleeping Room" (which was not as creepy as I had originally thought) for the night to rest, watch movies, play games and do some other small service activities.



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Circle K worked hard to have the 24-hour famine and service marathon this past weekend. They worked on various volunteer information and simulated a famine.

"Our main concern," Lengel explained, "is not fundraising, but raising awareness of the issue of hunger and poverty. We want to give people a different perspective."

Circle K's publicity chair Joanne Potter, who had been at the marathon since 11:30 that morning, shared some thoughts with me as she sat and painted. Both Potter and Lengel thought the marathon was going well so far, and they were especially glad to have participants from other schools.

And as grueling as a "24-hour famine" sounds, the participants had very little complaint about the fasting aspect of the marathon. Though kept busy with service projects and activities, they were not banned from eating altogether. As Potter put it, she was not going to let herself pass out. Still, the famine element was an empathetic part of the experience, giving them a better understanding for the situations of those they were aiding.

"I think we're all feeling that hunger right now," Potter said. The dedicated marathon-goers would be treated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. to breakfast, when they would all finally be allowed to feast after their committed 24 hours.

Although my goal of time travel was not achieved, the much more important goal of raising awareness about world hunger was successfully accomplished, thanks to the members of Circle K and the rest of the passionate students who helped out during the event.

on campus

Harpsichordist Joseph Gascho showcases his skills

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Musician Joseph Gascho came to Elizabethtown College's Zug Hall to perform for students and faculty March 23.

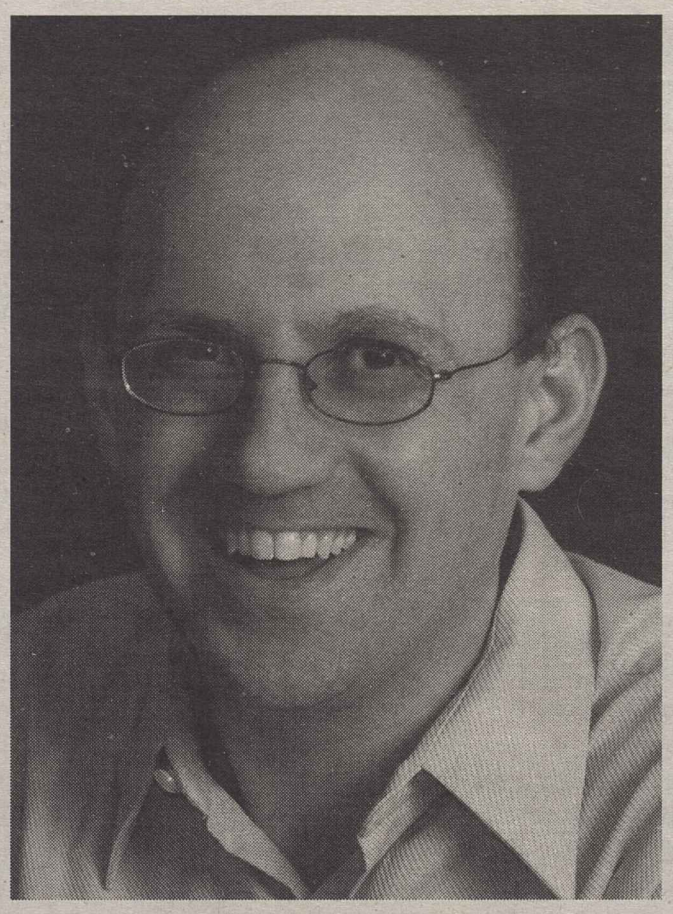
Gascho has had a very successful career as a baroque keyboardist, collaborative artist, solo artist, conductor and teacher. With his diverse musical background a it is no wonder why the Etown music department chose him to play for the department.

According to his biography, provided by George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Gascho began studying the harpsichord in 2000.

After studying the instrument for two years at the Peabody Conservatory with Webb Wiggins, Gascho won a first place prize at the fifth Irving and Mae Jurow International Harpsichord Competition.

In combination with the first place prize, Gascho also received a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. In an effort to continue his harpsichord education, Gascho also learned from Arthur Haas and Lisa Crawford.

Gascho continued to perform as a soloist until eventually he collaborated with the Opera Lafayette, the Washington Bach Consort, the Orchestra of the 17th Century, the Smithsonian Institute, the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival and the Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festivals. In 2004, during one of his collaborations, Gascho performed at the Festival International d'Art Lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence, France in a production of "Dido and Aeneas."



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Gascho is a world famous harpsichordist, who teaches at University of Maryland. He recently came to Etown to perform March 23.

As a conductor, Gascho worked with Handel's "Tamerlano" and Vivaldi's "Eurilla e Alcindo" at the University of Maryland.

After performing in the show in France, Gascho stayed to direct a concurrent music program there. Additionally, Gascho directed programs at George Washington University, University of Maryland, Monteverdi and Purcell at the Peabody Conservatory. In 2006, while also teaching at the University of Maryland, Gascho pursued his D.M.A.

Along with the harpsicord, Gascho teaches the basso continuo and performance practice.

First-year Erin Healy stated that it was a good thing that he visited. In her opinion, not many people have the skills to play a harpsichord, let alone know what one is.

She also said that his performance was a good opportunity for music students to observe true musical talent. Healy mentioned that many of the piano players in the music department were also very excited because the harpsichord was one of the original instruments upon which the piano was based.

The students and faculty of the Etown music department were surely exposed to great amount of musical talent and experience when harpsichordist Joseph Gascho visited the College earlier this week.

on campus

EC SIFE continues, updates Let's Can Hunger program

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SIFE is really about helping others to help themselves," senior Shaleen Spulio, director of internal communications for the club and managing editor of *the Etownian*, said. Elizabethtown College Students in Free Enterprise (EC SIFE) works to develop projects that address needs in the community and finds ways to help solve problems through education and business skills.

Many people do not know that EC SIFE is much more than a business club. A great deal of the club's activities involve teaching and working with different groups. "We use business principles in order to give tools to others to achieve more in life and make the world a better place for everyone," Spulio said. "The mission is to help others develop the skills to help themselves, so every project we do is an opportunity for service. The goal of our club is to use the free-market system for good, in ways that benefit everyone, and to teach free-market skills to those who may not have them."

The mission of EC SIFE is to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference in their community through service-oriented projects and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, teaching and practicing the principles of free enterprise. "The club identifies the economic needs of local, national and international communities and responds with innovative, educational programs that make a sustainable impact," Spulio said.

The organization was started 20 years ago, in 1989, by Professor Hugh G. Evans, emeritus. He is currently one of the Business Advisory member presidents, along with his wife Mary Lou. Their daughter, Professor Kristen Evans-Waughen, is the current adviser for the club and teaches in the computer science department. This Sunday SIFE will also be competing and traveling to a regional competition in Philadelphia. If the team does well, they will move on to a national competition in May for the 20th time in history.

The organization has put in place a hunger relief program called Relief Packets for Success. Relief Packets for Success (PFS) is one component of the Let's Can Hunger initiative. In previous years, the project was called Stamp out Hunger.

"It is sponsored by SIFE and the Campbell's company," Spulio said. "There are three parts to the program: hunger awareness, hunger relief and long-term support. EC SIFE tries to complete activities under each section to make the world a better place through ending hunger. The PFS falls under the Hunger Relief section. These packets include ready-to-eat food donated by a Sam's Club in Harrisburg as well as literature on healthy eating, nutrition, goal-making, budget-making and financial skills information. They also include solutions that are both short-term and long-term for the sometimes difficult financial hardships hunger victims endure.

After putting the item in campus news about the PFS project, EC SIFE has gotten numerous responses about possible programs to which to donate the packets. One student has offered to donate 20 of the packets to her church in Lancaster [Covenant Presbyterian Church]. With the left-over packets, EC SIFE will take them to local shelters and churches to finish this component.

Other parts of the Let's Can Hunger initiative include hosting the annual Empty Bowls Dinner with the help of the AmeriCorps scholars. The Dinner will take place April 22 in the Event Space between 4 - 7 p.m. "All of the details haven't been set yet, but the food will be donated by Dining Services and performances from Melica, Emotion and Phalanx have already been slated," Spuilo said. "We are hoping to get Mr. Etown contestants to emcee the event. The Dinner falls under the hunger awareness objective of the initiative. We've also been holding food drives on campus as well as during our other projects, such as Scouting University, and have collected over 500 items of food to donate to a local food bank." SIFE plans to continue these events in upcoming years as well.

The program actually started last year under the Stamp Out Hunger initiative. Spulio originally came up with the idea of the packets last year but was unable to fully realize the program because she studied abroad during the spring semester in Strasbourg, France. Jordan Ridge and Sam Sibley continued with the project while she was abroad, and because of the success and the concept behind the packets, Spulio decided to run that portion of the project again.

"I updated the packet's materials to make the packets more informative. As an analogy to the Chinese proverb: 'Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime,'" Spulio said, "I conducted the PFS portion as a means to provide not only the food to feed someone, but also the tools to allow the person to feed themselves in the future. The food is not really important here, but actually helping others to improve is. My hope is to have these packets continue into next year with more varied literature to complement different churches, kitchens and shelters to which we donate them."

Spulio feels that the program really does what it is set out to do: make others aware of hunger, relieve hunger and create a plan for next year. "We're helping people to help themselves. That in itself is its success!" she said. "It will run again next year, but its coordinator will change since I will be graduating this year. We will fill the position with a member of SIFE who is passionate about ending hunger in his or her communities."

"Though, the project's success will only be furthered if other folks help us too." The organization would like to send the packets to more churches, banks, shelters and kitchens across the area, not just around Etown. "If you know of any program or anyone willing to donate them for us to broaden our reach, please let us know at SIFE@etown.edu," Spulio said.

"Not only do we run this project, but EC SIFE sponsors over 20 other projects with which we always would like help! If you're willing to help, no matter what major you're studying, you can help us serve others," Spulio said. "Just because we use business concepts in a majority of our projects does not mean that non-business majors do not contribute. All of our members, who have 17 different majors and minors, help us to achieve our goals."

In terms of competing against other teams, for the past two years, SIFE have ranked in the top 20 in the nation (out of over 900 teams). The organization has also received several awards at the regional and national levels, which is something of which the whole group is very proud. Good luck to EC SIFE this Sunday at their competition in Philadelphia.

The Jayd-ed edge

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The dog ate my … money

A North Carolina family's dog didn't eat the children's homework; he ate mom's money. Kelley Davis said she had an extra $400 in cash to deposit after working extra hours as a physical therapist. She told the News & Observer of Raleigh that Friday she planned to deposit the money, but it wasn't in her pocket.

She remembered leaving it in the bedroom and it occurred to her that the family's 2-year-old greater Swiss mountain dog, Augie, might have eaten it.

Davis, 42, said when she took Augie for a walk Saturday, she found parts of three $100 bills and five $20s in his leavings. She washed them with a garden hose and hopes to find enough pieces to exchange them for cash.

A professor at the North Carolina State University Veterinary School said the money shouldn't hurt the dog.

I'll be by the door

Scores of people have applied to work at a Rhode Island strip club — but the vast majority don't need to show any leg to get the job.

Providence's Foxy Lady held a job fair Saturday, seeking to fill about 35 positions for dancers, masseuses, bartenders and bouncers.

But The Providence Journal reports the vast majority of the more than 150 job seekers were men looking to work at the door — and most of the women said they were looking for work that didn't involve taking their clothes off.

Foxy Lady co-owner Tom Tsoumas (SOO'-muhs) says a recent promotion to cut prices has helped the club regain business lost due to the bad economy, forcing it to hire more employees.

'Toilet Torcher' wanted

The Clorox Company is offering a $5,000 reward and a year's supply of toilet cleaning products for tips leading to the arrest of San Francisco's notorious portable potty pyromaniac.

The Oakland-based chemical company deployed a "potty patrol" team in the city Friday to make residents aware of its offer, marrying marketing and community service.

Since November, more than two-dozen construction site toilets have been set on fire in the city, causing an estimated $50,000 in property damage and leaving a trail of foul-smelling evidence.

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on campus

Res. Life housing selection proves difficult

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One of the most stressful aspects of college is figuring out where you are going to live. As if finding a way to pay for college isn't hard enough, we also have to go through the online class scheduling process and housing selection. Obviously, if you are an upperclassman, you have been through both of these processes several times and it probably seems second nature to you. However, newer students have only been through class scheduling once and have never been though housing selection. It can be a very stressful week for students when they are scheduled to undertake both of these tasks.

Being an upperclassman gives you several advantages in the housing process, such as applying for suites in Brinser, an apartment or a quadrangle unit. For students who are juniors or seniors by the credit system, housing selection will take place Tuesday, April 14, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Event Space. This selection date is for any junior or senior member wishing to be placed in an apartment or quad. For any first-year or sophomore student, housing will occur Thursday, April 16, from 7–11 p.m. in the M&M Mars room in Leffler Chapel.

There are several options for living situations. If a female student likes living in all-girls dormitories, she may choose to be a part of Schlosser. The coed dorms are Founders, Royer, Brinser and Ober. Next year, Elizabethtown will also be switching Myer to block housing. If you can find thirteen other friends, you may apply for this type of housing. There are also student-directed learning communities (SDLCs) and the apartments and quads to consider. Whatever type of housing students are looking for, they can certainly find it here.

Etown students pick their rooms based on the number of credits each student holds. However, the majority of colleges pick housing based on GPAs. The higher a student's GPA, the earlier the student can select their roommate and dormitory. So why does Etown defy the normal system and base the process on credits? "By placing a system on credits, it keeps the hierarchy in place," Darlene Sommers, coordinator of housing operations, said. "Credits and entrance year keeps it simple. The simpler it is the more fair it is as well."

Friday, Feb. 20, all students were sent a housing selection number. Whether that number is 1 or 1600, the process works the same way. Students report to the specified location and line up by number outside. The roommate with the higher number his or her number in line. Students then put their numbers on the floor chart and wait to be called up with their roommate. "We handwrite the numbers to maintain order," Sommers said.

Why fix something if it's not broken?

"The system has been in place ever since I've been here," Sommers said. "It's always worked well for us." Even though Etown has a different way of picking living situations than most other colleges, our way has been proven to work well.

"I am working on an online system for next year. I tried to get it up and running for this year but it proved to be a little more complicated," Sommers said. "I am working with ITS to get it in place for next year and hopefully there will be testing that happens over winter break."

Wherever you wind up living next year, try and make the best of it. Our campus is a beautiful place and you should always take advantage of the great opportunity to live in our community. Email SOMMERSD@etown.edu with any questions or concerns.

on campus

Sketch-E performance thrills audiences

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What do guys in cut-off shorts, British accents, water pistols and Billy Mays all have in common? The answer is simple: all of these elements were found in the Sketch-E Comedy Club's 2009 spring show Saturday March 21. The show, held in the BLR, generated a great crowd response. The club's performers took the stage armed with jokes for their crowd.

Before the show even started, audience members chuckled to themselves as they read the slide show biographies of Sketch-E members. The slides stated "facts" that sometimes weren't factual at all. One member claimed to be the Matrix, and "facts" included statements such as "Elvis lives in the Jay's [Nest] freezer," and "Ober once had two basements, until the cemetery ran out of space".

The opening sketch, which was written, directed, and performed by sophomores Thompson Gerhart and Michael Fleming, set the tone for the show. First-year Randy Burkholder also took a main role in this skit, surprisingly the audience with his barely-buttoned floral printed shirt, and revealing cut-off shorts, flip flops and sunglasses. The vulgar skit poked fun at the way Sketch-E began, which was well received by the audience.

Although Sketch-E is fairly new, founded in the fall of last year, the club's president, executive producer and performer Katalina Deaven, a junior, is very confident in Sketch-E's direction. "I think we are beginning to cultivate a good reputation," she said. "Our shows get better every semester, and our audience keeps growing."

Sketch-E's fan base is definitely growing first-years Ross Benicasa and Alexandra Stern highly enjoyed the comedy club's show.

"I felt the skits were much funnier than the first show," Benicasa said. Stern enjoyed the show so much that she was unable to choose a favorite skit. "They all are amazing," she added. "The sketches were hilarious. It always makes me laugh when I see them."

"We have a group of very committed and talented performers," Deaven said. Sophomore Alex Harris, for instance paraded onto the stage as a nurse character in the skit "Dr. Fun Times." Junior Laura Kalick and senior Gabrielle O'Neill completely got into their roles as out-of-the-box characters in their skits. Kalick's pigtailed know it all character in the skit "Mildred Muffel & the Science Class" depicted a new student whose throat glands produced more saliva than normal. The comedy came through when Kalick made slurping, snorting noises, and Gerhart's science teacher character's monotone Ben-Stein-like voice followed throughout the skit. O'Neill took on various personas as well including interviewer Ms. Walsh in the skit "The Interview." Ms. Walsh's strange interviewing style accompanied by her annoyingly dry voice did not do much for the sanity of senior Jameson Rohrer's character Andy Anderson, the interviewee.

Impersonations seemed to be a common theme in the show. Sketch-E members took on the task of parodying well-known people in a very effective way. The infamous product salesman Billy Mays was parodied by Gerhart in a video presentation. The pseudo-Mays began selling the simplest of things such as curtains and spray paint, with "I'm Billy Mays."

The show ended with the "Characters in a Bar" sketch performed by Rohrer, Gerhart, sophomore Peter Northrop, Deaven, Harris, and sophomore Theresa White. The hilarity culminated in song then the rest of the cast took their final bows and danced their way offstage.

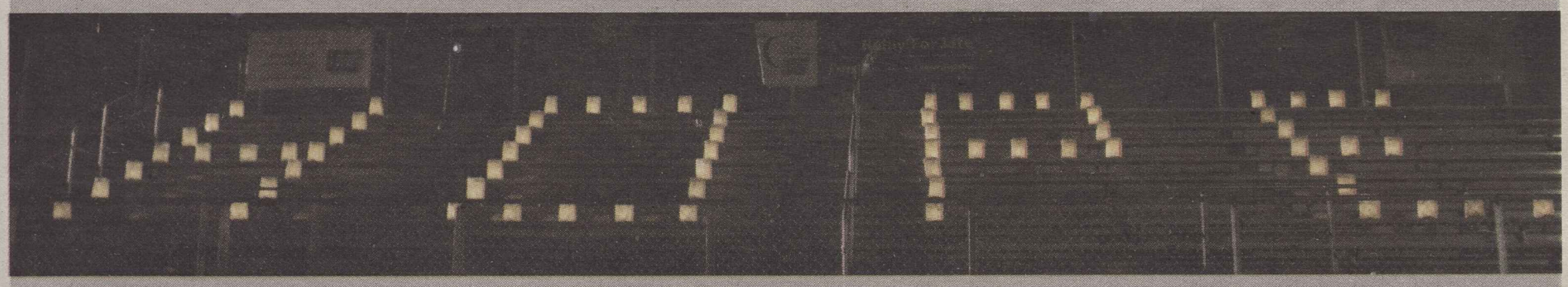
A lot goes into these shows. Deaven explained that the process starts at the beginning of a semester with a build-up of ideas for the sketches and videos. Later, these are written into scripts.

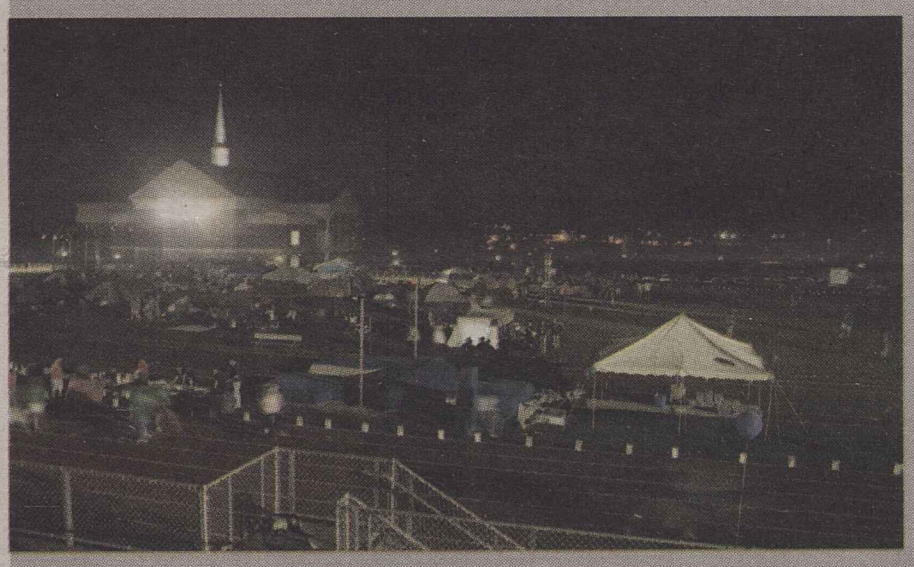
"Once we've figured out what we're working with, we hold auditions, cast the performers, and start rehearsals. When it gets close to the show, we have amazing tech people who figure out how we will make the performance run smoothly," Deaven said.

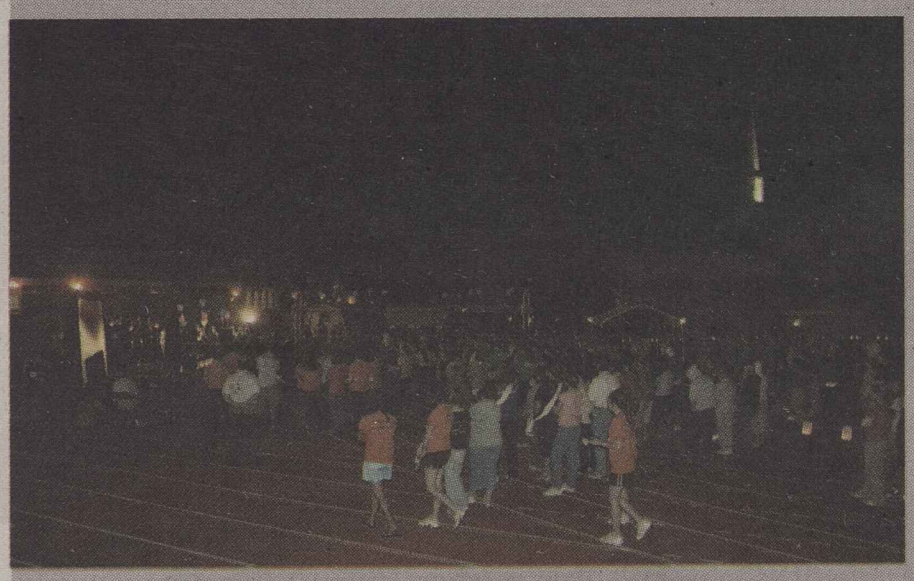
Besides their role as Elizabethtown performers, Sketch-E is venturing out into the community. The club will perform Friday at Lower Dauphin High School. The performance will be for the school mini-THON to raise money for the Four Diamonds Cancer fund. "I think it's important to be involved outside the campus as well," Deaven said. "Since we have such a talented group, I am hoping that we can perform at some outside comedy venues in the future."

She also is aware of the challenges in Sketch-E's future: "It's a lot of work and it takes dedication, but we have a lot fun while we're doing it. We've only had one show per semester so far, but next year we plan on bumping it up to at least two."

With Sketch-E Comedy on the rise, Elizabethtown students and members of the community need to prepare for the tons of laughter the club induces.







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Relay: make cancer history

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We relay to celebrate, remember, and fight back.

This weekend, Elizabethtown students will celebrate survivorship, remember those lost, and raise money through cancer research as they circle the track throughout the night.

Relay for Life started with Dr. Gordy Klatt more than 25 years ago. He walked 81 miles around a track in Tacoma, Wash., raising more than $27,000 in his efforts. Today, Relay for Life is observed in more than 19 countries and 4,800 U. S. communities.

The Relay for Life event incorporates new surprises each year. In anticipation of this weekend, seniors Rachel Rohland and Jackie Scott, Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) and Relay co-chairs, provided some insight on this year's event.

"Relay for Life was brought to Etown three years ago, and since then the students have banded together to raise over $150,000 and counting for the American Cancer Society," Scott said.

Etown's Relay for Life event started with the formation of our CAC chapter. CAC is a collegiate branch of the American Cancer Society that works in four strategic areas: cancer education, advocacy, survivorship and Relay for Life.

"Last year we raised over $70,000, and this year our goal is $75,000," Rohland said.

Relay for Life is a 12-hour event, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., during which students alternate with teammates walking around the track. Teams consist of five to 15 people, but all are invited to attend. Activities, sports competitions and entertainment will take place throughout the night as well.

The year's theme is history, with the slogan of "Making Cancer History." CAC chose a history theme because this year marks Relay for Life's 25th birthday. Relay teams were asked to pick an event in history and center their team camp site and T-shirt around their theme.

"Some examples are the extinction of dinosaurs and the first man on the moon," Rohland said. "In 2008 our theme was Wish Upon a Cure, which was a Disney theme. And in 2007, our theme was Pass Go, Collect a Cure — a board game theme."

Just as each year brings a new theme, each year also brings new activities.

One new addition is a birthday-cake-decorating contest in order to celebrate Relay for Life's birthday. Teams will have a chance to earn Relay points by baking a cake and decorating it to represent a certain type of cancer awareness or to celebrate Relay. Cancer survivors will judge the cakes before eating them at midnight.

"We also are focusing more this year on advocacy and mission," Rohland said. "While we can raise a lot of funds for American Cancer Society, it's also important that we're doing our part to fight back against cancer for ourselves. This includes getting proper cancer screenings, eating healthily, and advocating to local, state and national government officials for access to healthcare."

As such, there will be a mission and advocacy table at the event where students can learn more about these issues. Students also have the opportunity to send letters to their senators.

Additionally, a variety of entertainment, including a concert by For the Greater Good, will occur.

"Every year we add new and exciting aspects to the event," Scott said. "Everyone will just have to come down and see for themselves Relay 2009 in action."

Before the festivities begin, however, a survivor reception will honor those courageous fighters of cancer. Any survivor is welcome to attend the event and can bring a guest. This year's theme for the reception is "Growing Hope." There will be a light reception and a time of fellowship, and then the survivors will be escorted to the track where they will take the first lap.

Although it is too late to sign up for the event, students are encouraged to continue to support its efforts. Luminary bags are displayed to honor or remember a loved one who battled cancer. They will line the track as the light for the night. Luminaries are $10 each, and can be purchased at Relay or beforehand by contacting CAC@etown.edu.

Regardless of each student's degree of participation, it is important to remember why Etown relays.

"Relay is a chance to celebrate the survivors in our lives, remember our loved ones that we've lost, and fight back against cancer, a disease that takes so many," Rohland said. "In the end, it's not about the money we raise, but about the lives we save through all that we accomplish in one 12-hour period. Relay is also a healing place. It's a place for people who have lost people they have loved and cared about, and gives them an opportunity to grieve and remember in a positive, uplifting way."

We relay to celebrate, remember, and fight back.

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Monday, March 30
Doors@7:30pm

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Concert-Goers Unite

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Elizabethtown, Pa. is typically considered a small town with nowhere for music enthusiasts to go. With the lack of a major city in the area, it is sometimes hard for concertgoers to find a decent place to see a band play. However, if one looks deep enough, they will find that Lancaster County and the surrounding areas have several different places to get the perfect concert experience.

For those seeking a medium-sized venue, the Chameleon Club fits the bill. Located in downtown Lancaster, the Chameleon Club has been around for 23 years and has hosted thousands of nationally-recognized bands. The club features three floors — one for the main stage and general audience and two more for the seven different bars that help provide a personal atmosphere.

"The Chameleon Club has a very intimate feel to it," junior Darren Frehulfer said, "though sometimes it gets crowded and hard to see the acts."

While the club has no age limit, only visitors over 21 are allowed into the bar area. Since the Chameleon Club is located between Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, it is convenient for large bands to stop and play there.

If you are searching for a small venue, there are plenty of bars and restaurants that host smaller rising artists. Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy offers fine dining and great music. Built in the 1800s, Bube's used to be a full working brewery but has since been shut down and turned into a dining and entertainment center. April 17, Etown's own For The Greater Good will be featured at Bube's.

The bassist of For the Greater Good, senior Carl Mararra, prefers to watch concerts at smaller venues.

"They are more fun, but sometimes they are harder to find," Mararra said. "You just have to look for them."

"There's a better vibe when you have a smaller area that's packed with people rather than a larger area that, while it may have the same amount of people, seems uncomfortably empty," junior Todd Lewellen said.

Another advantage of a smaller venue, such as a bar setting, is that it provides a more personal touch.

"I love any small bar because I feel like it is a private show," Frehulfer said. Frehulfer is another member of For the Greater Good and anticipates playing at small venues in the area.

Lancaster also offers other ways to experience music in a casual setting. The LancasterARTS initiative was started in 2002 as a way to bring art and culture into downtown Lancaster City. On the third Friday of every month they co-sponsor Music Friday with WXPN. On Music Fridays, performances line the street of the 300th block of North Queen Street. Genres such as solo acoustic, jazz, rock, Americana and more are featured throughout the block and nearby restaurants.

While the area does have some great locations for shows and concerts, some students think that the area isn't as diverse as it should be. Lewellen, a member of the on-campus band FLINT, says that the area is not equipped for many different bands to play. FLINT, which is looking to expand outside of the Etown atmosphere, has had a hard time finding places to play.

"I've done a lot of research on venues in our area, and it seems like most venues in the cities are playing "edgier" music (hard rock, emo/screamo, metal)," Lewellen said. "I've yet to find a good venue where an acoustic-rock band would be welcome on a regular basis."

Lancaster County may be small, but there are still plenty of options available for music entertainment. They may be harder to find, but the intimate appeal of the smaller venues will provide a great experience.

community exploration

What you're missing out on: Etown's best-kept secrets

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Tired of boring weekends? Is it becoming too much of a ritual to go out, party, wake up sick, go to the Marketplace, and start all over again the next night? For those of you on the other end of the spectrum, are you sick of staying in and watching movies or doing homework, even as the weather gets nicer? Sometimes we tend to think of this beautiful town we live in as a restricted place full of limited activities, and we resort to the "same ole, same ole."

If you are willing, dig a little deeper than into your closet for that party outfit or into your DVD case for a good Friday night flick, and you may find that this article holds the key to many of Elizabethtown's best kept secrets for a fun time on the town.

Market Street's Cygnet Studios, residing in an old Victorian house, offers anything but an old, cliché experience. Just walking up the multi-colored steps and through the doors to a bright and captivating dual coffee shop and art studio will make any guest want to know more about this unique and charming getaway. Owner Martha Pineno, or "'Arti' Marti" as she may be better known, says she strives to inspire creativity and a feeling of comfort with the business she built piece by piece.

Photo: Kalie M. Desimone

Flowers in the Kitchen overlooks the hub of Elizabethtown. Located on Market Street right next to the library, this quaint restaurant is ideal for a relaxing, light meal away from campus.

Cygnet Studios offers a coffee shop at the entrance of the first floor, as well as a pottery studio on the lower floor. With the addition of art lessons and musical performances, there is always something to do at Cygnet, whether you arrive on a relaxing weekday afternoon or on a spark of creativity during the weekend. While Pineno admits that she mainly draws artists, musicians and those looking for an outlet of creativity, she strongly encourages the "non-creative" majors to join her guests.

She recalls seeing science and math majors walk through her doors with little enthusiasm, yet she relishes in their excitement as they become compelled by the power and inspiration of stroking a brush onto their palette. To Pineno, it does not matter what background you come from; you do not need to have any artsy experiences. Rather than seeing her guests as customers, Pineno views everyone as a capsule of inspiration with a unique creativity.

First-year art minor Michelle Hare says her experiences at Cygnet were "relaxing, and most importantly, fun!" Having been to the studio several times in only her first year at Etown, she recalls that "the studio has many different items to choose from and has something for every person's price range." Loving its "aesthetically pleasing" atmosphere, Hare said, "My favorite part of the outing was being able to paint pottery and hang out with my friends at the same time! It's a great place for a friend get-together or a date and a great place for conversation. It is very personal."

Pineno bases her business off of the traditional values of trust and respect that are sometimes difficult to find in this day and age. A lot of her business techniques include putting faith into her guests. With her efforts to create a unique culture in Elizabethtown, yet preserve the American way, Pineno says that when future generations look at our civilization, they will judge our culture, and she strives to help create a culture of which we can be proud.

"Our peer group went to Cygnet Studios right after orientation, and it was a blast!" first-year Rebecca Wisner said. "Everyone there was so nice and it was so much fun!" As a "great bonding experience," she encourages that "it is great for Etown because it is inexpensive and so much fun," and it is also a nice studying environment on weekdays.

"I can't wait until it gets warm and then we can just walk there since it is so close to campus," Wisner admitted.

Another nice getaway within walking distance from campus is the quaint and warm Flowers in the Kitchen restaurant on Market Street.

Sophomore Jenna DiEleuterio said Flowers is "homey and adorable — there are lots of little crafts and trinkets on the walls. It was very comfortable."

DiEleuterio admitted it is "definitely not for a guys night out, [but] girlfriends, families and mixed company would all find it enjoyable."

DiEleuterio comments that she plans to go back and add to her positive experiences from before.

"There is nothing better than lovely company over a delicious meal, served by a very patient and humorous waiter," she said.

Although owners Jim and Polly Flowers were not available for an interview, they seem to also have pleased sophomore Alyssa Paranto. She said it's a "cute place to eat in walking distance where you could get a bang for a buck," and "the atmosphere just spells out comfort." As for guests who should try on Flowers for size, Paranto said, "People who want a satisfying, home-cooked meal would love Flowers, or those who simply want a unique menu filled with creative sandwiches."

Elizabethtown community resident and biology professor Dr. Debra Wohl recommended some great local pastimes that she shares with her family. Although not all of them are in walking distance of campus, they offer enjoyable experiences for both men and women and for students and their families. Wohl recommends the Laserdome Entertainment Center in Manheim and taking a train into Harrisburg to enjoy the museums, City Island, and great food.

There are "a lot of good restaurants on or near 2nd Street," she added. While it is not a favorite of hers, Wohl recounted that many of her students enjoy looking for bargains at Middletown's Saturday's Market. For the cold or rainy March days, you may want to look into ice skating at the Hershey Giant Center for only about $5, including skate rental. However, as the weather gets nicer, try getting baseball tickets for Lancaster's Barnstormers and get food from the Central Market on your way. She said that her family has also enjoyed hiking at Governor Dick or along the Conewago Trail.

Maintainers of the park's Web site expanded that "Governor Dick, or more accurately, the Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick, is an 1105-acre tract of undisturbed forest in the West Cornwall district of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. A wooded mountaintop, reaching some 1,120 feet high, it abuts the quaint turn-of-the-century resort community of Mount Gretna, with which it is strongly associated, and is approximately six miles south of the city of Lebanon in Pennsylvania."

In addition, the Conewago Trail is "the rail-trail [that] passes through wooded sections with a canopy of trees, pastoral meadows, active farms and beautiful sections along the meandering Conewago Creek. The trail links up at the county line with the Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail which runs another eight miles to Cornwall. Future additions will stretch this rail-trail 20 continuous miles from Elizabethtown to Lebanon," Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources said.

Elizabethtown can definitely hold some good secrets as to what fun things there are to do on weekends, but now the secrets are out. Cygnet Studio, Flowers in the Kitchen, Laserdome, Saturday's Market, hiking trails, and other semi-local activities can fill your calendar with a lot of promise for a good time.

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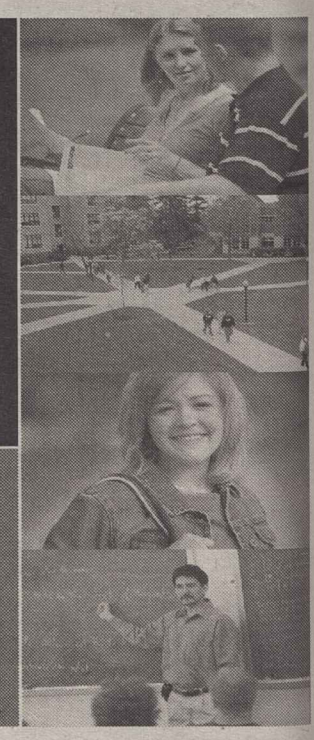

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technology trends

Site facilitates instant connection across the Twitterverse

Carey E. Betts
Staff Writer

For most people, young and old alike, the Internet plays an integral part in their lives. While the Web is used for various reasons, one of the most popular is social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace. But now there is a new community Web site on the rise that has already caught on with many major celebrities. This site is *Twitter.com*.

Twitter is set up much like Facebook, but with emphasis on the question, "What are you doing?" The main gist of Twitter is giving your friends, or "followers," regular updates about your recent activity. The bio page of Twitter recounts the story of the site's origin. Jack Dorsey, the Web site's founder, was "interested in the simple idea of being able to know what his friends were doing," which led him to building a prototype in 2006. Once Dorsey realized how interested people were in the site, he launched Twitter in May 2007, and the Web site has grown ever since.

One of the reasons that Twitter seems to be such a popular place is because it is a very straightforward concept. As said on the Web site itself, "Simplicity has played an important role in Twitter's success." In 140 letters, you sum up what you are doing at that time.

Twitter also seems to be popular because of its accessibility and convenience. You can post updates via text messaging, instant message or Web. So when you're on the go or have some downtime and find yourself out-of-reach of a computer, you can still access this site.

When I first went to *Twitter.com*, I was slightly perplexed by the idea of it. Was this *it*? Just a Web site where you update what you are doing? I will admit I was skeptical. I am an avid user and fan of Facebook and wondered what this site could offer me that Facebook and Myspace didn't. But with the constant changes to those other Web sites, the simplicity of Twitter is very appealing. As I started looking for people that I knew, I realized you can also follow celebrities on this site. You don't need the user's permission to follow them, so you can see the updates of those in whom you are interested. Now you can see what city Taylor Swift is playing in tonight and what she thinks of it, or you can even read the religious debate between Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

The idea of a site where fans are able to follow what their favorite celebrities are doing without buying tabloids hasn't been implemented before. Sure, you can still write messages directly to your friends, but the main idea of this Web site is to give people the freedom to express what they are doing and to see what their friends, as well as idols, are up to.

Twitter vows to uphold its policy of keeping its Web site simple by not adding a plethora of useless and distracting applications. It will remain a site where you can find out what's going on in the worlds of those that interest you.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

First-year Dan Silver and junior Jen Schoonmaker are rendered speechless by Twitter's comprehensive communication capabilities (seen in inset). Twitter enables users to instantly update their friends on daily minutia through a variety of messaging methods.

hot-button issues

Red envelopes to sully White House

Joelle E. Atkinson
Asst. Campus Life Editor

Tiny red envelopes will flood the White House March 31, and, no, they are not belated Valentine's Day cards. The envelopes that will arrive this upcoming Tuesday are to honor the many unborn babies who were lost to the cause of abortion. The reason such a drastic step is being taken is to overturn the controversial law that was made during the case of Roe v. Wade and to stop President Obama's current funding to aid in abortions across the nation. The red of the envelopes signifies the blood of the unborn fetuses.

The date, although originally arbitrarily chosen, now has some symbolism. March 31 is arriving near the beginning of Holy Week of the Christian religions, as well as the beginning of Passover for the Jewish religion. Christian activist Christ Otto, who began the Red Envelope Project, says on his Web site, *redenvelopeday.com*, "I don't think it is a coincidence that these arrive so near the annual remembrance of the Passion and Death of Christ."

Otto wants others to send thousands of red envelopes addressed to newly-elected Obama with these words: "This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception."

Otto wants to send 50 million of these envelopes, one for every child who has not had the chance to live. Otto has also said on his Web site that no one organization or religious denomination sponsors this initiative. Rather, it crosses boundaries among churches, schools, religious communities, and others.

"It has crossed all denominational lines and has brought together the efforts of Roman Catholics and Protestants in our common value for life and the blood of Christ," Otto said.

Also on his Web site, as well as a sister Web site, *redenvelopeproject.org*, (both supporting the same call to action) Otto presents deals on red envelopes in bulk by different survivors and speaks about the power of prayer in this situation.

"As I was praying, I believe that God gave me an interesting idea. Out in the garage I have a box of red envelopes," he said. "Like the powerful image of the red LIFE tape, an empty red envelope will send a message to Barack Obama that there is moral outrage in this country over this issue."

The sudden call to action is in response not only to Roe v. Wade, but also to recent actions by Obama. These actions include releasing funds to support paying for abortions, permission to begin funding for stem cell research, and federal funding for contraception here in the U. S.

"This man, and this party lead our country, but they do not represent me or the 54 percent of Americans who believe that abortion is wrong and should no longer be legal," Otto said.

Sophomore Dani Cantor, a pro-choice student, said, "I think people have their right to choose, and so I don't want to stand in anybody else's way," and that mentality includes this initiative.

Junior Laura Kuserk, who is also pro-choice, said that although abortion should not be used as a form of birth control, she does not want the United States to make abortion illegal. "Some people use abortion lightheartedly," she said. "It should only be a last resort and not a form of birth control."

Either way, this initiative is sure to make a difference — and will perhaps overturn a controversial law that has long been withstanding in the United States.

television review

'Kings' reigns

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

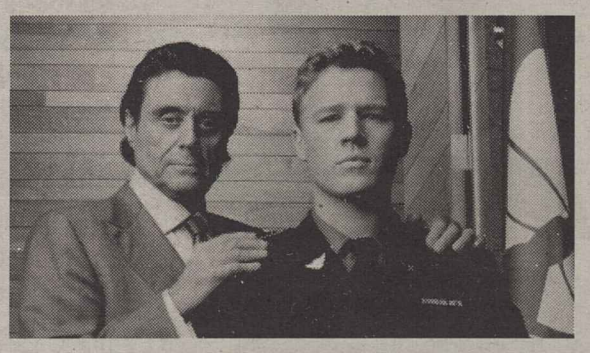
David killed Goliath with a wrench, a grenade and a rocket launcher. Goliath, of course, was a tank.

"Kings," a new drama based on the biblical book by the same name, was the last NBC pilot ordered before the 2007 writer's strike. In it, King Saul — I mean, Silas (Ian McShane, "Deadwood") — leads the Israelites — I mean, Gilboans — against the Philistines. Er, Gath. David (Christopher Egan) is a towheaded, well-bred mechanic with the charm and aw-shucks courage of a WWII recruitment poster. (He also knows a lot about pianos.) Prince Jack (Jonathan, played by Sebastian Stan) is an A-list celebrity and closeted homosexual. There's also Reverend Samuels (Eamonn Walker, formerly of "Oz"), who spends most of the first two episodes giving the favor of the Lord (and a gold watch) to David and challenging Silas's foreign policy.

Like David himself, the pulpy melodrama is likeable because of its naiveté. The characters lacquer their dialogue with biblical references and too-obvious religious debates (among them war, intelligent design and gay rights), but the sheer confidence of the show makes it surprisingly attractive. Behind their script, the characters are three-dimensional: Silas is tough and pragmatic but spiritual, caught between his pride and passion. (In the pilot, we see him pray emphatically, visit his bastard children, then call in a few hits on his advisers.) His family, keenly aware of his shortcomings, reacts to him as only family can.

"Kings," in short, is satisfyingly silly. The program's audience thus far is small. However, critics have received it unusually well, praising the gravitas of HBO veterans Walker and McShane. Both Samuels and the king comment on the charmingly syrupy romance between David and Princess Michelle (Allison Miller), and the results are, like the rest of the show, unexpectedly compelling.

"Kings" plays Sundays at 8 p.m. I'll be watching.



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King Silas and David, portrayed by Ian McShane and Christopher Egan, announce Gilboan victory at a palace press conference.

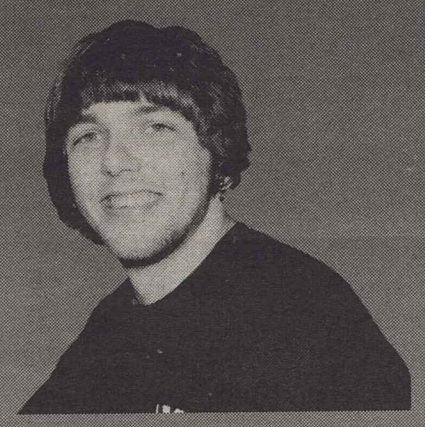
SOUND OFF

IS THE DEATH PENALTY EVER JUSTIFIED?

by Mathew P. Butera

Brianna Gieski
Class of 2011

"I think so, but it depends on the severity of the murder."



Frank Arnold
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"No human has the power to justify taking another person's life."

Katie Diamond
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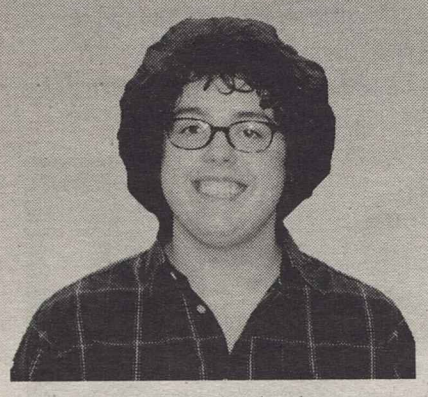
"I say yes as long as there is adequate reasoning and evidence."



Benjamin Toland
Class of 2011

"I think that it's not justified. People who murder should have to live with it."

on campus
'Slacktivism' infiltrates our generation

Nancy C. Briscoe
Staff Writer

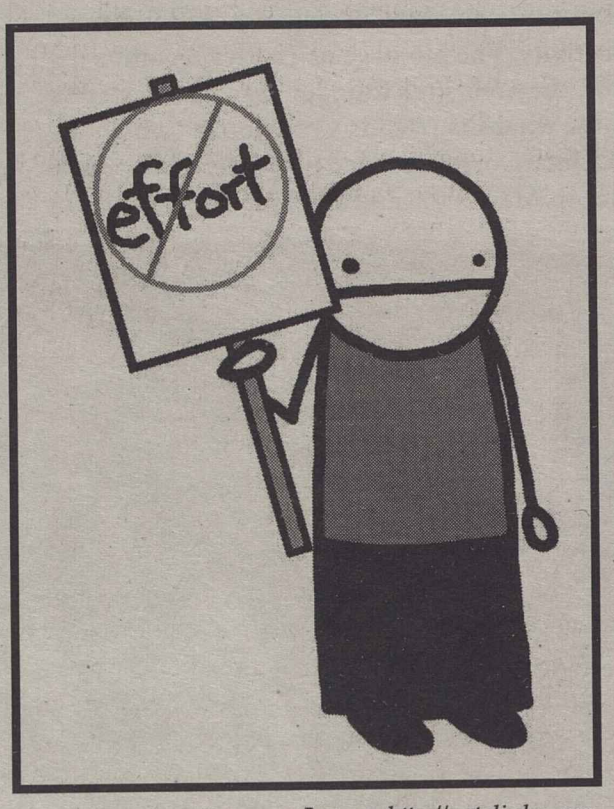
A spiraling economy, the war in Iraq, and a movement to secure equality for gay, lesbian, and transgendered individuals are just a handful of the issues dividing our nation. Most, if not all of them, affect our daily lives. So how do you choose to take a stand?

At Elizabethtown, many students on campus have shown their support for national issues by signing petitions in the hallways, protesting on the steps of BSC, and staging sit-ins in Leffler Chapel. Okay, maybe that's a bit of a fabrication. I mean, who really has time for that type of activism? We are 21st-century college kids bombarded by schoolwork and social lives, not to mention the new Facebook.

It's not that we don't care about the issues; we just go about showing our support or distaste for a controversial topic in different ways. Joining a Facebook group to "Cancel Student Loan Debt to Stimulate the Economy," wearing rubber-inscribed bracelets reading "Livestrong," and slapping "support our troops" magnets on our cars are among the top choices to show we care.

This form of activism has been coined "slacktivism," a feel-good formula for showing support without breaking a sweat. With a simple accessory on your page, person or Prius, you are showing friends and strangers exactly what you support.

If someone were to take a gander at my Facebook groups, they would immediately know that I am not a fan of gun violence at schools thanks to the group, "Dear Students: Please Stop Shooting Each Other." However, other than flexing my pointer finger, I can honestly say that I have not done anything to further educate my peers; I haven't actively raised awareness on why school violence is wrong, or why we should have a vendetta to confiscate any and all weapons on campus. Dr. Margaret McFarland, department chair of the social work and communications departments, doesn't see slacktivism as a bad way to get your message across. In her eyes, our actions are neither lazy nor unnoticed. We just go about things differently. She said, "This generation wasn't raised on activism… your battles [women's rights, civil rights] have already been fought."



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Don't get me wrong; I'm sure there are plenty of students here who are committed to a cause. According to Etown's Relay for Life site, we have collectively raised $52,668.66 to date. That is something of which to be proud. Different groups on campus are also dedicated to specific causes. For example, Melica annually sponsors the "Girl's Night Out" event to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Junior Kait McCaffrey felt empowered when she took part in a pro-life march last year. "It didn't take a lot of effort," McCaffrey said. "It was just one day of dedication."

So it seems our generation's adaptation of activism isn't all bad. While it may just be the trendy thing to do, ultimately you are still raising awareness for a cause or picking a side on a controversial topic. After all, whether you prefer activism or slacktivism is probably not as important as knowing why you wear that $28 inspi(red) T-shirt from the Gap.

on campus
Pledge of integrity calls for self-check

Peter S. Northrop
Assistant News Editor

Over the past year robberies plagued the floors of the Founders A Residence Hall. As someone who lives on A3, it is ever so slightly unethical of me to report on this, but thank God, this is an opinion piece.

We reported a theft that happened in a study lounge on my floor. One of my neighbors, first-year Steve Boyer, had his Playstation 2 stolen after a careless friend had left it there for about two hours.

Recently, though, there have been a number of thefts on A2, the floor below me. Hundreds of dollars have been stolen from peoples' wallets, a biology textbook has gone "missing," an iHome stereo disappeared from a bathroom, and Xbox controllers have flown from their rightful dorm rooms.

These thefts have caused a lot of disgruntled murmuring in my building and across campus. People have begun wondering whether students even care about the pledge of integrity anymore. Some anonymous individuals have even declared the document dead.

Make sure to check out the Sound Off poll and the opportunity to comment on articles on our Web site: www.etownian.com

You remember the pledge of integrity, right? I don't know about transfer students, but all us crazy kids who've been here since our August orientation probably remember that emotional, candlelit ceremony rather well.

When we had our tours here at Etown, and our peer mentors explained Etown's merits, I do believe we were all told something around the area of, "Oh yeah, Etown's awesome. We have this pledge of integrity thing that means you can leave your stuff lying around and no one will take it." Awesome.

Do we remember that pledge? Clearly not. When I was assigned to do an article on the pledge, I naturally read it over again–for the first time in a year and a half.

Oddly enough, the pledge of integrity doesn't cover anything outside of the academic realm. Every copy of it I could find scattered around Etown's web site only covered academic integrity. It covers things like "don't cheat" and "don't plagiarize." Granted, you can tweak "don't steal somebody else's ideas" to cover "don't steal anyone else's stuff." But, still. There's no mention of anything outside of the classroom when it comes to student integrity.

Now, I don't think that some random kleptomaniac stalking the halls of Founders is going to compromise the College's integrity, but it does raise an interesting issue.

The College needs to expand the integrity pledge. Integrity is something that permeates every aspect our lives. Integrity is that process by which someone picks the morals he or she will live by and then sticks by them, no matter what horrors are thrown their way. If we are to tell our incoming students that, no matter what, they and their possessions are safe here on this campus because we all sign a pledge of integrity, then that pledge should probably include much more than our activities behind closed classroom doors.

If there's one thing I learned here at Elizabethtown, it's the value of integrity. In high school I made a bad habit of writing and saying a whole bunch of things I didn't mean, especially on class papers. When I tried to pull that nonsense on my first English paper at Etown, my professor all but slapped me in the face. My writing and my personal life have improved drastically since learning the value of integrity.

If a man can't keep to what he thinks is right, then he will inevitably lead himself to utter destruction. Those who stand for nothing will inevitably become nothing.

in the nation

Capital punishment localized

Life is sacred. Apparently this thought did not run through Abraham Sanchez's mind as he shot Ray Diener three times outside of his West Donegal Township home, killing him. March 12, a jury sentenced Abraham Sanchez to death as punishment for his crime. Sanchez was 18 at the time of the murder, and although the defendant argued that he was young and stupid, not truly aware of his crimes, the jury did not find this argument convincing.

The death penalty is a debate that rips right through the heart of every American. Everybody takes a side: either pro-death or anti-death. Indifference about life is an opinion no one can have.

Abraham Sanchez killed Ray Diener. He shot him in cold blood three times. That is fact. However, I do not believe this young man should be sentenced to death. It isn't that I don't think he didn't do something wrong. He did. He did the most horrendous, despicable, unforgivable action anyone can ever commit; he took a life. But he should not die for it.

My reasoning for this is twofold. First, I don't think the death penalty is practical. Those sentenced to this sit on death row for years, wasting valuable tax dollars as they wait. These individuals should be put to work within their penitentiaries, giving something back to the society they injured. Second, the materials needed to implement the death penalty are expensive. This process takes time and resources that could be put into avenues that would see results in mainstream society.

Khouri E. McGrann

I also believe that the death penalty is morally wrong. Who are we to decide the worth of a life? Is it not hypocritical to tell a murderer when it is his time to die? We are condemning him for the very crime that we later commit!

Life in prison is no life at all. What joys of living would one derive from living in a cell, being put to work and having no freedom? When criminals are put in jail, and their freedom is taken away from them, they lose all the joys of life. Isn't that punishment enough? Not to mention these bodies that could be wasting away on death row could be used to provide manpower to work in programs that will give something positive back to society. Then, at least, we will see something come out of the life that took another.

Although I think the death penalty is wrong, I don't think that what Sanchez did was any less abhorrent. The death penalty, for all that is wrong with it, does seem fair. An eye for an eye; a life for a life. However, what is fair and what is right are not always the same thing. Deciding when someone gets to die is not right. Life is sacred. Just because Sanchez forgot that doesn't mean we should, too.

Double Take

Imagine that your father was forced to face death over and over again because a teenage boy shoved a long-barreled revolver in his mouth, forced him to beg for his life, and then slowly shot him three times, once in the hip and twice in the chest. Now imagine that this had happened on your front porch because those young boys had randomly chosen to rob your house.

This scenario is enough to give you nightmares. Unfortunately, for one Elizabethtown area family, this nightmare is a reality.

Three years ago, then 18-year-old Abraham Sanchez, a Lancaster resident, and three of his friends decided to rob a random house to get money for drugs. They chose 65-year-old Ray Diener's home. They baited him out of the house, killed him, and then ran away. Later, Sanchez bragged to his friends about killing Diener and even created a Web site, calling himself the "Fearless Gangsta." March 9, 2009, a jury found the now 20-year-old Sanchez guilty of first-degree murder. Two days and seven hours later, they sentenced him to death.

Melissa L. Jones

Traditionally, the death penalty has been used to help provide closure to the victim's family and as a deterrent to future murders. In an interview after the sentencing trial, Diener's son, John, said, "Nothing can bring our father back, but we are grateful for a verdict that will spare another family this grief and pain."

At home, along with politics, immigration and the current economic situation, the death penalty definitely makes for tense but interesting dinner conversation, thanks to my bleeding-heart liberal father and ultra-conservative mom and brother. According to my brother (he's a true Southerner) the death penalty can be viewed like this: "an eye for an eye, a life for a life." If you've murdered someone, especially in cold blood with no show of remorse, you deserve to die. My dad says that no one ever deserves death (he's a Quaker, so he's against violence). Instead, he believes that murderers should rot in prison and ruminate on their evil deeds for the rest of their natural lives.

In this case, I tend to agree with my brother. Who could help it? Here's a man who laughed about shooting an innocent man three times. People like him do not deserve to rot in jail. We, as tax-payers, should not have to pay for monsters like him to have free meals, healthcare and gym equipment. I mean, I'm sure that jail is not the greatest place in the world, but Sanchez deserves much, much less.

There are some people who say the death penalty should be reserved for mass murderers like Timothy McVeigh. But why? Who's to say that the loss of one life isn't the same as the loss of 10 or 20? Sure, killing 20 people is a whole lot more than one, but when a man kills 20 people, he's essentially killing one person 20 different times. So really, it's the same. Besides, it's not the number of people you kill; it's your attitude when you do it. Taking pride in killing one person and naming yourself "Fearless Gangsta" is just as bad as killing 20. People like that just do not deserve to live.

staff column

Free Speech

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

The United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) will decide whether hyper-negative "documentaries" — in this case, one about Hillary Clinton — should be treated as ads or not.

This is kind of not a big deal. If making an election season documentary about the awfulness of a candidate — say, Tony Blair — qualifies as an advertisement, then the piece's financiers would need to identify themselves in the credits and pay each time it aired. Some mudslingers are out more cabbage, and whatever. So it would be paid speech.

Except that media have always been able to manipulate folks (according to McLuhan, a rhetorician of whom I am very fond) and this is the sort of thing that made Aaron Burr shoot Alexander Hamilton. SCOTUS didn't do a whole lot to regulate free speech then, and doing so now could lead to nickel-and-diming that upon which this country was based.

It's already happening in Australia. A catalogue of blacklisted Web sites was leaked over the weekend. There, censorship is a bit easier. Along with decidedly vile outlets (child pornography, certain graphic violence albums) were Myspace pages, the infamous 4chan message boards and *encyclopediadramatica.com*. Outrage has been high, particularly from owners of gambling sites, who'll likely lose millions.

Fun story: it's also illegal to link to the banned sites. One enterprising young man from Melbourne (username Foad) complained about an anti-abortion site (in order to demonstrate the sloppiness of the screening process). It was successfully blacklisted. When Australian discussion board *whirlpool.net.au* mentioned the story (and posted the link), the Australian Communications and Media Authority hit them with an $11,000/day fine. Crikey!

Is it a stretch to suggest that charging individuals for potentially inflammatory bias can lead to police-state crackdown on the World Wide Web? Probably. But March 15, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston ruled that us dirty/creative types can be prosecuted for libel even if it's truthful. (It's more complicated than that; go google "libel warning worries journalists.") Governments' attitudes towards media are darkening, and the future looks expensive.

For now, though, America's highest court is blessed with pragmatic, cognizant justices. Scalia said that he was "a little disoriented" by the controversy, opining that the film was obviously protected by the First Amendment. Chief Justice Roberts wryly asked if corporate sponsors should be fined for 500-page books with single-sentence partisan slants. Breyer, on the other hand, noted that "Hillary" was hardly "a musical comedy" and suggested "limitations on the payment" for persuasive media.

For now, there's no ad tax on 4chan.

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etown men's lacrosse

Men head into conference play; take on Manhattanville

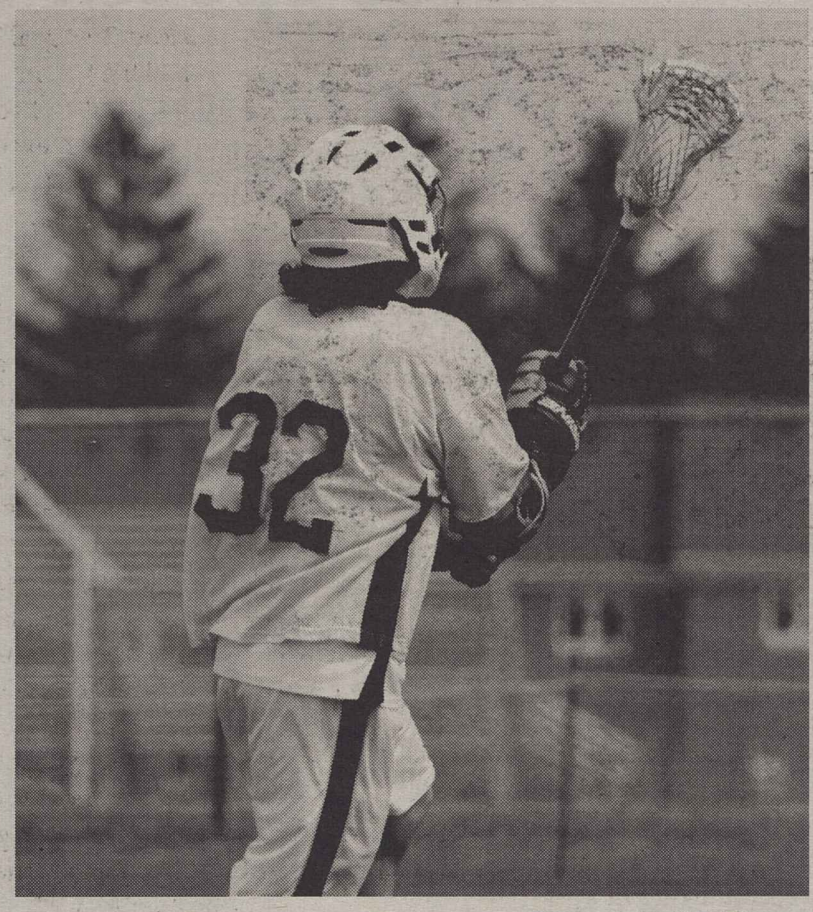
Chelsea E. Decker
Staff Writer

In a sport like lacrosse, chemistry is huge. You have to have everyone on par with everyone else when you are trying to overcome something so that you can come out on top," first-year goalkeeper Brendan Corcoran said. Sunday's game at Fairleigh Dickinson University- Florham in N.J. tested the Blue Jays' chemistry in an upsetting loss of 15-6.

"After the loss to Widener, we were pretty excited to get out and play," Corcoran said. The game against the FDU Devils marked the second Mid-Atlantic conference game of the season, with an overall record of 3-2, 0-2 for conference play.

The game against the FDU-Florham Devils took Elizabethtown by surprise after their 14-2 win against Marywood March 18. First-year attacker Ben Erdman "didn't expect to lose at all. I thought we prepared well, as a whole and a team."

Erdman said that the reason for the Devils' success was that "they got some quick breaks early in the game. We were kind of out of it then. Every time we made a run back, they had a way to counteract it. They always got a couple more."



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Sophomore Brian Shaaf passes the ball in a game against Widener University. The men's next home game will be Saturday against Manhattanville, their third conference game of the year.

The Devils soared past the Blue Jays, earning six goals in the first quarter. The Blue Jays struggled to gain points on the board. In the second quarter, junior captain and midfielder Aaron Weber came on strong 3:11 into the game, scoring Etown's first goal. He scored another goal at 7:01 without any assists. Senior attacker Ryan McCafferty scored the Jays' third goal, with an assist by sophomore attacker Greg Kenneally.

The 9-3 halftime advantage made the game more challenging. The third quarter proved to be disappointing for the Jays, with only one goal by McCafferty. FDU-Florham's Peter Fleming, Jason Koontz and Kevin Shadiack all scored goals for their team in the third quarter.

Starting off the fourth quarter with 12-4 advantage for FDU-Florham proved to be difficult for Etown. However, first-year attacker Evan Cobb scored two goals in the fourth quarter, the first with an assist by sophomore attacker Brian Schaaf and then one by Aaron Weber. FDU-Florham's Kevin Shadiack scored the final goal of the game, with an assist by Taylor Hogarth.

Goalies for the Jays included Hunter Malick with seven saves and Austin Hayes with two saves. For FDU-Florham, Alex Kajencki saved an impressive 13 goals and Mike Strathy saved one goal. Overall, FDU made overall 36 shots, while Etown followed with 29 shots. FDU-Florham won a total of 15 of the 24 face-offs throughout the entire game.

Erdman expects that the team will "definitely watch film and have a couple good practices" in order to improve in time for the next game.

Their practice worked as the Blue Jays defeated DeSales University yesterday with a final score of 8-5.

Sophomore goalie Hunter Malick had 14 saves in the triumph. Junior Keith Staulters scored two games with five attempts. Weber also added a point to the scoreboard and had two assists. The rest of the Jays goals were scored by Cobb, Kenneally, McCafferty, and juniors Kyle Huckle and Jon Day.

The Blue Jays will play Manhattanville in their fourth Mid Atlantic conference home game this Saturday at 1 p.m. Manhattanville is currently 3-3 overall in the season, with a 2-0 record for conference play.

"To be honest, we are focusing on Manhattanville. They are new to our league. It will be good to see a team that we haven't seen before- everyone will be pretty optimistic," Corcoran said.

Despite the competition for Saturday, Erdman suggests that players "take one game at a time. Keep your eyes on what's in front of you right now."

After a strong win, The Blue Jays will face Manhattanville College at home Saturday. This will be the men's fourth conference game and will take place at 1 p.m.

etown tennis

Teams face Division I La Salle this weekend; ladies win

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

A high-pitched schreech echoes throughout the Elizabethtown community, sending startled birds fluttering from their resting place in the grass nearby. This echo begins on the Etown tennis courts, but rolls down the sloping campus, even piercing the ears of students dwelling in Royer and Schlosser halls.

The sound of rubber skimming the asphalt below it continues the echoing, as the balls hit back and forth within all six parallel courts reveal an unintentional musical collaboration between the players in the match. And this is just practice.

The intensity of this past week's preparation for both the men's and women's tennis teams was due to the approach of a formidable opponent in the near future, the La Salle University Division I tennis team.

The Etown men's team prepared vigorously for the match Sunday, but the Blue Jays were dropped by the Explorers 7-2. One bright point in the match was at flight one in singles play, where first-year Manrique Arrea downed La Salle's George Gennaoui in a tight three-set match. Junior Brok Walker and sophomore Bryan Metz claimed the lone victories during their doubles match.

"I guess we played all right," first-year Jonathan van den Ende said when asked about their match against the Explorers. "Manrique [Arrea] won his match, which is really good since he played the number one player at a Division I school. They were good, and we played well, but I think we could have gotten more out of it than we did."

Even though the men's team may not have had any upset versus La Salle, the women's team seemed to find their stroke during the match and cruised by the Explorers in a 5-2 victory.

In singles, Etown was able to come out victorious in flight two, with junior Jessica Russell winning 6-3, 6-1 over La Salle's Tonya Rice. Etown also claimed wins in flights four, five and six by sophomores Kelly Fisher, Ashton Heydt and Katelyn Roderick, respectively.

"It was so intense," first-year Shannon Brown said. "Even if you didn't play, you wanted the team to win. I loved it when we won the doubles. We had never cheered so loud or worked so hard."

Yesterday the ladies pulled their fourth straight win as they defeated non-conference Scranton University 7-2.

The Ladies swept the match in singles. Juniors Emily Swarr won at flight one, Jessica Russell won at flight two, and first-year Sara Poulle won at flight three. Fisher won at flight four, and Heydt at flight five.

In doubles, Swarr and Russell won 8-2 at flight one, and Heydt and Poulle won 8-3 at flight two.

The next match for both teams will be home against Bridgewater College Saturday, another Division III opponent who hopes to bring Etown another tough match.

"I really do think that we will perform well against Bridgewater," first-year Manrique Arrea said. "We have really been practicing a lot and playing a lot of matches recently to help us."

Both teams will also have plenty of opportunity to rest before the upcoming match, though if history tells us anything, it is that they will be out on the courts practicing either way.

Hopefully, this next match will be another great win for both teams, and another step in the right direction toward the Commonwealth Conference championship.

After facing Bridgewater, both the men and women will play their next few matches on the road. The Men will travel to Wilkes University, then face Albright College at home before their next two away games.

As for the ladies, their schedule includes three away games at Wilkes, Juniata College and Stevenson University, respectively.

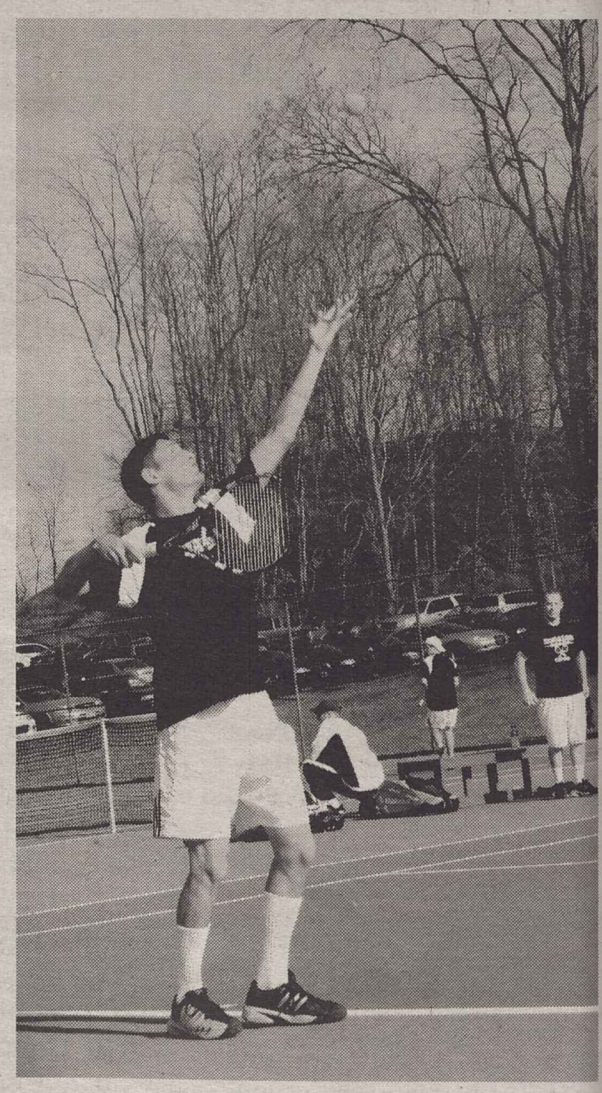

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Senior Jeff Kirkhoff serves the ball in a match against DeSales last Wednesday. The men won in a 9-0 shutout. Both the men and women faced La Salle University, a division I school, Saturday; the men lost, and the women won. The teams will next face Wilkes University Sunday.

etown women's lacrosse

Jays earn third straight win, hope for fourth Saturday

Kristen A. Conroy
Staff Writer

This past week the Elizabethtown women's lacrosse team continued to impress its fans and prove to all that they deserve to be nationally ranked. Take the Saturday, March 21 match against Widener University: the Lady Jays came out on top yet again, dominating the Pride 23-4 and improving their overall record to 5-2 and 2-0 in the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Senior Katie Foley came out strong in the first half with four goals and four assists. Fellow senior teammate Anna Ford played another tough game, matching Foley with four goals and adding one assist.

Senior Kelsea Kozak fired a total of three goals and two assists, while juniors Katie Caprinolo and Alisha Sangrey and first-year Mara Mulvaney each added two goals to the win.

After just 11 minutes into the match, Etown led 7-0. Ford scored twice in the first two minutes, pushing the Lady Jays to a quick 2-0 lead. With goals from Sangrey, Kozak, Foley and junior Megan Byrnes, Etown closed the first half at 13-3 with three saves by senior goalie Jenn Hawkins.

"We played extremely well as a team and worked on things that didn't go as well during the games earlier in the week," Kozak said. "Overall, it was a total team effort, and everyone was clicking."

After the first half half, Etown scored the first 10 goals to take a 23-3 lead. The Pride snuck in one more shot for a final score of 23-4. Junior goalie Becca Watkins finished the second half with two saves, while the Lady Jays finished the day with 21 ground balls and a 45-13 edge in shots as a team.

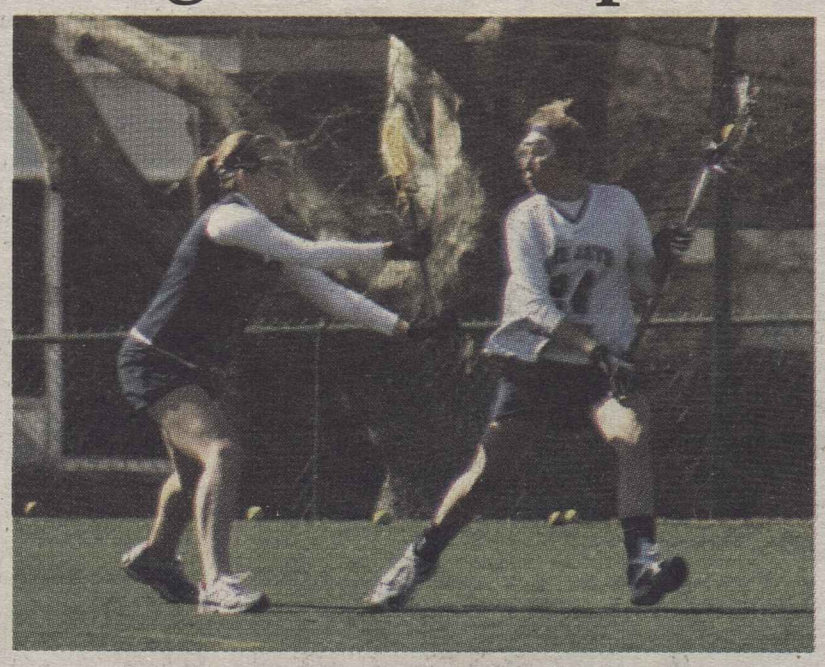

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Looking for somebody to pass to, first-year Samantha Redles cradles the ball. The Lady Jays faced Alvernia Tuesday and won the game 22-2.

"It was a great game!" Coach Mike Faith said. "We came out on fire and played really smart for 60 minutes."

Two days prior, the ladies gained another win against Stevenson University in a close 16-15 match. The Blue Jays came out with a 3-0 lead in the first seven minutes, with two goals from Ford and one from Foley.

But, Stevenson began the seesaw match when the Mustangs scored five goals as part of a 7-0 run to take a 7-3 lead. Two goals from Byrnes and one from Foley pulled the Jays in closer for a half-time score at 8-6. The second half continued to be back and forth as the two teams exchanged goals for the first 10 minutes, leaving Stevenson in the lead at 11-9.

The Lady Jays then scored four straight goals, moving ahead to 13-11. With just 12:06 left, the Mustangs tied the game at 13-13 and in 52 seconds pulled ahead to 15-13. Foley and junior Stephanie Kreis scored to goals to tie it up yet again, and with just 1:58 left, sophomore Maria DeMatteo netted the game-winning goal.

"The great thing about the Stevenson game was that we came back from being two goals down and won it with two minutes to go," Faith said.

Foley agreed saying, "It was a back and forth battle, but we played for the whole 60 minutes and proved how much heart our team has." Foley finished the Stevenson game as Etown's leader in career goals.

This week, the ladies plan on "keeping the winning steak going!" Foley said. "We plan on working on our groundballs and movement off ball. Once we get them down we'll be unstoppable in the conference."

Etown certainly proved their power in the conference Tuesday as they stormed Alvernia University 22-2. Alvernia went undefeated in the conference last year, but the Jays ended their streak of luck. Foley scored a game high of four goals in the match, and junior Megan Byrnes had two goals with four assists.

The Lady Jays will hit the turf today against Dickinson College at 4 p.m.

etown softball

Ladies drop last eight games; look ahead to Saturday

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

The softball season seems like it has just started, but the Lady Jays have already faced some tough competition. They will have a game against Moravian College behind them by the time Saturday rolls around, when the team will have a contest against Lebanon Valley College.

So far into the season, the team has a record of 3-13 but more than half of the losses were only by one run— a heartening statistic. The competition for the Lady Jays has been tough, especially over spring break, when the team traveled down to Clermont, Fla. to play more than a few nationally ranked teams.

"We battled some of the best and have been constantly learning since," sophomore first base player Sarah Church said. "We're on our way to success."

Senior outfielder Amanda Gordon urges her fellow Etown students not to lose heart in the Lady Jays by looking just at the team's record alone. "Our record right now does not show the talent or capability of our team, but don't let records deceive you," Gordon said.

The team definitely has a secret weapon in their two new first-year pitchers, Lanie Parr and Julie Sebastian. The two first-year students have replaced the former pitcher, who graduated last year, and have proven to be incredibly valuable to the team as a whole.

"It is a change to actually have two of them now, instead of having to rely on one arm to get through a double header," junior shortstop Paige Tanner said.

The softball team has already challenged several of the area colleges in contests; last Thursday, they traveled to Swarthmore College for a doubleheader but were swept in both games. However, Parr pitched six innings in the second game and allowed only two runs. Senior Lauren Hoover went 3-for-3, batting in two runs, and senior Marian Guzik finished 3-for-4, with an RBI and a run under her belt by the time the game ended.

The Lady Jays are also looking ahead to playing Messiah April 25. While Messiah is Etown's biggest rival, the team also wants to repeat their winning performance over the Falcons from last year.

"After we knocked them out of the playoffs last season in extra innings, they will be dying to get back at us. We intend to take it to them!" junior second base player Ryan Allard said.

This Saturday, the Lady Jays are slated to travel to play a game against Lebanon Valley College.

LVC is a Commonwealth Conference opponent and last year, the team beat the Lady Jays in the conference, sending them to second place instead of the first place for which they were aiming. But this year, the Lady Jays are gearing up to claw their way to the top of the conference, boosting their practices with tee work to get their hitting form down and working on defense.

"This year is our year to be on top in the conference," Allard said.

Despite efforts, the ladies lost both games in their doubleheader against Moravian College Tuesday. The Jays were unable to score against pitcher Maria DeBonis of the Grayhounds, who picked a two-hit shutout in game one. In game two, Tanner picked up the only hit off of a single in the fifth inning. The Grayhounds scored all four of their runs in the first inning on five hits.

The ladies will travel to Lebanon Valley Saturday for a double-header starting at 1 p.m.

MARCH MADNESS SCHEDULE

The Men's Division I March Madness competition is heating up as the sweet sixteen round starts today. Keep track of your picks and what time each game is so you won't miss any of the action.

Thursday 3/26

UConn vs. Purdue- 7:07
Pitt vs. Xavier- 7:27
Memphis vs. Missouri- 9:37
Duke vs. Villanova- 9:57

Friday 3/27

Louisville vs. Arizona- 7:07
Oklahoma vs. Syracuse- 7:27
Michigan St. vs.Kansas- 9:37
UNC vs. Gonzaga- 9:57

Elite Eight games: Saturday and Sunday
Final Four: Saturday, April 4
National Championship: April 6

etown baseball

Jays defeat rival Messiah College in series

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

The Blue Jays entered Commonwealth Conference play with a series against rival Messiah College. The three-game set kicked off with a double-header at Messiah. Coming into Saturday's matchup, the Jays were just 1-3 in away games this season.

Elizabethtown sent senior Sam Heaps to the mound, hoping to improve his record to 3-0 for the year. The Jays jumped to an early 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by senior catcher Tom Semanek in the top of the first inning. The Falcons tied the game at one apiece in the fourth. In the bottom of the sixth, Messiah went up for good with a three run inning to put the game out of reach. Heaps took the loss despite yielding just four hits on the day.

The second half of the double-header played out almost like the first half. Etown took a third inning 1-0 lead on a Rodney Francis RBI groundout, but the Falcons refused to go away. Messiah scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 2-1 lead, and it looked like the Blue Jays' problems on the road would continue.

In the bottom of the seventh and final inning, Etown, down to its final out, came storming back. After a junior Eric Luff 's single and a walk by sophomore Andrew Gordon, senior Adam Sheibley stepped to the plate.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Closing the series with a final out, senior Sam Heaps tags first base before Dan Etter of Messiah is able to get there. Etown won the three-game series with division rival 2-1. The Blue Jays are now 2-1 in the conference and 10-7 total.

"I was just thinking, 'be confident and patient and get the job done,'" Sheibley remembered. The senior got the job done in a big way, smacking his second home run of the season and giving his team the lead entering the final inning of play.

"I remember watching the ball go over the fence and hearing everyone go crazy," Sheibley said. "It is a feeling that is hard to describe. I don't even remember touching first base while running around because I was so excited."

The hit gave the Blue Jays a 4-2 lead. Junior Adam Hartzell finished the job on the mound with a 1, 2, 3 seventh inning for the complete game 3 hitter.

"It was extremely important for us to come back and win that second game," Sheibley commented. "Our goal in conference play is to win every series and in salvaging a split we gave ourselves the opportunity to still win the series."

The following Monday, the same two teams met up, this time in a home game for the Jays. The game quickly became a shootout, and after three innings, Etown had a 6-5 lead. The Blue Jays held the lead the entire game as the teams took turns scoring a couple runs an inning. Semanek provided some of the offensive punch for Etown, going 3-4 at the dish with three runs batted in.

Junior Matt Vinagro earned the victory for the Jays. Keeping his team in the game, Vinagro pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs as Etown won the game 12-10. The win improved their record to 2-1 in the conference and 10-7 overall. The game was "real important because we are competing with [Messiah] for first place again this year," Vinagro said.

As the Blue Jays move forward into the heart of their Commonwealth Conference schedule, the team must continue to stay focused to remain on top. "I think we have some room to get better," Vinagro commented, "but it's still really early in the season."

The men will play their fourth division match against Arcadia University tomorrow. Arcadia will host the game that will start at 3 p.m. The Knights are currently 3-14 and have lost seven of their last nine games.

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Athlete of the Week

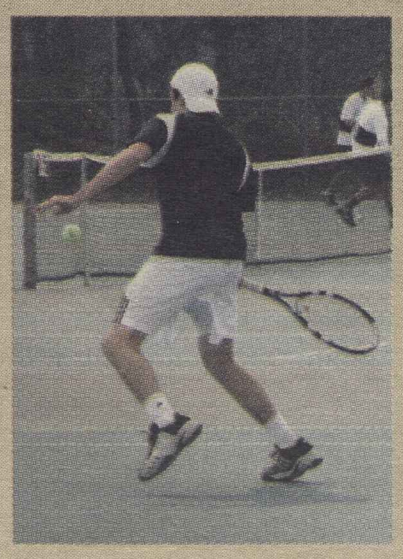
Brok Walker

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is delighted to name junior stud Brok Walker as this issue's Athlete of the Week!

Walker, the men's tennis captain, led the team into three matches over the past week, and if leading by example is any indication of how the men will do this season, then be ready for one heck of a year. In last Wednesday's match against DeSales University, Walker first paired up with sophomore Bryan Metz at number two doubles to defeat Bullen and Sulpizo 8-1. Walker then went on to defeat Tom Allen 6-2, 6-2 at flight two singles.

The next day Walker led his team into a match against Immaculata. Walker and Metz won once again at number two dubs by a score of 8-0. This time they didn't even drop a game. Walker was then asked to play the top flight of singles and stepped up to defeat Nick Tarlecki 6-1, 6-0. In case you were wondering, Walker won a total of 20 games; the entire Immaculata team only won nine.



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In the latest match for the men, the team traveled to Division I opponent La Salle University. The Metz-Walker team played a grueling match against the team of Nason and Feiner but managed to earn the win by a score of 8-4.

Good luck to the Jays and another congratulations to Brok Walker for being named both the Commonwealth, and *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week!

Q&A

Favorite Jay's Nest grill item:
Turkey Pretzel Melt

Something not many people know about me:
Mike Steiner fears me in a wing-eating contest!

Favorite Sports team:
Phillies

I can't live without my:
very supportive family and friends

When I leave college I want to:
start a career with PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Etown 8, DeSales 5

Lacrosse (W) (5-2, 2-0):
Etown 23, Widener 4
Etown 22, Alvernia 2

Softball (3-13, 0-2):
Moravian 4, Etown 0
Moravian 3, Etown 0

Tennis (M) (3-1, 0-0):
Etown 9, Immaculata 0
La Salle 6, Etown 1

Tennis (W) (6-3, 3-2):
Etown 9, DeSales 0
Etown 5, La Salle 2
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Lacrosse (M):
March 28: Manhattanville
April 1: Gwenedd-Mercy

Lacrosse (W):
Today: Dickinson
March 28: @ Manhattanville
April 1: @ Arcadia

Softball:
March 28: @ Lebanon valley (DH)
March 30: Alvernia (DH)

Tennis (W):
March 28: Bridgewater
March 29: @ Wilkes

Tennis (M):
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on campus

TGIS events planned

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As revealed last week, this year's TGIS celebration theme will be "Through the Decades." The Office of Student Activities (OSA) has lined up a full weekend of activities to entertain students and staff alike.

The inspiration for this year's theme was fairly simple for the OSA staff. There were a lot of ideas thrown around, but none of them really added up to a full weekend's worth of things to do.

"We started off trying to have a single decade be the theme, but we found that we couldn't get a weekend's worth of activities out of one single decade," OSA student assistant Ashley O'Neill said. Eventually, the idea of covering multiple decades and the passage of time itself came to be. More material means a wider spectrum of activities with which to engage the student body.

"We wanted to make sure we had a large variety of activities," O'Neill said.

This TGIS also marks a new twist on a lasting tradition. "We've always had the Saturday carnival, but we're adding something new to it," Toni Kupchella, director of Student Activities, said. "Since this year is the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, we're going to add live music to it."

"E-stock," as it is will be called, will include student band Flint and alumni band Cleanfall, along with two off-campus bands: Three-Legged Fox and Midnight Spaghetti. Three-

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Photo: Peter S. Northrop

A severe thunderstorm ravaged the area Sunday afternoon, felling this tree near campus in its wake. The storm hit between 4 and 5 p.m., dropping heavy rains and nickel-sized hail all across campus. The storm spurned a tornado warning that frightened many students. The worst of the storm hit to the east of the College. While it is unconfirmed whether or not a tornado touched down, it is highly likely. Several homes and farmhouses were damaged in the storm. The damage was very light in Etown, limited only to a severely leaking roof in Ober.

on campus

Internship woes plague student; employment less likely

Glenn P. Knight
Staff Writer

In today's economy, getting a job is becoming more and more of a challenge. This task is nearly impossible for those with no previous job experience, especially students fresh out of college. Elizabethtown College senior Kristin Dougher has not been successful in her search for an internship.

Dougher was accepted into two internships. One was offered to her last summer and another this upcoming summer. The first was guaranteed by Donovan Advertising Agency and the second was awarded after winning a project management competition sponsored by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Dougher's first internship with the Donovan Advertising Agency was for the position of an account executive. She remained in contact with the agency over the phone while studying abroad in Ireland and received an e-mail containing information about her pay rate.

"When I called them later about it to find out the exact dates, they told me that they had never guaranteed it to me and that they had given the internship to someone else," Dougher said.

Business Professor Hossein Varamini contacted the organization after Dougher was denied the position. While in contact, Varamini expressed that Dougher was planning to receive credit for her previously guaranteed internship.

In turn, the agency offered Dougher a non-paid position, which she was unable to accept as a result of the high cost of the study abroad program. In addition, the company also offered a position for the fall which did not fit Dougher's schedule.

The internship Dougher was offered with Theatre on the Hill from McDaniel College was an awarded position. "The Theater on the Hill is closing its doors for the summer because of the economic situation.

"So that internship was canceled," Dougher stated. "Also, after I found out about the cancellation, I contacted the Theatre on the Hill at McDaniel College where my internship was supposed to take place, and I found out through my communications with them that they knew back in January that the program would not continue this summer. January was the same month as the competition."

After two terminated internships, Dougher was left with nowhere to turn. She then wrote a letter stating her current situation to College President Theodore Long.

"I think it is very unfortunate, and it turns out to be quite unfair for her," Long said. "It is quite a sad thing, and I feel for her."

Long replied to Dougher's letter suggesting alternatives for her internship this summer. "This is something where you wish that the world wouldn't be so disappointing for people with ambition and talent who are willing to put themselves on the line and do something outstanding and who are committed to getting the experience to pursue what their dreams are," Long expressed.

Dougher is considering an internship opportunity in Maryland this summer, but is reluctant to apply. The downside to this is that she must go through the interview process in order to be considered. This position is also unpaid, another disadvantage.

With no job experience, it is virtually impossible for Dougher to get a job that she desires by May when she graduates; therefore, she plans to get her Master of Business Administration degree in the upcoming years.

"It's not quite as big of a problem because I'm not going into the working community immediately," Dougher said. "If it was the other way around I honestly don't know what I would do."

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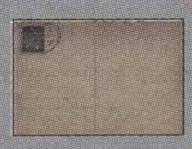
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news in brief

British troops began their withdrawal from Iraq Tuesday. All 4,000 are expected to vacate the country by this coming summer.

"You won't see hundreds of troops coming out of Iraq everyday, [but] this is the start of the end for British forces—a period that will take until the end of July," a spokesperson from Britain's Ministry of Defense said.

The British military staff is also vacating Basra, where they lowered their flag Tuesday. Military control of the region now passes to the United States.

Salmonella has been found in another food: pistachios. Kraft Foods Inc. notified the Food and Drug Administration over a week ago that it had found salmonella in some of its pistachios during testing. The nuts were traced to farms in California.

"Ultimately, the question is what should consumers do, and our advice to them is that they avoid eating pistachio products and keep checking the FDA Web site for the latest information," FDA Associate Commissioner David Acheson said.

Kraft and Setton Farms have both issued recalls; even pistachio-flavored ice cream may not be safe.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton isn't spilling the beans about whether or not she'll agree to meet with Iranian delegates. Clinton is currently in The Hague, Netherlands, for an international conference and the meeting may occur there.

"The fact that [Iran] accepted the invitation to come here suggests that they believe there is a role for them to play, and we're looking forward to hearing more about that," Clinton said.

Representatives from more than 80 countries will be present at the conference, the aim of which is to raise political support for Afghanistan in the face of American forces' departure.

Compiled by Aidan Bauernschmidt from cnn.com

in the region

Local pets also feeling strains of recession

Elizabeth C. Kirk
Staff Writer

With the recent economic downturn and a new trend in luxury cutbacks, many families are losing their pets. Some families have to make the choice to give up animals due to expensive medical bills and the price of pet food — it can cost up to $1,400 a year to own a dog and $1,000 a year to own a cat, according to *peteducation.com*.

"Most people don't realize how big of a commitment an animal is," senior Jessica Blum, a member of Cause for Paws SDLC, said. "They have to be taken to the vet when they're sick. They need food and attention all the time. With how badly the economy is doing, more and more animals are being taken to shelters."

According to the Humane Society of the United States, more than half of the 6-8 million dogs and cats sent to shelter are euthanized. That means out of a possible 8 million animals, only 4 million find homes. No-kill shelters, which do not allow animals to be euthanized, are the most positive places to take animals which cannot be taken care of.

Places like the SPCA and various Humane Societies, as well as places that offer the ability to sign over your pet for a small fee, like PetSmart, are becoming highly populated but offer a safe haven for animals who can no longer be afforded by their families.

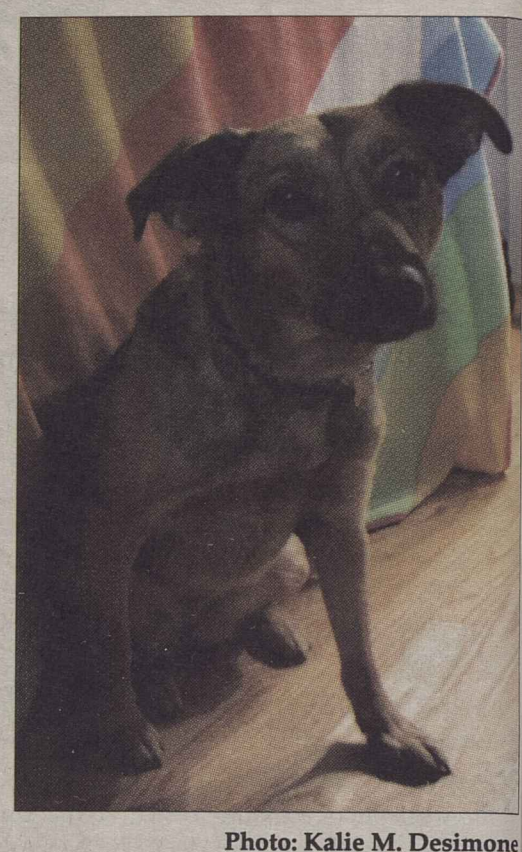
"If people absolutely have to give up their animals, I'd urge them to take their pet to a shelter with a 'no kill' policy — at least they know their pet has a better chance of survival," senior Kelsey Flasser said. "It's just so hard; pets are like family members. I can't imagine how sad it is to have to give up your family."

Places like the SPCA and online Web sites like *petfinder.com* offer adoptable pets, like Molly from the SPCA, who are looking for a loving home. Other shelters are looking for monetary donations or gifts of supplies and food.

"I know that many of our contacts are overwhelmed with animals right now, and are struggling to find the funds to pay medical bills for abandoned animals. Many are having to dip into their own personal funds to make ends meet," senior Jasmine Gollup, co-president of K9 Club, said.

Gollup also mentioned that larger animals are being abandoned by their owners. "I know a lot of families having problems taking care of their larger animals, like horses. They're just taking them to sanctuaries or shelters because of the immense cost of caring for such a large animal."

At this stage in the economic downturn, animal lovers are wondering when it will end for pets. Millions of dogs are euthanized every year. "The number can only get higher," Blum said. "I think people should start having to have a credit check to get an animal. This way we can make sure that all of the animals get into homes that can actually take good care of them."



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This is Molly. She was brought to the Lancaster SPCA by her previous family, who could no longer afford to feed her. Molly and many animals like her are looking for caring, permanent homes.

However, news reports have placed the United States dollar at the top of its game in the global market, and economists are beginning to become more positive about the financial crisis ending sooner rather than later.

While many of these organizations require background checks with veterinarians, landlords and references, as well as occupation information to ensure a stable environment for the animal, they welcome applications to be an adoptive parent. To find out more information on how to adopt an animal from a shelter, contact your local SPCA or Humane Society location or find more information online at *petfinder.com*.

on campus

Local, international computer viruses attack

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Many people are very careful about what they download on the Internet. Some people simply think that if they don't download certain things or are careful about what they look at online, their computer will not be harmed. Unfortunately, for senior Kyle Bauman, he learned that this is not always the case.

About a week ago, Bauman logged onto the Internet to check his e-mail. He was greeted with a warning from his virus detection software. He scanned his computer and found nothing on it. When he went online again, however, there was another warning message. Bauman logged into his e-mail address and then found four to five thousand spam messages in his outbox. He closed out of it, and then, shortly after, there was a knock on his door.

"Gordon from Campus Security was at my door and asked me to give him my computer because it had to get taken off of the network," Bauman said. "I found out that it is the first time that this has ever happened."

Bauman also found out a few other things about the state of his computer. Between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, over five hundred thousand spam messages had been sent from his account, though his computer had not been turned on until 1 p.m. Also, his account alone was taking up a striking two thirds of the College's bandwidth.

ITS had Bauman's computer for an entire week. They scanned it numerous times for a few days, and no viruses were ever detected. Bauman was present while they scanned his computer and said that ITS still has no idea what happened, especially since he does not download anything risky onto his computer.

Bauman's account was deleted and he now uses a temporary login to gain access the computers in the library. He lost everything in his inbox, and now all of the e-mails he receives go right into his deleted items. "I'm lucky I have my G-mail account, but I needed to respond to some of those e-mails that I had in my inbox," Bauman said.

Luckily for Bauman, the items in his inbox can still be retrieved; it's just a matter of time. His computer is currently running fine; he didn't lose any files on his computer. The only things that were lost were the e-mails saved in his inbox.

Not only are there computer viruses on campus, but there is a nasty spy system that has stolen information from over one hundred computers around the world. Some computers that have been hacked contain documents from the Dalai Lama. According to *The New York Times*, this spying system was also focused on spying on the governments in South and Southeast Asia. This spy system is called Ghost Net.

While some computer problems like these are unavoidable, many can be averted. Some simple tips to help avoid viruses and spyware on computers include not downloading things from unknown providers and not opening e-mails from unknown senders. Also, make sure that your computer is updated with the latest spyware and virus software and remember to scan it frequently.

A predicted April Fool's Day outbreak of a computer worm known as Conficker.c., however, seems not to have happened. The worm allegedly assumes control of a PC without the owner's knowledge. As many as 10 million computers were thought to be infected, but so far, no problems have been reported.

"As long as you've patched or at least brought your antivirus software up to speed, you should be fine," Chris Pirillo, a tech expert for *cnn.com*, said.

Many experts did admit that they were not sure of the full impact the worm could have. Pirillo, however, did predict that the worm would eventually rear its head. "It's going to be very annoying to say the least," he said. "It's going to impact network traffic."

It is suspected that widespread media coverage of the worm's impeding arrival may have pushed many to take extra action to protect their PCs this week. These actions may have slowed the worm's progress.

in the region

National, local papers cracking under financial pressure

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The Elizabethtown Chronicle recently joined the graves of major newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune and the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Chronicle-Ledger Newsgroup, the Chronicle's parent company, filed for bankruptcy early in 2009.

The company planned to sell some of its weekly papers in order to relieve its financial burdens.

Rosie Ugliuzza, a former Etownian staffer, had worked for the Elizabethtown Chronicle since her graduation from the College in 2006.

Ugliuzza said that there was poor communication between the Chronicle and its publisher and general manager.

"There was an inkling in the office about what was happening," Ugliuzza said. The employees knew for some time that the company was in trouble. However, the Chronicle-Ledger Newsgroup chose to inform the Elizabethtown Chronicle of details on a strictly need-to-know basis.

Late January, the publisher visited Elizabethtown and told the Chronicle employees that negotiations were underway to sell the paper. These negotiations continued until mid-February, while the staffers continued the normal day-to-day operations for the weekly paper. Ugliuzza explained that due to the small staff, writers and editors' duties often included clerical work and customer service.

Then, the Chronicle received word that there was a new local buyer. "We thought that this was great news because our jobs would be intact," Ugliuzza said of the office's reaction.

In the final weeks of February the sale was finalized. The publisher visited one Friday to announce the confirmed deal.

Photo: Kalie M. Desimone
Newspapers are being especially hard-hit during the current recession. Etown's own community newspaper, the Elizabethtown Chronicle, has gone out of business. Some Etown alumni worked for this publication.

The following Monday, the five full-time employees of the Chronicle came to work and began to implement the many changes desired by the new owner. "Monday was a whole new chapter in our office," Ugliuzza said. The new company wanted the paper to have its offices centralized, with billing, subscriptions and advertising all housed with the other departments. Between all of this, the Chronicle also had to continue putting together a paper.

While the staff was still in the process of unpacking boxes, their old boss from the Chronicle-Ledger Newsgroup walked in and announced that the deal was off. The employees were told to stop what they were doing, pack up their personal belongings, and turn in their keys. Without further ado, they were given their severance packages and ordered to leave the building.

"That day was the best and worst of my professional career," Ugliuzza said. Earlier that day they had celebrated the fact that their jobs were saved. Within hours, they joined the hundreds of other unemployed journalists.

An employee asked why the Elizabethtown Chronicle was affected even though its advertising revenues were strong. The only reply was a vague one: economics.

Ugliuzza believes that because Chronicle-Ledger is based in Bucks County, it did not understand the Chronicle's advertisers and the area demographics.

"The Elizabethtown Chronicle was Etown," Ugliuzza said. The paper covered all of the local angles which the larger county papers did not.

The Chronicle's focus was on Elizabethtown, Bainbridge and Rheems, which Ugliuzza said made it an invaluable part of the community. The Chronicle was founded in 1869. Its closing marks the end of one of Elizabethtown's longest-established businesses.

"I think Elizabethtown deserves a paper. It gives a distinct perspective," Ugliuzza said. There is some talk that a new paper will eventually replace the Chronicle, but it is unlikely that this will happen soon, given the current economic climate.

The original buyer intends to pursue this idea. "I hope he sticks to his word," Ugliuzza said.

Ugliuzza advised potential journalists to continue to pursue the career. "There are a lot of opportunities out there. You just gotta dig. It's like being an archaeologist."

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TGIS celebrates historic music, nightlife, pop culture

Legged Fox provided the music for last year's Pup-E-Palooza, hosted by K9 Club.

One major decade, the 1940s, was excluded from the celebrations, which may have some students scratching their heads. "Well, we wanted to focus on happier activities," OSA student assistant Heather Rhoads explained. "When we thought of activities for the '40s, we could only come up with World War II and all the bad things that happened."

Even though some decades aren't expressly covered by TGIS, many of the events will literally go "through the decades." The speakeasy swing dance covers the twenties through the forties, as that was the time when swing dancing was popular in America. The "Feud" event Sunday will be a full-fledged game of Family Feud, with enormous prizes offered to its winners, and will cover the time between the '70s and the present, as that is how long the show has run in its multiple forms.

"We wanted the roller-rink event to focus on both the seventies and eighties," Kupchella said.

OSA was also particularly interested in having "Saved By the Bell" star Dennis Haskins, better known as Mr. Belding, come to the College.

"We've had Mr. Belding on campus before, and he packed Leffler," Kupchella said. "We're excited to have a celebrity on campus." Haskins will give a talk, answer questions and sign autographs for all interested fans who might remember his antics from the show. "Saved by the Bell" helped many students define their '90s childhood.

More than anything, OSA wanted this year's TGIS to appeal to everyone.

"We're having a lot of active activities for people who really want to get involved, and even more passive ones, so people who want to just relax, can," Kupchella said.

TGIS will kick off Thursday, April 23.

CORRECTION

The Etownian incorrectly reported 3/26 that Wesley McDonald is retired. Dr. McDonald still a full-time member of the political science faculty. *The Etownian* sincerely apologizes for this error.

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on campus

Fourth annual Pup-E-Palooza sponsored by K9 club

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This is the fourth year we've held the Pup-E-Palooza, and it gets bigger and better every year," senior Jasmine Gollup, K9 club co-president, said. "Its intent is to educate the College and community about current local animal issues."

In earlier years, the event focused on the plight of abandoned and neglected animals. This year's theme will also feature anti-puppy mill groups.

Throughout the past four years, K9 club has become increasingly involved with both local and national animal rescue groups, and this event is a way to bring these issues to Etown.

"Many of the animal rescue groups involved will have adoptable animals available at the event," Gollup said.

"Though I must stress; we are not asking college students or the general public to adopt a dog at this event. It is merely a chance for prospective pet owners to find a rescue group or maybe even a pet that they would like to pursue a relationship with."

The Pup-E-Palooza will feature live music from local talent, raffles (including TV's and computers), a pet photo contest open to all of Etown, food, photo sessions, games and more.

"We currently have close to 20 animal rescue groups scheduled to attend. We hope to register several more by April," Gollup said.

The past three years have been very successful for the K9 club.

"We have received nothing but good comments from both guests and rescue groups," Gollup said. "We've become a prominent volunteer group among local rescue groups, and many of the groups are very excited about attending the event."

Last year the group raised over $1,500, which was split among three rescue groups.

The money typically goes toward vet bills and foster care aid for thousands of abandoned and neglected animals.

The groups receiving donations this year include Brookline Labrador Retriever Rescue, Cocker Spaniel Adoption Center and Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue.

"We would like to beat our total from last year for these groups," Gollup said. "We've also been stepping up our advertising for this year. We are currently doing press releases, creating flyers, and selling ad space for our advertising book."

The numbers on homeless pets in Lancaster County are astounding. Many people do not know that our county is one of the main puppy mill centers of Pennsylvania. Currently, thousands of dogs suffer in horrible conditions throughout the county.

There are also thousands of abandoned animals currently in shelters or foster homes.

"The main way to help is to adopt," Gollup said. "Don't buy puppies from pet stores, many of which are from puppy mills. If we stop demanding these puppies, the mills will eventually go out of business."

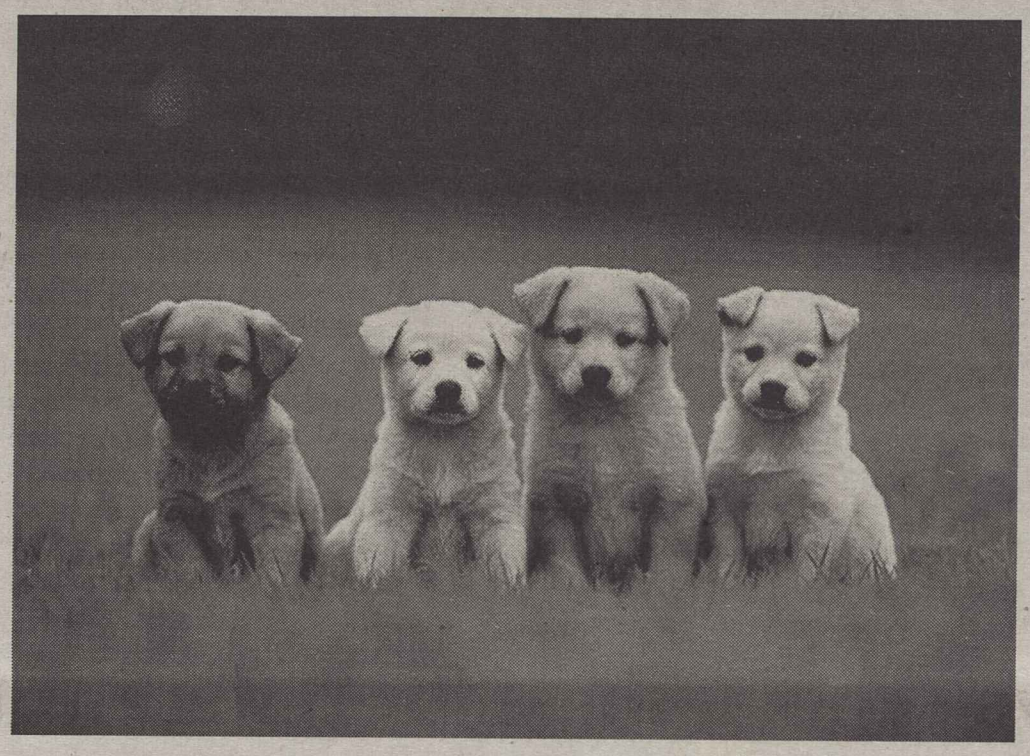
Interested students can also become volunteers with the numerous animal rescue groups in the area.

If students do not want to get tied down to one group, there are other ways to help out at events, which are generally held throughout the summer and fall.

"If you don't have the time to help out, monetary donations are also appreciated by many rescue groups, most of which feed and shelter abandoned animals out-of-pocket," Gollup said. "Donations are usually tax-deductable as well."

Pup-E-Palooza will occur April 26, from 12-4 p.m. in Brinser Field.

The event is open to the public and is completely free. Any questions or comments can be directed to K9CLUB@etown.edu.



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Dogs and puppies will play in Brinser Field for the fourth annual Pup-E-Palooza. The event is sponsored by the K9 club to raise awareness about animal cruelty and the need for pet adoption.

on campus

High Library hosts Academy Award-winning anime film

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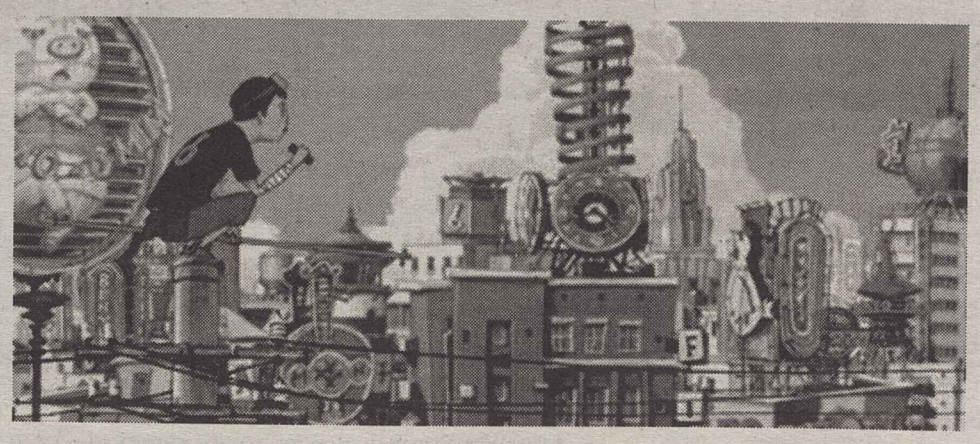
In case you haven't noticed the recent fliers, the High Library Web site or campus news, Elizabethtown College will host the 2008 Academy Award winning Japanese anime film "Tekkonkinkreet" Wednesday, April 15. This free event will take place in the Gibble Auditorium from 6-9 p.m.

The library and the Faculty of International Scholarship are sponsoring the showcase to embrace diversity on the Etown campus. This is the first time "Tekkonkinkreet" is being shown at colleges and universities throughout the nation in correspondence with the Gorgeous Entertainment Program. This is a series of Japanese films shown at places of higher education that give people exposure to Japanese culture.

"We wanted to do a film series so people could come together and share ideas," Louise Hyder-Darlington, librarian at the High Library, said. Putting their motto "Bringing the World to Etown" into action, the library has sponsored many culturally diverse films. In the fall semester of 2008, an award winning Iranian film, "Baran," about an Afghan refugee woman, was shown. Baran had a turnout of about 30 people. The library staff hopes student attendance will grow for cultural film showings at the college in the near future. Sponsoring a diverse film once every semester is the library's goal.

"Tekkonkinkreet" will allow students who are unfamiliar with anime to welcome Japanese culture, according to librarian Louise Hyder-Darlington. Frederik Schodt, who wrote an essay on the motion picture of "Possible Future," said, "I hope it will give people a slightly different idea of what anime can be if they don't know what it is. It is directed by an American, but it's still very Japanese. Hopefully students will enjoy it. It's a wonderful film, a work of art."



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"Tekkonkinkreet," 2008 Acadamy Award-winning Japanese Anime film, is being sponsored by the high library along with a talk with Frederik Schodt. "Tekkonkinkreet" takes place in an apocalyptic society and follows the lives of two boys.

"Students who are already aware of anime will love it," Darlington said. In fact, Louise herself admitted to becoming a fan learning from her children who are avid viewers of anime as well as readers of the manga comic book series which the films are based on. "Some of the plots are absolutely fabulous. They are highly developed, rich, fun and enlightening," Darlington said.

This hour-and-a-half film encompasses a plot involving two young boys in an apocalyptic society. One of the boys, White, is pure in his nature and actions. The boy's friend, Black, has a fallen nature. This plot is developed in layers and is for a more mature audience, Schodt claims, as violence is frequently used in telling the tale of Tekkonkinkreet. This storyline comes out of the pages of a manga comic book series.

"Tekkonkinkreet" can be interpreted in various ways. Urban development as well as social alienation are two reoccurring themes. "I think people can enjoy it on many different levels," Schodt said.

Schodt will come to Etown August 15 for the film showcase. He will lead a discussion following the film viewing. He has been writing about manga and animations for 30 years. He has also worked with Japanese people to translate Japanese comic books along with anime. Schodt has written three books on Japanese manga culture thus far in his career. When he comes to Etown, he will discuss the essay he wrote called "Possible Future" which is about "Tekkonkinkreet." "Possible Future" is included in a study guide of essays which is composed of six essays describing the film. The essay communicates how Japanese film may be taking a new path by coming into America while still remaining very Japanese in design, animation and graphics.

If you are interested in learning more about anime and the Japanese culture, be sure to attend this enriching learning experience.

on campus

Business professors address increase of aging population

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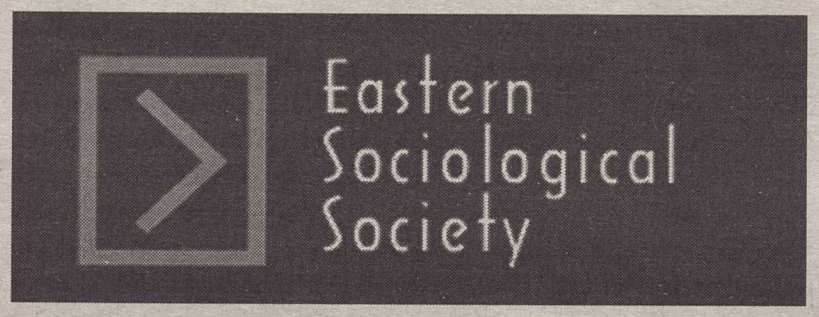
Americans want to look young, feel young, and even act young. Magazines, television and the news constantly features tips on how to remain youthful. Though the citizens of America value being young, the truth of the matter is that they will not stay young forever. Eventually, they will enter their elder years and may become dependent on their family for personal, financial and medical help.

The treatment of the elderly population in America has become a problem. Here, we see abuse, neglect and mistreatment of the elderly by their caregivers more and more frequently. Aging is clearly an inevitable process, and citizens may not be ready for this impending crisis.

Dr. Cristina Ciocirlan and Dr. Ed Chung, associate professors of marketing, co-presented a paper on their research of elder care last week at 79th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore. The paper was titled "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 74(64)?" and is a the continuation of elder care research which they have been compiling for the past couple of years.

"The population is aging," Chung said. "This is not unique to the U.S. Indeed, in most parts of the world, populations are aging fast. By 2030, one in five Americans will be 65 or older. That's 71 million people in the U.S. alone. A great many of the elderly need people to help them with daily tasks, in addition to medical help. Unfortunately, America is woefully unprepared to deal with this impending crisis." According to Chung, the paper focuses on drawing examples from many countries around the world and makes social policy recommendations on how to deal with and be prepared for the aging process.



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Recently, Dr. Chung and Dr. Ciocirlan presented their paper, "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 74(64)?" at the Eastern Sociological Society meeting. It looks at elder care.

"In 1990 there were 11 potential caregivers for each person needing care. In 2050, that ratio will be 4 to 1 (Chronic Care in America, 1999). By 2010, 50 percent of the workforce will have to care for an elder relative (Brown 2005)," Ciocirlan added. As the population grows, the elderly population grows as well.

Ciocirlan and Chung are very passionate about this subject. One of the problems discussed in their paper which they both touched on is what is known as the "sandwich" generation, which consists of citizens who are now in their 40s and 50s who have both children and elderly relatives to take care of. This creates a great deal of stress within the workplace for these citizens because of the constant balancing of time and money.

"It's not just the elderly at stake here. Their offsprings, mostly people in the 40s and sometimes 50s, are deeply affected. Many of them have their own problems, as well as problems with their own kids. These people are the 'sandwich' generation, who are squeezed by demands from all sides. Not a very attractive proposition," Chung said.

"A recent study reported that 44 percent of Canadians say their work has a negative impact on their families. And for those who have to care not only for the elderly, but also for their own children (the so-called 'sandwich generation'), 70 percent reported feeling very or somewhat stressed about their work-life balance. Indeed, only 27 percent of people are convinced that work-family balance is even achievable. (Canwest News, 2009)," Ciocirlan said.

The paper was presented to an academic audience who were mostly sociologists, so many of them had the same views. According to Chung, the presentation went well overall.

"Our goal was really to test the waters and gather new ideas. We are hoping to improve our paper for a major management conference in the fall, and, down the road, a journal piece," Chung said.

on campus

Faculty receive scholarships for different fields of study

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Elizabethtown College continually endeavors to increase participation in the cross-cultural and global community. One of the ways to promote international study is through the Mellon International Faculty Scholarship Seminar, a study abroad program for professors in which select faculty members complete research projects on foreign topics, resulting in long term advancements in the research competence of the college.

The first seminar in 2008 involved studies in Iceland and Denmark. This year, five participants chosen by the Professional Development Committee will join the 2009 program on Asian studies. Winners of the scholarship include Cristina Ciocirlan, assistant professor of management; Bryan Greenburg, assistant professor of marketing; Kirsten Johnson, assistant professor of communications, Fletcher McClellan, professor of political science; and Thomas Scheiding, assistant professor of economics.

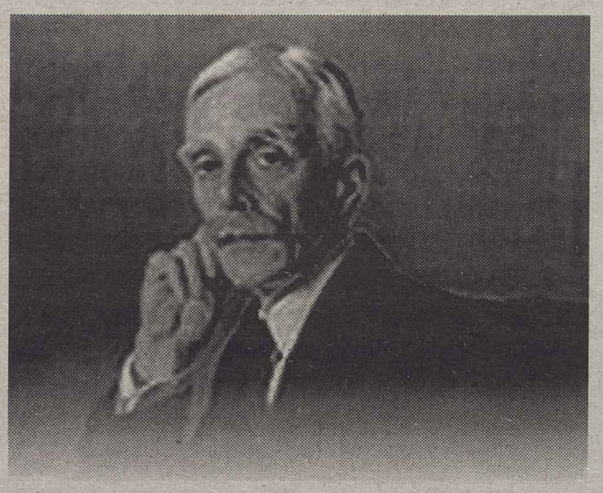
Dr. David Kenley and Dr. Robert Wheelersburg, program manager for the application process, assisted and evaluated the feasibility of each application and acted as advocates facilitating collaboration between the applicants' ideas.

Excellent applicants showed potential to achieve the PDC's broader intuitional standards above any individual and personal benefits of recognition.

After the five selected, Dr. David Kenley chose the theme, speakers and events for the campus community, a timeframe and the route for the overseas travel.

Ciocirlan is interested in analyzing how the management of family-owned businesses in China differs from private business goals in the United States.

Some differences in Chinese business include an emphasis on social networking rather than advertisement,



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Five faculty members recently received scholarships to further their research in specified areas. Some events on campus have been sponsored in conjunction with what they are researching.

pursuing family interests rather than maximizing shareholder value, a long-term horizon rather than short-term profit goals and management decisions based on intuition and wisdom rather than the rational scientific method of Western philosophy.

"Ninety-five percent of China's private businesses are family-owned and operated," Ciocirlan said.

"Given that they contribute more than 70 percent to China's GDP, they present particular importance to the Chinese and the world economy.

The modus operandi of the Chinese family businesses is heavily influenced by the Confucianism doctrine and the guanxi philosophy."

Ciocirlan would like to understand why the younger generation's business ideals differ from the older generation in Chinese family business.

Scheiding, intrigued by this opportunity, had never before participated in research abroad. He chose this project based on a similar research topic in graduate school.

Scheiding explained that economic growth is based on strong academics and employed technology.

Although electronic scholarly communication devices such as JSTOR and EBSCO are virtually free for scholars to use in many developing countries, scholars may not actually be taking advantage of this. Some reasons could include lack of training or lack of "domestic digital infrastructure."

"If we want to realize the full promise and potential of technology, not only must electronically delivered research be accessible, but it also must be useful," Scheiding said.

"In this paper, we combine current usage statistics for electronic scholarly communication initiatives with a description of actual scholarly communication practices to partially explain why scholars in one developing country, Mongolia, fail to use the initiatives they have access to."

Scheiding hopes to publish his work while introducing more international components to his general research.

The Scholarship Seminar will take place during the spring semester and summer term, comprising both on campus events and a traveling experience, led by David Kenley, associate professor of history.

Other projects explore the Asian film industry in China and Hong Kong, how the Web site *ohmynews.com* in South Korea became the world's foremost citizen journalism site, and the political relationship between the Chinese government and Hong Kong 25 years after the British Joint Agreement that ceded sovereignty over Hong Kong to China.

In addition to these professors specific projects and research, there has been events for students to enjoy and learn about these fields of study.

On-campus events included a meeting with Kevin Quiqley, vice president of the Asia Society, discussed countries to visit and projects in February.

During March, Kieu Chinh, a Vietnamese movie star, came to speak about her travels from Vietnam and Hollywood. Leslie T. Chang presented the lecture "Love and Money: the Many Lives of a Chinese Factory Girl" recently.

The April 15 Japanese anime film "Tekkonkinkreet" and a lecture by Frederik L. Schodt will be featured by the High Library.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Features Editor

Cop convention robbery

A retired police chief said he was robbed by "probably the dumbest criminal in Pennsylvania" at a police officers' convention Friday morning. John Comparetto said as he came out of a stall in the men's room, a man pointed a gun in his face and demanded money. There were 300 narcotics officers from Pennsylvania and Ohio in the building.

Comparetto gave up his money and cell phone. But when the man fled, Comparetto and some colleagues chased him. They arrested a 19-year-old man as he was trying to leave in a taxi.

The suspect is also awaiting trial on four previous robbery charges.

The suspect was arraigned and taken to Dauphin County Prison. When a reporter asked the suspect for comment as he was led out of court, he said, "I'm smooth."

Fast food, fast asleep

Police had an easy time catching a man suspected of driving under the influence. He was waiting for them in his car — where they said he was passed out in the driver's seat in the fast food restaurant drive-thru.

According to police, another customer found the Houston man unconscious at the drive-thru around 3 a.m. Thursday. The other customer took the keys out of the ignition and called the police, who arrested the man on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Police said the man passed out because of a combination of alcohol and prescription drugs.

Kosher tequila?

A New York businessman is launching a new kosher tequila in time for Cinco de Mayo. Martin Silver says Agave 99 will be on the market in time for the holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of French forces May 5, 1862. Silver, president of Long Island-based Star Industries, says he wants to satisfy the craze for high-end tequila with one that observant Jews can drink.

Silver says a half million cases of the 99-proof kosher tequila are being produced at a Mexican plant using methods certified by a rabbi. It will retail for $41.95 a bottle.

The product launch - with Mexican songs sung in both Yiddish and Spanish - is set for May 5, but it will also be sold earlier for Passover, which starts at sundown April 8 this year.

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on campus

Relay for Life's $75,000 goal shattered

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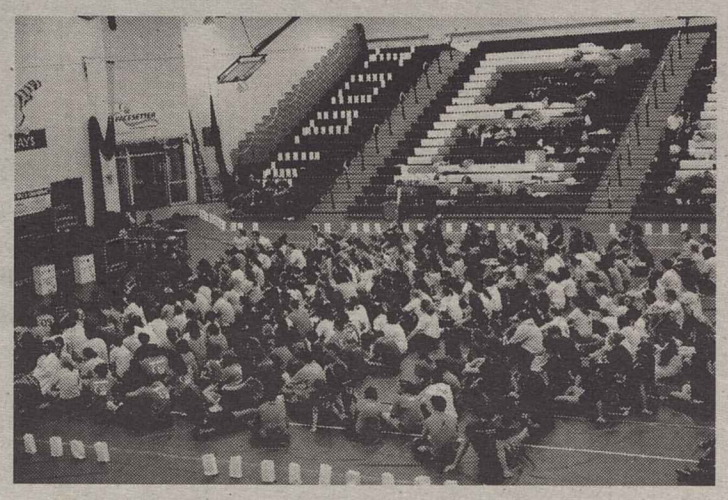
Staff Writer

Who do you Relay for? First-year Callum Luff said, "One of my best friends had a brain tumor when he was five." Sophomore Sierra Finn said, "My grandfather just died of lung cancer." Junior Stu Lynd recalled, "My grandmother had breast cancer." Senior Jackie Scott, co-president of Elizabethtown's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) remembered Craig Anderson during this relay.

There's no doubt about it. Cancer touches everyone in some way. Cancer brings people together. Saturday into Sunday, over a quarter of Etown's campus community packed into Thompson Gymnasium for the College's third annual Relay for Life. Phalanx, Melica, For the Greater Good and the Blue Faze Step Team performed, among other campus groups. Activities included relay races, soccer, four-square, themed laps, obstacle courses and much more.



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Relay for Life raised $87,019.06 for the American Cancer Society, well over the $75,000 goal. Over 500 Etown students gathered in the gym for this relay.

The event commenced with a survivor's lap during which cancer survivors were received with a thunderous standing ovation that moved some to tears. Later, the luminaria ceremony honored those who had won their battle with cancer and remembered those who had not. A lap of silence followed, the stillness broken only by sobs and whispers of reassurance. Through this lap people walked arm in arm, hand in hand, to the touching tune of "You'll Be in My Heart."

"Watching the luminaria [ceremony] makes you realize why you're doing what you're doing," Debi Murray, director of Admissions and top fund-raiser for each of the past three years, said.

This year marks Relay's 25th birthday, and teams were invited to enter a birthday cake contest judged by the cancer survivors. Some of the more notable cakes included an Ice Age scene (labeled "Making Cancer Prehistoric"), a bra with a breast cancer symbol on each cup, a pirate ship, a dinosaur ("Let's Make Cancer Extinct!") and even one depicting certain organs evocative of prostate and testicular cancer.

A Midway Fair was held in the new Jay Walk where interested teams set up booths to raise last-minute funds. Here, one could purchase baked goods, smoothies, hot chocolate, jewelry and even a long, warm embrace from a former Mr. Etown (worth every cent!).

Etown's Relay won a Pacesetter Award for 2009, which is an honor and a recognition for reaching its goals. Senior Rachel Rohland, co-president of Etown's CAC, explained that this year's goals included getting 50 teams to register (53 did) and 500 people to participate (at least 540 did). But perhaps the greatest sign of success came in shattering the $75,000 goal – $87,019.06 was raised for cancer research. Rohland, who lost her mother to cancer as a sophomore in college, feels very comforted to see how many people care. "A lot of people are hurting right now," she said, "but look around you. You know you're not alone in this fight."

Preceding the Relay events was a survivor reception, at which former Etown theatre director Michael Sevareid spoke. The theme of the reception was Growing Hope, and each survivor in attendance was given a flower to represent the inspiration that his or her experiences have cultivated. Sevareid shared the story of his battle with lung cancer, which led him to retire from his position at the College. He emphasized the immense power of positive thinking. "I firmly believe it keeps you alive," he said.

Susan Darling, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma 25 years ago, has learned a lot from her struggle with cancer. "You have to constantly invest in yourself," she said. She added that she may not have pursued her dream of going to art school if the disease had not reminded her that her time is limited. "If there's something you really want to do, do it." Susan Smith, also a Hodgkin's survivor, agreed. "My parents both died when I was young, so I knew I had to fight it and win," she said.

Christine Williams, a seven-year breast cancer survivor, has a new motto today: "Don't sweat the small stuff." Her advice to any patient newly diagnosed is to find a support group as soon as possible. "It really helped me to talk to other people who were going through the same thing," she said.

So how close are we to finding a cure for cancer? According to Dr. Jane Cavender, a biology professor who specializes in cancer research, it is difficult to say. "Cancer is the person," she explained, and each case is different. The answer will probably come with "designer drugs" individualized for each patient. However, like Sevareid, Cavender stresses the value of thinking positively. "People with better attitudes have better chances of recovering," she said.

Without events like Relay for Life to generate funds and awareness, winning the race for the cure would be much more difficult. "It's huge for a school this size to raise so much in so little time," senior Chrissie Bixler, captain of the Admissions team, said. But perhaps more critical than raising money is raising hope. Inscribed on one of the luminaries surrounding the gym was the beginning of an Emily Dickinson poem: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune – without the words, and never stops at all…"

In honor. In memory. We Relay for life.

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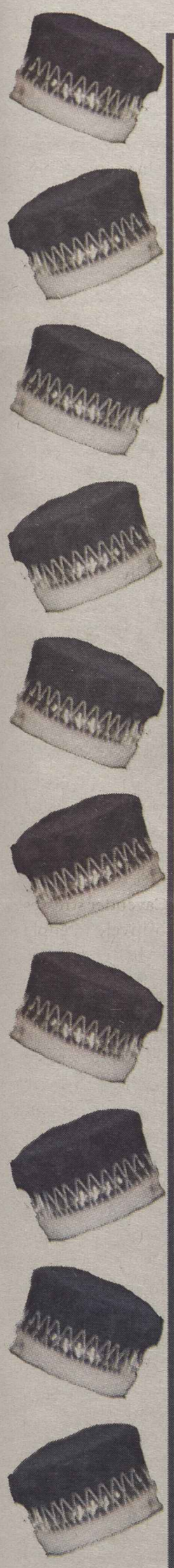
In Memory of Stephanie Cady, Class of 2009



campus sensations

Mr. Etown: winning secrets revealed

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The battle was long and difficult, beginning with the low-key Mr. Quads competition and ending with the Leffler-filled bonanza of Etown's finest onstage. However, senior Ezra Schatz reigned champion of it all and proved that he has what it takes to be Mr. Etown.

But what exactly *does* it take to become Mr. Etown? Former winners of the crown, seniors Mr. Jake Keeler and Mr. Mike Azzalina, know that the road is difficult, but those who embody what this college loves make it to the top.

Keeler, our 2007 Mr. Etown, said, "It takes an open mind, a flexible body and passion to perform. To be elected to this competition shows that these guys are some of the nicest, funniest guys on campus, but in addition to these personality traits, they have to be able to entertain the crowd on the night of the show."

Azzalina, our 2008 winner, agreed that this year's performers were the best of the best.

"This group of guys is better-looking, more charming and a better group of wooers than I have ever seen packing one stage at a time," he said. "They have the ability to make people laugh with a simple facial expression ... They have more than what it takes to please the audience and become a true Mr. Etown."

Elizabethtown alum, former Mr. Etown and 2009 Mr. Etown competition judge Mr. Jeremy Ebersole commented how high the stakes have risen for the Mr. Etown candidates: "Mr. Etown is better and better every time I see it … The dances keep getting more intricate and elaborate. It's like a Simpsons episode, easy enough on the eyes that anyone can enjoy it but full of enough smart humor and inside jokes that it becomes genius. I was also impressed with the personality I saw in the Personal Style section. It's come a long way!"

While wooing the audience is really the key goal for any Mr. Etown candidate, the judges had specific guidelines they were to follow in their evaluations.

"The contestants are judged on the accuracy and coordination of their lip sync, their creativeness and composure during the question-and-answer, and their overall personal style. The judges rate these categories on a scale of 1-10," sophomore Meaghan Walmar, SWEET committee chair, said.

As for our experts' opinions, Keeler said, "To woo the judges you need to be both a 'crowd teaser' and a 'crowd pleaser' — someone who builds up the performance to the end and then delivers hard, leaving the crowd out of breath and slightly more sweaty than before."

"If I were judging, the number one quality I would be looking for is the ability to make people laugh through dance and creativity," Azzalina said. "I think it's most important to make the audience understand what it is you're doing, laugh with it, and when it ends, turn to the person next to them almost in tears, but saying, 'Wow that was awesome!'"

Although Ebersole could not give away all of his secrets, he revealed that there are two things any Mr. Etown needs: effort and creativity. According to him, "There is no gimmick or quick way to win Mr. Etown. The common thread is that the winners all put a lot of time and dedication into making their dance awesome. When you've seen as many of these as I have they can start to look alike, but the best of the best always have me laughing so hard I think I'm going to fall out of my seat. The winning dances are always multi-faceted and complex and show the individual personality of the contestant. And ridiculous good looks and swooning ladies never hurt!"

"I have only gone to one Mr. Etown pageant before, which was my freshman year, and I knew that everyone had a gimmick," Schatz said. "Well, I don't have any rhythm, so rap was out, and I don't have any really buff friends, so chippendales were out, too. So as I was brainstorming what to do, my friend told me that she just bought 'High School Musical 3,' and I instantly knew what my dance was going to be."

However, it was the pageant question that stole the show. Dressed as the Jolly Green Giant, an appropriate costume for the slightly-above-average-height contestant, Schatz continued the laughter by introducing his escort, the slightly-below-average-height sophomore Miss Joelle Atkinson, dressed as a lovely can of peas.

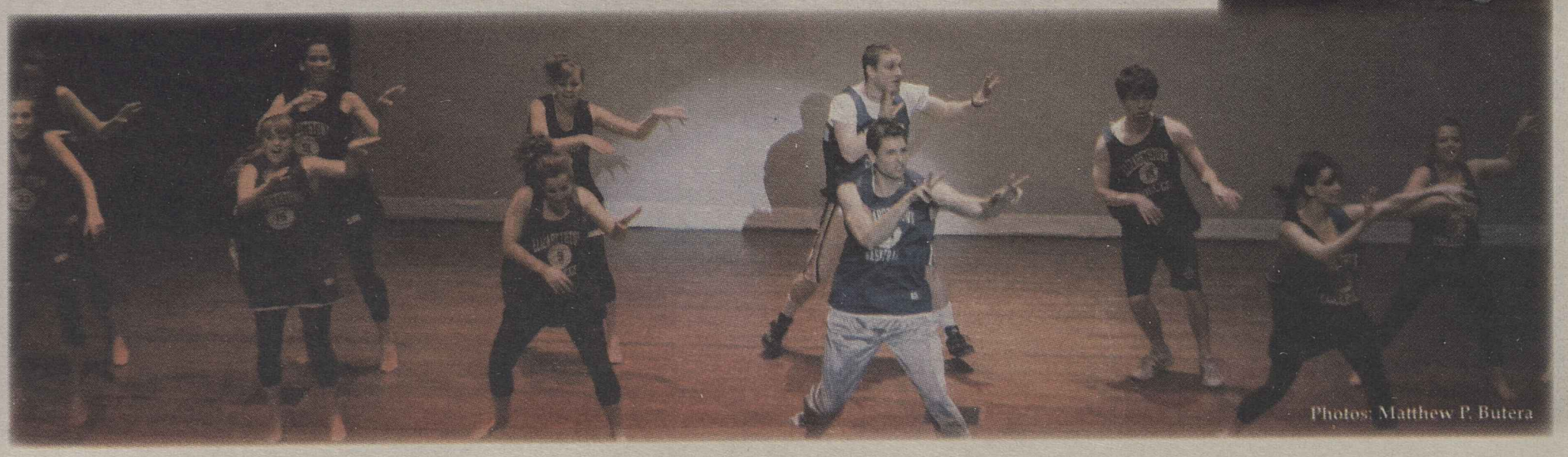
His personality shone when asked what he would do if he only had 30 minutes.

"They give us a list of the 40 questions that might be asked of us," Schatz said, "and the question that I got was literally one of three that I didn't have an answer for, so my mind was completely blank. But once I read the question and knew that the audience was thinking, I just answered truthfully. It really doesn't take 30 minutes."

Admitting that his best part of the show was the question-and-answer session, Schatz revealed, "I think my answer to the question pleased the crowd the most. I never would have thought that it was possible that 500 people's minds could all be in the gutter at the exact same time."

"He earned the crown, though it was pretty close," Ebersole said. "Judges rank contestants on a bunch of different categories, and Ezra got very high scores across the board. The dance was creative and entertaining and his personal style and answer were very clever. A well-deserved win!"

"Now that I am Mr. Etown," Schatz said, "I'm hoping to continue to represent how great Elizabethtown College's men are and then compete in the National Mr. College Pageant."



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Spring's here; what's next? Outdoor activities

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It's that special time of the year again, when flowers come back to life, birds sing, and people rejoice for the good weather and the opportunities of outdoor recreation. After the long winter months, the new, exciting promise of having fun in the sun (and not wearing a jacket) always hits people hard because of the endless possibilities for a good time. Some may argue there's nothing to do at Elizabethtown College, so what's the point in getting all excited? At Etown, we have plenty of reasons. There are more recreational activities than students realize in around Etown, so get your flip-flops r for an eventful spring season.

Where to start? Located a half hour from Etown, Dutch Wonderland is a filled place that now has an attraction ne for children. Opening soon, mini golf newest hit with discounted group rate groups of 10 or more. Dutch Wonderla an excellent spot to take a group of fr for an awesome afternoon.

or activities perfect for bright and sunny days

If fun in the sun is your intent but transportation is a bit of a dilemma, don't fret. There are great fun things to do on campus; being stranded on campus is no problem.

A new club, Disc Golf, has come to town. The members play frolf (frisbee golf) around the Lancaster area and also on the College's own Frisbee golf course on campus behind Founders. To play the game you only need a Frisbee, which can be a frolf disc or a regular Frisbee, depending on player enthusiasm. The club is in the early stages of development, but it will definitely expand after the course is refinished and word gets out.

A pure love of the game drove sophomore Zach Landis, president of Etown's Disc Golf club, to starting the program.

"The disc golf course here is cool beans!" Landis said. "With nicer weather approaching, it's a good way to get out, get active, and have fun with your friends. If you're interested in the newly formed disc golf club, email ECDG@etown.edu." Frolf is an inexpensive and lively way to work on your tan for the upcoming beach season.

The classic, well-known activities on campus are also great. A great example is the tennis courts behind Founders. They are available for all to use and provide an excellent source of exercise and enjoyment.

Volleyball, soccer and football also make for great outdoor group activities. Play until the sun sets, ignoring the homework that awaits you after the game.

If these sound fun but tiring, then maybe the remedy to your spring fever is to just grab a beach towel and soak up the rays in the Dell.

Get creative, and find the right activities for you to the make the most of spring 2009.

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technology trends

'Postcards from Yo Momma' universalizes motherly love

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I love my mom. Let's face it, though, sometimes the woman has me laughing hysterically at the things she says straight-faced. Maybe it's the way she tells me stories with huge enthusiasm, forgetting that just yesterday she related the exact same series of events with matching excitement. Or perhaps it's how she recently discovered abbreviations, expertly seasoning her weekly e-mails with "LOL," "obvs" and "w/e" in addition to animated emoticons. I've never been prouder of my mom than the day she learned to text message — and using T9, no less. A typical text message from my mom reads something like, "Have a great day! Love you! Love mom." Yes, Mom — I know it's from you.

The most surprising thing was discovering that mine is not the only mother with the miraculous ability to speak freely in the tongues of different generations or surprise her children with her crazy wit. Although slightly disappointed that my mother is not really a prodigy, I find much humor in the ability to share mother-daughter experiences with my friends. A universal truth that we have learned is that our mothers will inevitably leave us shaking our heads (and using their stories as icebreakers at the dinner table). Still, their hearts and motherly wisdom always show right through their messages, no matter how they're worded.

Jessica Grose and Doree Shafrir came to the same conclusion and had the same inherent appreciation for their mothers' loveable attempts relate to their daughters. From there, "Postcards From Yo Momma" was born. The site *http://www.postcardsfromyomomma.com* was launched March 2008. Since its birth, it has received over 5,000 submissions from tickled sons and daughters around the world. The site celebrates silly, side-splitting mom stories from children of all ages. It features highest-rated entries from the past few days, a "Comment of the Day," most-commented stories, and subject keywords for easy searching. There's even a "Best Of" page where readers can find the funniest posts of all time, like the mother who locked herself into a room and e-mailed her daughter for help, or the mother who, after writing a scolding e-mail to her son about his poor grades, concluded it with "You better call me!!!!!!! White boy!!!!!!!!!!!!" Other posts contain priceless advice, like the mother who warned her daughter that "airports are the best places to kidnap someone. Be watchful. Stay together. Buddy system. If you are kidnapped, speak French … no one wants them!"

"We had no idea that the Web site would become so popular so quickly," Grose and Shafrir said. "It's been really gratifying to hear from moms and kids all over the world who tell us how much they love the site."

Because of the overwhelming support the Web site has received, Grose and Shafrir have compiled over 200 previously-unreleased e-mails, text messages and IMs into a book titled "Love, Mom: Poignant, Goofy, Brilliant Messages from Home," which hit the shelves just yesterday.

So far, the book has received very positive reviews from critics, who agree that mothers are "humankind's most natural comedians," as put by Mike Albo, author of "Hornito" and "The Underminer."

For mothers separated from their children, e-mail and instant messaging are primary means of communication, hence the hilarious Web site. However, for mothers who see their grown children on a daily basis, e-mail is not an integral part of their life. No matter; they can still prove themselves just as funny. For Darlene Sommers, coordinator of Housing Operations, and her daughter Brittani, a first-year, their close proximity allows them to joke around more often.

Photo: Peter S. Northrop
Mother-daughter duo Darlene and Brittani Sommers embrace lovingly in the BSC lounge. Like the content of 'Postcards from Yo Momma,' the Sommers' relationship is rife with good-natured ribbing, underscored by familial love.

"I think our relationship has changed now that she's in college, but it's fun. [My kids] still make fun of me in a good way," Darlene said.

"We're more like friends now," Brittani said. "We can joke around, but we can also have serious conversations."

In fact, it seems that the laughter shared between mother and daughter is precisely what brings them closer together.

"My sister and I have a list of funny things my mom says. We make fun of her, but we love her," Brittani said. "The best is when she makes up a word; we say, 'That's not even a word, mom.'"

For senior Joe Hudzick and his mother Lynda, office manager for Dining Services, their close relationship is unique. The pair e-mails frequently and keeps each other laughing with their self-described sarcastic humor.

"We've been respectful of each other and given each other the space we needed, I think," Lynda said. "Our relationship has evolved into one where Joe stops by to see me frequently to say hello, just to keep in touch, to share funny campus stories, ask advice of each other — that kind of thing."

Lynda joked about how she recently learned to text message, admitting that she spells out every word, without shorthand (and much to Joe's amusement).

"When she first started texting, [she] was so excited that I would get multiple 'hi' text messages every day, just [for her] to try it out," Joe said.

Although Joe is able to tease his mother, anyone can see that he appreciates her motherly wisdom. Brittani values the same characteristic in her mother.

"She doesn't give advice as much as she listens," Brittani said. "But when she does give advice, it's good advice."

"Lots of moms have told us how the site makes them feel as though there's a like-minded community of moms out there," Grose and Shafrir said. "It's reassuring and comforting to them to know that they're not alone. Moms may have different interests and lifestyles, but at their core, there's a similarity that is eminently relatable."

Mothers out there, thanks for being who you are. We know you would do anything for us. Thank you also for being so naturally entertaining. It's the funny things you say and do that make us smile on even our worst days.

wordly pastimes

European reading rates rise through economic strife

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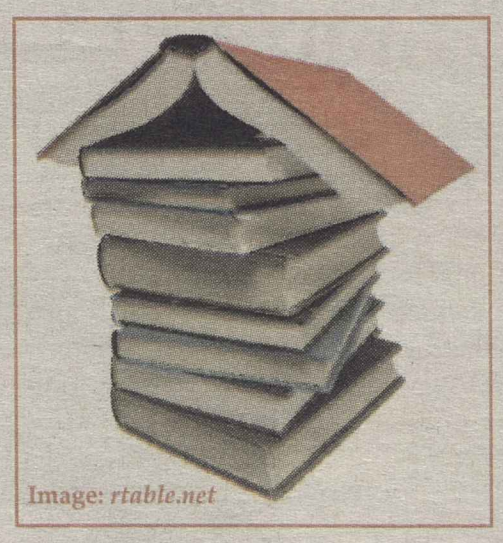
Staff Writer

Reading is still popular, at least in Western Europe. While U.S. rates have dropped slightly this year, the imagination of great authors is still kept alive by the classics read by many Europeans. Book sales in Europe continue to rise despite the recession and the economic state of print media.

The number of books sold in France and Germany rose by more than 2 percent January. A 2007 survey taken in the United Kingdom reported that 91.5 percent of employees would consider using a book club if it was set up in their workplace. Random House, a publishing subsidiary of Bertelsmann, has a huge book club in Germany, and its popularity is growing.

Another reason behind the rising book sales is the European attitude.



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Many people in the U.K. consider reading to be one of their most important activities of the day; more than half said it was more important than TV and other pastimes.

"In a recession, people are forced to cut back on their discretionary spending," Dr. Mark Harman, professor of German studies, said. "In that case, they tend to read more because books are not a huge cost. This is my observation, living in countries like Ireland and Germany."

Some people find that books are a way to escape from reality, especially in this time. In The New York Times, Helen Fraser, a director of Penguin Books in London, said that the general idea is reading to escape into novels filled with beautiful stories.

"I would prefer a book over the depressing news. It's also a good way to learn about other cultures," junior Sabyasachi Ghosh, an international student from India, said.

Where do we fall? Americans read a bit less than our European counterparts.

Some American adults prefer to watch TV their reading books. The book sales of New York publishing houses have been flat.

Surprisingly, one of the oldest mass mediums is holding up very well despite technological advances and the growth of the Internet. Newspapers and other print media are disappearing. E-books, which are offered by online reading services like Kindle, have gone from 8,000 to 15,000 subscribers in December 2008. Still, the majority of people read books in print.

A new report for 2009 in the National Education Association (NEA) states that for the first time in 25 years, Americans ages 18-25 are reading more literary works. This is because the NEA has sponsored events in schools to get students to read more. Also, the U.K. has reported that 80 percent of teenagers read books in their spare time.

Maybe the next generation of American teenagers can catch up with their European counterparts, becoming better, stronger readers in the future.

career advice

Seniors: take road less traveled

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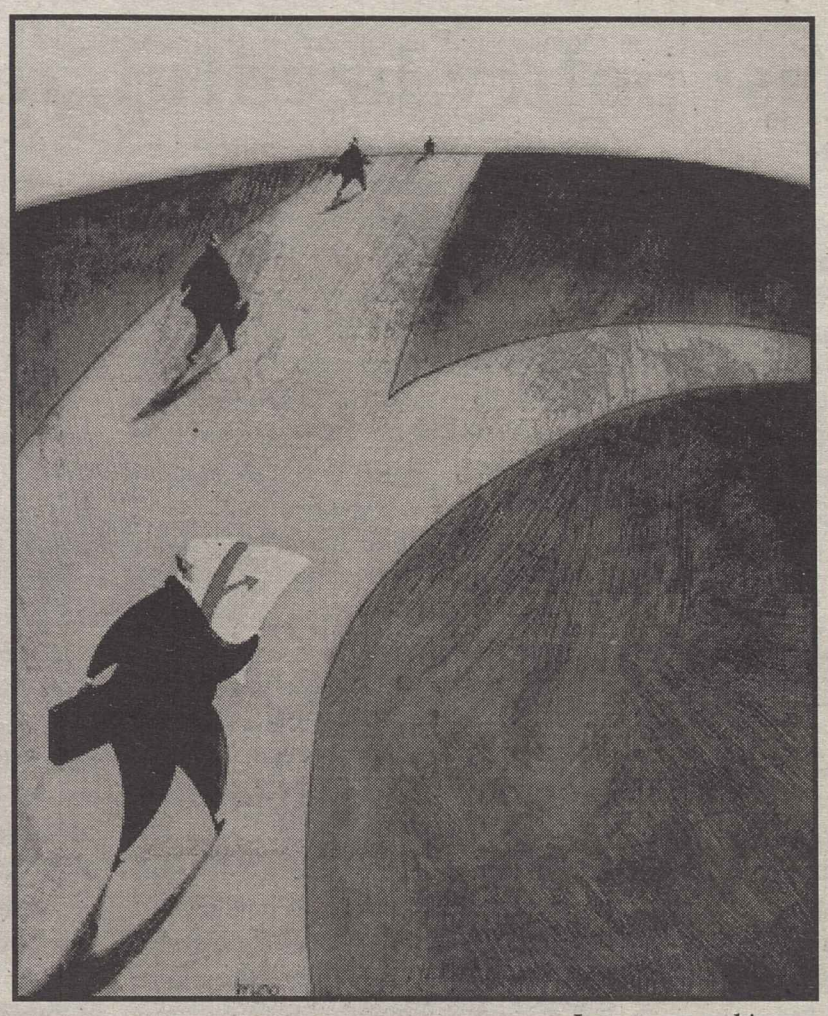

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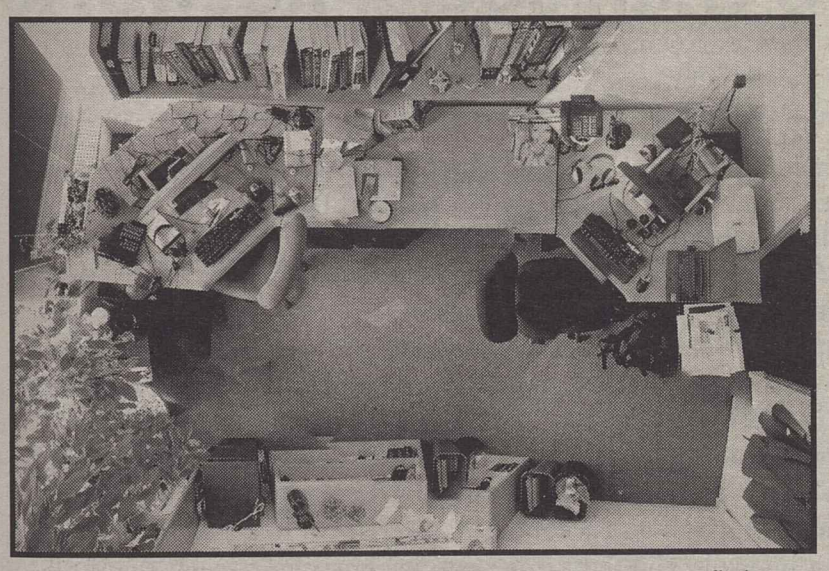
This cartoon graphically represents the diversity of career options available for graduates. Some may want to consider alternate career paths as they formulate their post-college plans.

For seniors, trying to find a full-time job can be a daunting task, especially in a struggling economy. Not every career is in demand, so it is important for seniors to realize that they may have to look for alternative part-time jobs and opportunities to tide them over until a full-time position opens up. Mary Krikorian, an Etown alumna who works with Career Services, has some tips to ease any concerns seniors may have.

Krikorian suggests several alternatives for students who cannot secure full-time positions immediately after college. Interning, finding a part-time job, and volunteering are all on her list of possibilities.

Some companies will grant a student an internship even if he or she is fresh out of college. If one is thrown your way, it is an opportunity that you should not pass up. Some internships are paid while others are not, but it is important to gain experience in your field. Additionally, an internship helps strengthen your résumé.

If an internship is out of the question, then finding a part-time job may be a more productive alternative. Part-time jobs in your field of work will benefit you by allowing you to gain experience while making some money. A part-time job can also be a boost for your résumé. It shows your future employer that you were willing to gain work experience and better yourself even if the pay wasn't as good as that of a full-time job.



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Cluttered offices such as this one have been part of the daily scenery for college grads in years past, but this trend is changing. For those who have trouble securing entry-level positions in their fields, other options include interning, volunteering or taking a part-time position to build their résumés.

Krikorian's last suggestion was to volunteer while working a part-time job that may or may not be related to your field of study. Although volunteering may be a bit of a letdown to a college student who is drowning in debt, it isn't the end of the world. Volunteering looks great on a résumé, and it will show employers that you put forth a strong effort to gain experience. Additionally, it demonstrates that you are willing to take risks and work hard. Those are qualities which employers value.

Unemployed grads looking for work in the Manhattan area can also visit *http://www.urbaninterns.com*. This newly-formed site aims to connect "small business owners and busy professionals" in New York City with people looking for part-time assistantships. The site's creators hope to expand their services to other densely-populated regions in the near future.

Graduates with experience in professional writing, graphic designing, editing or Web coding should also consider freelancing. Such positions can be gained through project bidding on sites like *http://craigslist.com*.

In addition to searching for alternative jobs, it is important to consider what employers look for in new employees. A recent article on *http://www.jobweb.com* lists some of the skills employers want.

Communication, a strong work ethic, teamwork, initiative and analytical abilities comprise the top five of these skills. Try to improve yourself in these areas; it will benefit you tremendously once you are placed in a job. Additionally, students tend to be short on professionalism: they lack maturity, an understanding of business etiquette, and an awareness of how to dress appropriately in the workplace. If you are able to show a potential employer that you have all these skills and more, then the chances of you scoring a full-time position will improve.

Although not every senior will find a full-time job, it is important to remember not to give up hope. Show yourself and your future employer that you are a dedicated worker by taking some of Krikorian's advice. Jumpstart your career by interning, working a part-time job or volunteering. Work experience can only benefit you. In the long run, it will make you a strong candidate for the job of your dreams.

cinema review

RoMANce redefined

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In the past few years there has been an ever-growing theme of bromance in American cinema (bromance being the idea of two straight men having feelings for each other and the world being okay with it for a change). It started off with the heartfelt confessions at the end of 2007's "Superbad" and has taken off from there. It's grown rather tiresome, as film after film has explored this territory with no further gains.

However, John Hamburg's new film, "I Love You, Man," takes this idea of bromance in a refreshing new direction. The film follows the typical formula you'd expect from any romantic comedy — and trust me, "I Love You, Man" *is* a romantic comedy — only, the romance is between two straight men.

"I Love You, Man" is the manlove story of Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd). Pete's the kind of guy every girl dreams of — or, at least, the kind of guy I hope girls dream of. He cooks, he cleans, he's caring and thoughtful, and all that good stuff. He gets women with ease. However, all this prowess with the ladies comes at a glaring cost. Pete just doesn't know how to communicate with dudes, a problem that becomes more desperate as he begins his quest for a best man to attend his wedding.

Enter Peter's male counterpart: Sydney Fife (Jason Segul). Sydney is the sort of man who wears plaid, button-up shirts; palm print shorts; and some bizarre male equivalent to Ugg boots. Together, he and his puggle-dog terrorize the boardwalk of L.A.'s Venice Beach.

Peter and Sydney meet after a long sequence of Peter's painfully awkward attempts to find a best guy friend. They meet at random and go out on a few man-dates (hangouts between heterosexual men). From there, their relationship takes off, and we enjoy a montage of bromance during which Peter and Sydney bond over manly things like Rush and hiking. Eventually their friendship causes strain to Peter's marriage, and they suffer a bro-break-up. Luckily, the relationship's emotional climax (which, following the romantic comedy formula, occurs at a wedding) will leave the viewer feeling quite satisfied with the film.

More than anything, the strengths of "I Love You, Man" come from its writing and directing. The dialogue is stuffed to the brim with wit and one-liners that you'll be quoting for weeks. The directing is absolutely superb. Hamburg's greatest achievement is capturing the awkwardness inherent in both finding and keeping friends. This movie that had me laughing, groaning and squirming with embarrassment all at once.

All in all, "I Love You, Man" is a movie you can take either your girlfriend or broskis to if you like clever dialogue and the sweet songs of bromance.

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Manlove is in the air as Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd) hitches a ride with Sydney Fife (Jason Segul). "I Love You, Man" tells their story.

Hayley Rosser
Class of 2012

"UNC; I think that they can do a repeat of 2005."

Josh Houseal
Class of 2010

"UCONN; I am a Duke fan, and I don't want UNC to win."

Jaclyn Young
Class of 2010

"Villanova, because they are the underdogs."

John Puzzo
Class of 2012

"UCONN, because I am from Connecticut."

on campus

New guest policy heedful, restrictive

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Easter break is just around the corner. Along with chocolate covered peanut butter eggs and jelly beans delivered by the Easter Bunny, Elizabethtown College students are also gifted two days of cancelled classes and a chance to spend four days at home.

I don't see anyone complaining about that.

Let's face it; every college student misses home to a certain degree. But what is it that we miss most about home? The luxury of being able to take a shower without shoes ranks pretty high on my list.

I'm sure lots of you also enjoy the convenience of not having to stand in line to use a washing machine every time you run out of clean underwear. But I think the one reason that tops everyone's list is the simple pleasure of spending time with family.

For many students, one of the hardest things about living on campus is the distance created between them and their families. The bonds we share with mom and dad are pretty tight, but for many of us, the bonds we share with siblings are even stronger.

In the past, many students have coped with the separation from younger siblings by hosting them at Etown for the weekend. However, the college's new guest policy makes overnight visits from many younger siblings off-limits.

Effective April 1, the new policy requires all overnight guests to be at least 18 years of age or enrolled at a college/university. Furthermore, they must provide a valid college photo I.D. or government issued I.D. for guest registration.

Marianne Calenda, Dean of Students states that the policy was put in effect "to improve campus safety and security."

The requirement of a valid photo I.D. is undeniably a great way to improve security. However, I don't foresee security improving at all now that my 12-year-old cousin can't spend the night in my dorm room.

I'm not under the illusion that Etown's campus is free of parties and drinking. I simply believe that if you have a younger guest spend the night, you will not subject them to any compromising situations.

Bringing younger overnight guests can have a very positive effect on the campus. It's a great way for students to host their friends, cousins and siblings with the goal of convincing them to choose Etown when they fill out those college applications.

First-year Carey Betts had he 13-year-old sister Kelly spend th weekend early in the semester. "My si ter was really excited to visit her big s at college," Betts said. "She told all h friends she was coming to Etown."

Betts and her sister both had a gre weekend on campus. Betts was able t show her sister fun things to do bot on campus and around town. Togethe they attended a Phalanx concert an took in a movie at MoviEtown.

"If you have your sibling here, yo are going to look out for them," Bet said. "You care for your siblings mor than you would care for anyone else."

Like Betts, I also hosted my litt sister overnight last semester. At 1 my sister Brittany is getting ready t apply for college and spending th night at Etown with me was a gre opportunity for her to get the feel o what a college is like.

My parents trusted me to take car of my sister while she was here. I woul have never dreamed of putting her i an unsafe situation.

When you go home to spend tim with your family this Easter break don't make plans for a little sister o brother to come spend the night a Etown. No one under 18 is welcom any longer overnight on this campus.

letter to the editor

'Twitterverse' more than social network

Edna C. Zhou
Staff Writer

March 26, 2009, you published an article that deemed Twitter to be "set up much like Facebook...the main gist i giving your friends, or 'followers,' regular updates about your recent activity." While this is partly true, I felt th article on the whole fell grossly short of actually explaining what Twitter is, its purpose and how to utilize it properly As an avid user of Twitter, I would like to clarify the difference between Twitter and Facebook.

A common misconception, especially among college students, is that Twitter was based upon the Facebook statu updates. However, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey wrote that he first had the idea July of 2000 and worked it over for year until its public introduction in March 2006. Facebook was founded in 2004 and did not become public until Septembe of 2006.

The key to understanding Twitter is to recognize that it is not the same as the Facebook status updates. Contrary t your article, updating everyone on your "daily minutia" is not the main point of this site, even though it does prompt "What are you doing?" Those kinds of updates are mundane enough on Facebook; transferring it to a different site doe not suddenly make it interesting. If you post more than just your thoughts, for example, posting "tweets" that link t interesting articles or videos, more people will start following you on Twitter.

"Following" is the next important element to understanding Twitter. Your followers are not always just your friend because "following" is a one-way street. Facebook is based on reciprocal relationships; you have to accept someone int your circle of friends for them to see your profile, and in turn, you can view theirs. On Twitter, clicking "follow" o someone's profile just means you are subscribing to their tweets.

Another difference is that Twitter is social media, while Facebook is social networking. Or, as fellow Twitterer "stin son" describes it, Facebook is about sharing life, and Twitter is about sharing information. Most Facebook friends ar people you know in real life. Through Twitter, you can discover people who share the same interests as you that you neve would have met in real life due to differences in age, geography, time zones, etc. Furthermore, by following people wit interests that differ from yours, you expose yourself to new subjects, ideas and experiences. If you ever tire of a certai person, ignoring them is as easy as a single click on the "unfollow" button.

"Twitter is about output: there is no standard, there is no frame," stinson continues. "Whereas networking is essentia to Facebook relationships, it is merely a by-product within the Twitterverse. You could follow a person for years withou acknowledgement (as is seen with most celebrities), or you could follow someone and, as a result, develop a new hobby career or group of friends. I have seen all three happen."

I have been on Twitter for almost a year. While I am currently following 280 people and have 309 following me, these number grow every day, and I estimate I know five to ten percent of those people in real life However, through Twitter, I have followed people as they traveled around the world given and received advice from total strangers, promoted my own website, forme new friendships and renewed old ones. It may seem chaotic, but the informalit and simplicity of Twitter knocks down barriers. It changes the rules of traditiona networking and brings the world that much closer to your own front door. You jus have to be willing to try it out. See for yourself what Twitter can do.

Make sure to check out the Sound Off poll and the opportunity to comment on articles on our Web site: www.etownian.com

on campus

Dining services evaluated

Jamie L. Bartolino

I'm sure most of us students (and no doubt all of our parents) have complained at one time or another about the cost of a meal plan at this lovely college. Sure, your tour guide probably boasted to you that the food in the cafeteria is excellent on the scale of college food, but is it worth such a high price? In my opinion, there's not much we're ever going to be able to do about the cost of a meal plan at Etown. Too many people have complained, and at this point, it's about as likely that we'll change the meal cost as it is for a chicken to become the next U.S. president.

But if we are powerless to change how much we spend on our meals, then why the heck can't we fight for our right to use the meals we're paying for? Let me explain myself. We're all familiar with the different meal plans offered: A, B and C. I'm going to use meal plan C for my example, since I believe it to be the most popular plan because of the large amount of Jay Bucks included.

With meal plan C, a student receives 160 total meals in the cafeteria and $275 Jay Bucks for one semester. The meal plan costs $2000 per semester, (at least for spring 2009). Broken down, you (or your parents) are paying about $10.75 per meal. This is the worst case scenario since those who have meal plan A are only spending $6 per meal. So for all of us plan-Cers, we know that we're probably paying too much for French fries and chicken fingers, and we're always left with extra meals at the end of the semester (by the way, that's not a good thing; you are losing lots and lots of money). Given these circumstances, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to take food with us out of the Marketplace.

I care a lot about the environment, so I would actually be unhappy if Etown spent hundreds of dollars a semester on Styrofoam containers and plastic cups. But why, oh why are we forbidden from bringing in our own enviro-friendly tupperware and snagging a cheeseburger in the 20 minutes we have between classes each afternoon? And why, if I don't like to eat dinner at 4:30 p.m. like my friends, but rather at a leisurely 8 p.m., am I forced to spend money in the Jays Nest and most likely eat a less healthy dinner? I'll tell you why - well... actually, I need help understanding it myself.

Dining Services, you must be familiar with the Pledge of Integrity. Many of you staff members have sons and daughters who attend Etown, and I'm sure they've told you all about the pledge, where first years sign a promise to "be honest and to uphold integrity," which is understood by all to include honesty and integrity both in and outside of the classroom. If we trust each other enough to leave our laptops lying around and our doors unlocked, you should trust us to be honest enough to take enough food for one meal per swipe. We promise we're not asking to eat a heaping plate of meat lasagna and then take an additional four slices of pizza to go; rather, we'd just like the option of getting the most of our meal swipes in a way that's convenient for us.

staff column

Chasing paper

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Dear students:

It doesn't matter how smart you are, or how much of the Periodic Table you've got memorized. If you want a job, or an internship — essentially, if you don't want to die impoverished and alone — you're going to need to interview for it. And you're going to need to look at people.

To get ahead in life, you've got to be business-pretty. Modern social dynamics force corporate attraction into windowed offices with a hiring partner and (depending on the field) a few direct supervisors and marketing goons. You will likely talk to more than one person. Ever heard of eye contact? Use it. Divide your attention between the room's occupants — don't stare at the youngest one, you gosh-darned creeper — but don't be afraid to look at the skyline while you think. If you look up, you're confused; down, and you're ashamed. Be on the level.

The right eye feeds to the rational side of the brain, the left to the emotional side. You're not the best candidate. You are an awkward, insufficient mess. Consequently, you should look into their left (that's your right) while you build rapport. They'll like you more.

Speaking of rapport: mirror body language and vocal tonality. copy the strength of their handshake and the angle of their palm. Wear glasses if you have them. Keep your chin level. Men, avoid chocolate brown. Polish your shoes. Repeat after me: charcoal suit, blue or white shirt, maroon or navy tie, half-Windsor knot, dark socks. Women, if there's a male interviewer, don't giggle or smile if you're nervous. Tough it out. Both sexes should shave.

They'll ask you questions, but what you say is far less important than how you say it. Don't be cocky, don't be manic, and don't be a coward. They'll ask you for an example of conflict resolution, what your strengths and weaknesses are and maybe how you'd plan a Thanksgiving dinner. Have answers ready. Know something about the company. Ask questions about the city and the clients, not about money or sick days. Be friendly, but not supplicative.

Stop. You're overthinking this; there aren't any jobs.

Double Take

Double Take

Kelly J. Clayton

It's a Monday around noon and Linda is busy swiping hundreds of I.D. cards into the Marketplace. This is the second busiest time for the Marketplace. Serving thousands daily, the cafeteria is a hot spot for Elizabethtown students.

Etown's food ranks among the best according to the National Association of Counties (NACo), who is the main provider of food for college campuses across the country.

"The staff really has fun doing the themed dinners, and gets excited for them," Eric Turzai, director of Dining Services, said. The themed dinners are something that makes Etown unique.

The biggest complaint about the Marketplace is the repetition of food. Although people tend to complain and get very tired of eating the same foods week after week, Turzai said, "Things can get repetitious if you don't use creativity. The staff tries to create fun bars to switch things up, like a corn dog bar or a cupcake bar."

Because the Marketplace is the most popular place on campus, it can get extremely crowded during prime meal times: 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Since the seats are designed to fit as many people as possible already, there isn't too much that can be done to create more space.

The problem is that people have routines, or go to eat after practice, which typically ends around 6. It isn't the College's problem that the cafeteria is crowded, but it is more of a time management issue. If you like to eat at 6 every night for dinner, then you know that it will be crowded.

"I'm usually so hungry I don't care about how crowded it is, and it never really bothers me," first-year student Caitlin Grimes said. While the thought of hunger consumes the minds of some, first year student Jill Patrick is more concerned with what happens to the food afterwards.

"I think that we should be able to have a to-go box. It would be so useful and would conserve food, so we could get more for our money too," Patrick said. The rules against taking food out of the Marketplace, including a rule against filling empty water bottles, have been a problem on campus and an issue for debate.

Turzai said that the Marketplace offers as much as it possibly can with the space that it has. "We are saturated. If we add something we have to take something away," he said. While they hope to expand next year, possibly adding a permanent Chinese bar, Dining Services will have to keep expenses and labor costs in mind.

One complaint that seems unnecessary is the desire for the Marketplace to be open later. After 7 p.m. a hungry college student has to resort to the Jay's Nest for any food, and with many options, the Jay's is a good option at an affordable price.

Since most students have a meal plan that includes Jay Bucks, there isn't any reason to use "real money" for any on campus meals. The Jay's offers plenty of options for any time of day and is an overall big hit among students.

With just a swipe of a card, the eating options on the campus are unlimited. Between the Jay's Nest and the Marketplace a huge variety of food is offered. With a fun and creative staff, Dining Services works very hard to ensure that Etown students eat well. Students could better themselves by choosing to recognize how hard Dining Services works.

So the next time you're in the Marketplace, which will probably be sooner than later, thank Linda after she says, "Hi, honey," and be grateful for the wonderful and cooperative staff from Dining Services.

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etown baseball

Jays sweep Arcadia in three games; lose to Susquehanna

T. Gavin Nevill
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The Blue Jays' series against the Arcadia University Knights was a classic tale of two teams heading in opposite directions. On one hand, Arcadia entered the season with one win in its last nine games and just three wins total for the season. On the other hand, the Blue Jays were 5-2 in their last seven games, including two wins against Messiah College.

Senior Adam Sheibley said the team did not let the opponent's record affect the Blue Jay's mindset coming into the game. "It didn't change our approach at all," Sheibley said. "No matter what our opponent's record is, we know that we have to come into every game expecting to win and play to our best abilities."

In the first game of the series, a Commonwealth Conference matchup at Arcadia, the Blue Jays overwhelmed the Knights with an offensive clinic. Sheibley was a solid 3-5 at the plate including a two-run home run. "We knew that it was very important for us to keep our intensity level high through the whole series in order to prevent a let down," Sheibley commented. In the game, junior Rodney Francis extended his hitting streak to 10 games and chipped in with a homerun of his own.

The Blue Jays finished with a winning score of 12-3. Senior Sam Heaps earned the victory on the mound, the 21st of his career, good for second all-time in school history.

Etown hosted Arcadia for a double-header the following Saturday, and the Blue Jays' bats came alive again. After falling behind in the first inning of the first game, the Jays quickly responded with four runs in the home half of the first inning. Heaps had three hits and four runs batted in as Etown came away with an easy 8-1 win.

In the second half of the double-header, Arcadia was able to keep the game close until a late game collapse. In the bottom of the 7th inning with Etown clinging to a 6-4 lead, senior catcher Tom Semanek put the game out of reach with a grand slam to seal the victory. The Jays won the game despite not playing their best defensive game, committing four errors in the field.

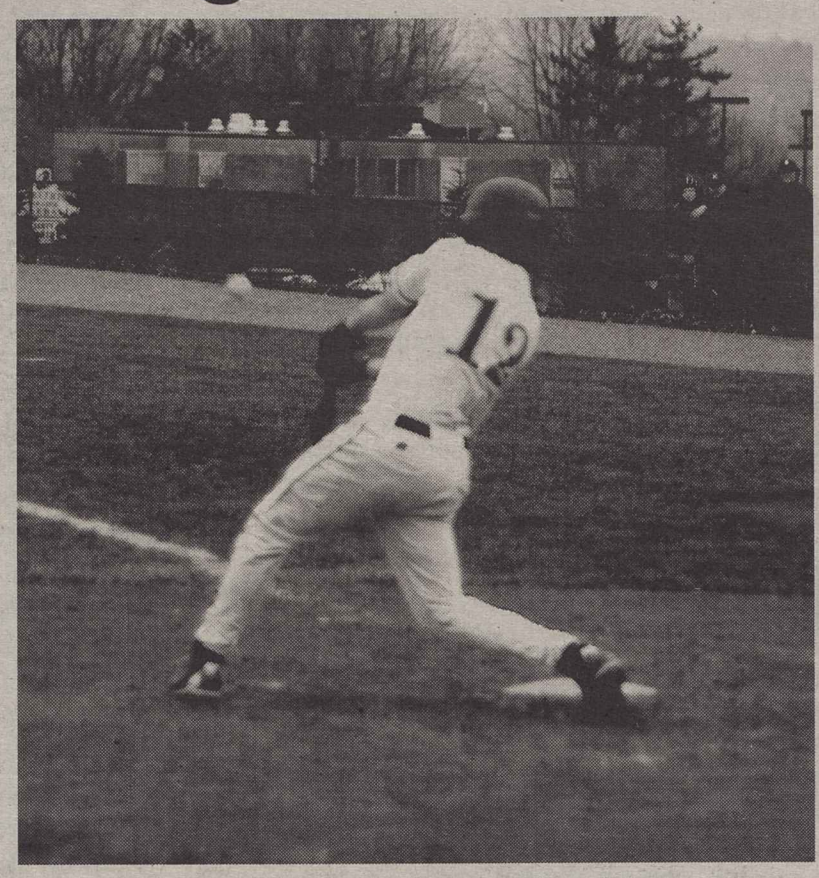

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Junior Brian Kiernan belts a two-run double in game two against Arcadia University March 28. The Jays swept the series, winning game one 12-3, game two 8-1 and game three 10-4.

With the 10-4 win, Etow earned a sweep of Arcadia a improved to 13-7 for the ye In the doubleheader, the Bl Jays were able to steal 14 base Heaps talked about his tea ability to play smart baseba

"On several occasions would get a stolen base wi two outs and the next batt would get a hit to score hi Heaps said. "That type baseball is huge in terms winning games and scori important runs."

"Sweeps are always gre moral and confidence boo ers," Semanek said. Whi victories over struggling A cadia are nice, according Semanek, the Blue Jays ha bigger fish to fry. "We c sweep the remaining serie Semanek commented. "B it won't mean anything to unless we come home fro the conference playoffs wi the championship."

In a non-conference ga against Susquehanna Univ sity Tuesday, the Jays lost t match 6-3.

etown track and field

Men and women compete at first outdoor competitio

Ross M. Benincasa
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Elizabethtown Track & Field kicked off the spring season this year in Lexington, V.a., competing at the Washington & Lee/Virginia Military Institute Carnival, a two-day event that brings competitive programs from around the country to Virginia to test their skills at the start of the season.

The Elizabethtown men's team endured tough competition from opposing schools at the Carnival, though they still garnered some fantastic performances from many of their top athletes.

Junior Wyatt Eaton led the Blue Jays with the fourth-best time in school history in the 400-meter, finishing sixth with a time of 50.2 seconds. He also finished seventh in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet, 10.5 inche which places him at sixth in the Etown record books

Senior Dylan Rulander and sophomore Chris Heis pulled Etown along in the long distance events, as R lander placed second in the 1,500 meters, taking stake the fourth-best time in Etown history at 3:56.95. Heis took ninth at the meet in the 5,000 meters at 15:21.8 rounding out the top ten in the program's record book

Rulander helped the men's 4x800 relay team finis second with a time of 7:54.61, along side seni James Munnelly, first-year Casey McGarvey a fellow first-year Mark Weber.

The jolt of energy that the men's team displaye in Lexington was a breath of fresh air to mo followers, as another great spring season can envisioned on the horizon.

"I think that we'll have a really good seaso said first-year Steven Boyer. "We surprised a l of people in indoor MACs [Mid-Atlantic Co ference], and we're getting a lot of people li first-years Brian Allport and Pat Doughty. They add depth to our sprinting, and we have a stro distance team to begin with."

The women's team faired quite well in Lexingt this past weekend as well. Senior Tiffany Kulp led t ladies with her victory in the 5,000 meter. Kulp's tim of 17:19.16 provisionally qualifies her for the NCA Division III Outdoor Track & Field championshi and was less than five seconds shy of the school reco (set by Melissa St. Clair in 2005). Kulp also finished t last leg of the 4x800 meter relay team that set a scho record with a time of 9:51.44 and finished fourth in t Carnival. Fellow relay runners include junior Meg VanDenHengel, junior Bern Frawley and first-ye Kathryn Howser.

The overall feeling after the meet was sati faction for the women, who easily picked apa the competition.

"I think we did really well [in Lexington]," sa Howser. "A lot of people got on the top ten li for the all-time school records, or got PRs [pe sonal records]."

etown tennis

Rainy weather postpones matches

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

As the season marches on, both the Elizabehtown men's and women's tennis teams are finding themselves ahead of the game. Both teams have strong records thus far, with the women's team boasting a record of 7-2 overall and a Commonwealth Conference record of 3-2, and the men's team carrying a record of 3-1.

The men's team has yet to meet their biggest rivals, Lebanon Valley College and Messiah College, but the team is looking ahead to both matches as well as their hopes to place into the NCAA tournament.

"If we can overcome those two teams during the regular season matches, we will have the number one seat going into playoffs with a single win between us and the NCAA tournament," sophomore player Brian Metz said.

The team has to make sure that they don't focus too much on getting to the tournament. Metz acknowledged that the team has to ensure that they don't lose sight of all the work that needs to be done first.

Junior player Brok Walker was also named Commonwealth Player of the Week during the week of March 23.

The women's tennis team is just as much of a bright spot in Etown's athletic record this season; the women have only lost one match, which was during their spring break trip to Hilton Head. The biggest win so far in the season for the Lady Jays, though, has been against La Salle University, a Division I-ranked school.

"I think our win against La Salle gave our team the confidence we need when approaching the rest of our season. It was a big win for us, and I think it got everyone real excited for the rest of the season," junior Jessica Russell said.

After having several new members join the team, the women seem to have reorganized themselves from the fall season in 2008.

"We are definitely stronger than we were in the fall, with a few girls from the soccer team coming in," first-year Sarah Poulle said.

They also won 7-2 when they traveled to play Scranton last Wednesday, the 25th. It was their fourth consecutive victory this season.

Both men's and women's team were scheduled to play Bridgewater College, as well as Wilkes, but both games were postponed. The Wilkes games were rescheduled for May 1.

The Jays were supposed to face Albright College yesterday, however due to inclimate weather the match was postponed and rescheduled for today at 3 p.m.

April 7 the women's team travels to play against Juniata. The men will travel on April 4 to play against Lebanon Valley College.

etown women's lacrosse

Lady Jays win sixth straight, look to seventh Saturday

Kristen A. Conroy
Staff Writer

Undefeated in the conference, and with only two losses so far, the Elizabethtown College women's lacrosse team continues to demolish any team that stands in its way.

Saturday, March 28, the Lady Jays traveled to New York to take on their latest competition, Manhattanville College. It was a good day up in New York, with the Blue Jays posting their fifth consecutive victory.

Etown started off with a quick 3-0 lead with goals from seniors Kelsea Kozak and Katie Foley, and junior teammate Megan Byrnes. The Lady Jays held the lead at the end of the first half at 11-7.

"Right away in the first half we came out flat, and it looked like we weren't ready to play," junior Katie Caprinolo said. "We were able to turn things around by playing better body defense and not swinging as much, and to take better care of the ball on offense."

The Valiants came back fighting in the second half with back-to-back goals closing in on Etown at 12-9. The Lady Jays answered with eight consecutive goals over the next 17 minutes to take a 20-9 lead. Manhattanville could only get in two more goals before Etown clenched its win at 20-11.

Foley tied her own program single-game record with 10 goals, and she also became the first Etown women's lacrosse player to reach 300 career points. Senior Anna Ford also reached a milestone, as her pair of assists allowed her to become the eighth player in school history to reach 100 career points.

The two seniors had help against Manhattanville with three goals from sophomore Maria DeMatteo and two goals and an assist apiece by Byrnes and sophomore Sarah Cullinan. The Lady Jays finished with a 40-26 edge in shots and a 27-20 advantage in ground balls over the Valiants.

Senior goalie Jenn Hawkins made an impressive six saves over the first 52 minutes, while junior goalie Becca Watkins followed with one stop.

Two days previously, the Lady Jays defeated the 20th-ranked Dickinson College 12-7 in a non-conference rainy match Thursday afternoon. The Red Devils snatched Etown's national ranking last week, but the bad weather didn't prevent the Lady Jays from knocking them down.

"They had taken our national ranking earlier that week and they robbed us in overtime last year," senior Dana Simmons said, "so it was a huge revenge game and we were so happy that we came out on top."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Cradling the ball, first-year Katie Scheurich looks for somebody to pass to in a game against Alvernia University March 24.

Foley opened the match scoring just 17 seconds into the first half. Dickinson fired off five goals in the next five minutes to take a 5-1 lead. The Lady Jays answered as Foley scored twice and Byrnes added a goal to close in on the Red Devils 5-4. Dickinson got two more shots, but Caprinolo scored a quick one to close the half at 7-5.

Etown came back in the second half and ran the field, with goals from DeMatteo and Caprinolo tying the game at 7-7. Foley scored her fourth of the day to gain the lead, followed by Caprinolo's third goal. With 8:21 left, junior Stephanie Kreis became the seventh player in school history to reach 100 career points as she scored, giving the Blue Jays a 10-7 lead. Etown closed the scoring in the final five minutes on goals from Kozak and Caprinolo.

Kreis finished with a game high of four ground balls, while Hawkins made a total of 13 saves for the Blue Jays.

"I'll always remember this game," sophomore Sarah Cullinan said. "It was one where we showed so much heart and never let up."

Yesterday the Lady Jays faced another conference match against Arcadia University. In a rain-drenching match, the ladies defeated the Knights 18-5. In the first half of the game, the Jays outshot Arcadia 30-4. Foley finished the game with four goals.

Foley was named the MAC player of the week for the week of March 29. Hawkins was named the Defender of the week. Saturday, April 4, the Lady Jays will take on FDU-Florham at 1 p.m. on Wolf Field. "They are our biggest rivals, and we have not beaten them in two years," Simmons said. "They are a dirty, scrappy, rough team and we need to beat them this year!"

etown softball

Ladies win two against Alvernia

Jennifer N. Fimmano
Staff Writer

Going into their doubleheader against Lebanon Valley this past Saturday, the Lady Jays needed to work hard in order to sweep their opponent.

Although the ladies have been hitting well, head coach Kathy Staib said that they need to hit better in key situations. "Bunching together hits will allow us to push runs across the plate, putting pressure on our opponent," she said. "Defensively, we simply need to keep making good pitches and solid plays behind our young pitching staff."

The team went into Saturday's doubleheader with high hopes and determination to beat the Lebanon Valley Dutchmen. The Dutchmen started off strong, scoring three runs in the first inning and two more in the bottom of the fourth.

The Jays finally broke through at the top of the sixth through on a single by senior Marian Guzik with one out, a walk and a two-run single by first-year Julie Sebastian. Despite this productive inning, the Jays couldn't prevent the Dutchmen from keeping the lead and winning the game with a score of 5-2.

In game two, the Dutchmen scored early again with three runs in the second inning. In the third, they extended their lead to 4-0. The Blue Jays finally got on the board in the top of the fifth when junior Sarah Church grounded out to second base, sending Guzik home. Lebanon Valley scored five more runs to bring to lead to 9-1. The game ended after six innings due to the eight-run rule.

In spite of the loss to Lebanon Valley in a big conference game, the Lady Jays were excited for their home game against Alvernia College. Having been on the road since March 11, they were determined to win big.

At the bottom of the third, the game was tied at 0-0. Sophomore Kelsea Corrado singled to right center, sending Guzik home. With bases loaded, junior Paige Tanner stepped up to the plate and hit a homer over left field, advancing Corrado, Church, Hoover and Tanner to home and giving the Lady Jays a 5-0 lead over the Crusaders. Alvernia could not catch up, and the Jays won the game, 6-1.

In game two of this series, the Lady Jays started strong, earning two runs in the first brought by a double to right center by Corrado. With a single and an error by Alvernia at the bottom of the third, the Jay's increased their lead by two more runs and then brought it up to 5-0 in the fifth.

They prevented the Crusaders from scoring until the top of the sixth when Alvernia scored four runs with an RBI and a homer with two on base. They scored one more in the seventh to tie the game at 5. The Jays answered with a single by Marsico which advanced Gordon to home. The Lady Jays won the game 6-5 and swept Alvernia.

Despite their 5-17 overall record with 0-4 in the conference, the Lady Jays will not give up.

"We have not wavered; our number 1 goal is a Commonwealth Conference Championship. One out, one inning, one game at a time. We sill... sold the rope!" Staib said.

The Lady Jays return home today for their match up against Franklin & Marshall College. F&M will be a non-conference matchup, however Saturday they will play conference member Albright College in a home doubleheader.

march madness

Final four compete for championship

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

After a crazy three-week spread of basketball games, the 64-team March Madness field has been narrowed to the final four: Michigan State University, University of Connecticut, Villanova University and North Carolina. Fifteen total upsets have occurred so far, resulting in the elimination of two of the top-seeded teams, including the overall number-one. Let's jump to my predictions:

UConn over MSU

MSU has had an incredible ride so far, but their streak will end with the Huskies. It won't be an easy game for UConn, though, as MSU has the power to shut down the Huskies with their defense. The Huskies, average nearly 80 points a game, need to create turnovers if they want to take the game. MSU averaged 16 turnovers in the six losses they have so far, and the Huskies must force them to do the same in this game. If they can do that, the Huskies advance to the big dance.

UNC over Villanova

Villanova is one of the most powerful teams in the tournament despite a number three-seed. Their defensive pressure is strong as they give their opponents almost no room to shoot. In their elite eight game against Pitt, the Wildcats held Pitt's star Dejaun Blaire to only nine shooting attempts. While Nova does have what it takes, North Carolina is simply unstoppable. They average 89.3 points a game as opposed to Nova's 77. The Tarr Heels are hot right now. Look for them to advance.

National Champion:

North Carolina

etown men's lacrosse

Jays win big in final minutes; crush Griffons

Paige M. Tanner
Staff Writer

The Blue Jay men's lacrosse team defeated the DeSales Bulldogs 8 to 5.

Junior Kyle Huckle scored the first goal with 8:56 left in the first quarter. DeSales answered quickly with a goal in the next minute. The Blue Jays had to fight to end up on top.

After DeSales returned the call, Etown scored once again with a man-up goal by first-year Evan Cobb. The goals went back and forth for the quarter. Before the first half ended, the Bulldogs dug in to tie the score 2-2.

The second quarter of the game opened with juniors Keith Staulters and Jon Day each scoring. The lead was now 4-2. DeSales responded with a goal with 8:26 left on the clock. Scoring goals is only a part of winning a game, but Staulters loves it none the less. "It feels good to score a goal. I mean, knowing that it helps the team win is what makes it feel good," Staulters said.

Once the third quarter started, Etown revived the engine and the goals erupted. Seconds into the quarter Staulters scored his second goal of the game. The Bulldogs accepted none of it, scoring seconds afterward. The Blue Jays still held the lead by one. Sophomore Greg Kenneally was on fire, scoring two goals in the next three minutes. The score was 7- 5.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Senior Ryan McCafferty makes a shot against Manhattanville College March 28. McCafferty finished the game with three goals, his last goal with two minutes left to win the game for the Jays.

The Blue Jays were not done yet.Senior Ryan McCafferty scored his 13th goal of the season with 4:14 left in the last quarter. The final score was 8-5, Etown.

Sat. the 28th the boys took it to Manhattanville, winning by a goal scored in the last minutes of the fourth quarter.

McCafferty started off the first quarter for Etown to get the lead. During the second quarter, Manhattanville evened the score. The Blue Jays amped up their offense when sophomore Greg Kenneally scored twice and Aaron Weber found the net to create a 4-1 lead.

Early in the third quarter, Manhattanville sliced the score to 4-3. McCafferty answered back shortly with another goal to reinstate the two goal lead. Following a goal from Manhattanville, sophomore Brian Schaaf scored another one. After the third quarter, the score was a close 6-5. The Blue Jays were holding on.

The third quarter was a battle. Weber scored to heighten the lead, but the Valiants answered. They scored two goals to tie the game at 7-7 with only seven minutes left.

Etown grabbed at every opportunity. Weber scored again with an assist from Kenneally. However once again, Manhattanville tied it up. The Jays' defense did some damage: junior Phil Robinson had five ground balls, and Day and sophomore Brent Campbell had four ground balls apiece.

"To stop our opponent from scoring goals, we all have to work as one. It's a great feeling when all our defenders are working in unison to stop a goal. It builds chemistry, and we all have to pull together to get the job done," Day said

Sophomore goalie Hunter Malick made his 11th save in the third quarter to protect the score. McCafferty scored the last goal of the game to give Etown the win.

Yesterday, the Blue Jays faced non-conference Gwenedd-Mercy College. The men defeated the Griffins by a startling 20-5. Weber had four goals in the win.

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Athlete of the Week

Tom Semanek

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is jacked to name senior catcher Tom Semanek as this issue's Athlete of the Week.

Are you ready to hear some amazing stats? I hope so. March 27 in the Jay's game at Arcadia, Semanek proved his merit as cleanup batter. He can get on base without hitting it out out of the park as he went 3-6. The Jays won 12-3 as a result.

The next day, March 28, Arcadia came to Etown for a doubleheader. In the first game ,Semanek had another .500 average going 2-4, scoring two runs and one RBI. In game two he performed one of the most exciting plays in the baseball world: a grand slam. It may have been his only hit for the day, but he definitely made it count. He was also walked once as the Jays continued to sweep the Knights in their three-game series.

Photo: Adam P. Sheibley

So far this season Semanek is batting a mind numbing .451, better than Boston Red Sox shortstop Julio Lugo's .450 average. Semanek has also had 13 multi-hit games and five-multi hit games. That's pretty impressive, if I do say so myself. But not only can he hit that ball he also has a .993 fielding percentage in his 18 games behind the dish.

Next for the Jays is a three-game series against Albright on Friday and Saturday. Good luck to the Jays and congratulations to Tom Semanek on being named *the Etownian's* Athlete of the Week.

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Turkey club
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April 5: @ Kings
April 6: Juniata

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on campus

Health Services may close, relocate; options in review

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If you live in the quads, the apartments or even Founders, you may think it's a bit of a hike to get to the health center.

In the near future, you might be walking or even driving somewhere else to get medical care.

Elizabethtown College is currently looking at a different health services model.

"The College is considering a variety of options," Dean of students Marianne Calenda said.

Last year, Health Services was analyzed by Keeling and Associates as a "comprehensive higher education consulting firm with a proven track record of client service and commitment to higher education." Keeling and Associates concluded that Health Services was located in an "old, inadequate [building], and poorly located on campus," according to the report. "It conveys a poor image of professional health care that undermines the department's efforts to establish and enhance credibility among students."

Calenda discussed how the College's first choice was to create a new space for Health Services upstairs in the BSC near the Center for Student Success. That way, students would be able to access counseling services and healthcare all in the same place. Unfortunately, this solution was deemed unsuitable due to the lack of space and the location's inaccessibility in an emergency.

One option would be is to create a partnership with an outside health care provider, such as Penn State Hershey, which is located behind the alumni house.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Elizabethtown College's Health Services building is located across from Campus Security on Mount Joy Avenue. Its future location and existence are in question, as different options for health services are in consideration.

Students who would have to walk to this facility would not have a much longer walk to get to Health Services and would be able to have more access to this location than the current Health Center.

Sandy Spayd, director of Health Services, said that Facilities has upgraded the building since the study

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on campus

Resident Assistant applications surge in times of need

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There has been a definite increase in the number of applications to become Residential Assistants next year here at Elizabethtown College. Many reflect that this increase may have much to do with the current troubled condition of the economy at home as well as abroad.

The recession may have more students and parents thinking of Residential Assistant positions because students in this position are paid on a bi-weekly basis.

RA's look out for those students in their building as a parent would. Residential Assistance can be a tough job alongside the other tasks college students must keep up with, but it also could help put a student through college with minimal debt.

At Etown this year, three quarters of the Residential Assistant staff will return. Usually about half are retained, but this year has yielded many more.

There is not only an increase in the number of returning Resident Assistants, but there is a high number of new applicants for the positions as well.

Director of Residence Life Allison Bridgeman believes that the surge of applications has a lot to do with the current state of the economy.

"Problems with the economy may have hit some families harder than others, and they may need new ways to pay for school," Bridgeman said. "Students are looking for ways to do that." In a survey of Resident Assistants, about half said returning next year had to do with the economy. Others said the money definitely was a positive benefit to the program.

The most surprising aspect of the rise in Resident Assistant applications was not that there was a shortage of applications in the past, but that the wave of applications this year was the most the College has seen in four or five years.

Unfortunately, the influx of new applicants and the increase of returning Residential Assistants is that it doesn't leave many available positions. There are about 55 applications for fewer than 10 spots. This can be a problem for those deciding who receives the job. "It's a leadership position," Bridgeman said. The selection of these leaders is a very precise process, and the student must be responsible.

A recent article in The New York Times also focused on the increased interest in Residential Assistant positions in colleges around the U.S. Many other colleges are seeing increased numbers of applicants for those positions.

Residential Assistance may be the solution for some students, but only for a few. Students will have to search for other ways to pay for their education. Residential Assisting is a hard job, but it can be rewarding and well worth the trouble in order to stay in college.

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Jupiter's great red spot may be shrinking. The spot is actually a storm that has been raging for hundreds of years. Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, have concluded that the storm lost 15 percent of its diameter between 1996 and 2006.

The storm measures approximately three Earth lengths across and has been observed since the late 1870s. Little is known of how it has lasted so long, though some scientists believe it is a more stable, high-pressure storm, rather than the low-pressure hurricanes Earth experiences.

The Iowa and Vermont supreme courts both voted to cut down bills for state laws that would have banned gay marriages last Wednesday and Tuesday, respectively. This makes Iowa and Vermont the third and fourth states to allow same-sex marriage, following Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Opponents in Iowa have already begun lobbying the legislature for an Iowa Marriage Amendment that would define marriage as between a man and a woman.

A young girl from a household with two mothers proclaimed, "I'm really, really happy. I feel that my family has always had this right, and today it is true. No longer shall we be just people who aren't allowed to be married. We are able to get married."

Five children were found murdered in their home near Tacoma, Wash. Saturday afternoon. The four girls and one boy ranged from ages 7 to 16. The girls were found shot in their beds; the boy was found in the bathroom.

The children were killed by their father after he was informed that his wife was leaving him for another man. He was found dead several miles away in his still-running car, the result of a gunshot to the head.

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in the world

North Korea defies UN, launches missile

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While we have been in a war for many years now, many of our citizens do not feel threatened. That feeling of security changed as North Korea decided to set up and then launch a missile this past week. North Korea referred to the project as a rocket carrying a communications satellite. However, Washington calls it an intercontinental ballistic missile.

CNN reported Thursday that North Korea had begun to fuel the rocket, a sign that they planned to launch very soon. The United States thought that North Korea would refrain from launching it because the nation was preoccupied with the two American journalists detained on charges of "perpetrating hostile acts against the country". The U.S. was wrong in its assumption.

Sunday, North Korea defied international expectations and launched their rocket. While North Korea claimed they were only putting a satellite into space, the rest of the world saw it as a symbol of the country's growing technological capabilities, and the possibility of nuclear missile technology.

The United States Northern Command issued a statement saying that, according to their assessment, the rocket flew over Japan, with its only payload landing into the Pacific Ocean. Nothing was put into orbit, and nothing fell on Japan. However, North Korea claims to have successfully launched the rocket launched and planted a satellite in orbit. The United Nations Security Council called an emergency meeting in response to the launch.

The U.S. believes that North Korea did this to prove to other countries that they are powerful are capable of inflicting damage. President Barack Obama stated that this move made by North Korea "threatened the security of nations near and far."

In a recent speech, Obama said that he is going to push the Security Council to take strong action.

"Now is the time for a strong international response, and North Korea must know that the path to security and respect will never come through threats and illegal weapons," Obama said.

Although there has been much international discussion regarding response to North Korea's actions, the path which will be taken remains unclear. Many countries are worried about what may happen between the United States and North Korea. Nations are also concerned about what other weapons North Korea may have in their arsenal.

"If you had told me that this was going to happen a few years ago, I would not have believed it to be true," sophomore Lauren Selleck said. "Now that I actually saw proof of a country, no matter if it's North Korea, shooting a missile, I'm now kind of worried."

While there have always been countries threatening other nations for one reason or another, many people did not take concerns then as seriously as they do today.

Because North Korea has demonstrated their weapons capabilities, the international community is now in a state of increased fear and suspense.

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North Korean citizens watch a telecast of the rocket launch Sunday. Its launch defied warnings from the United States and the United Nations.

in the world

Earthquakes strike Italy; damages severe

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
News Editor

A magnitude 6.3 earthquake ripped through central Italy Monday morning, killing more than 100 people. More than 1500 were reported injured.

The Italian Civil Protection Agency estimated a death toll in excess of 100, but other media reported even higher numbers.

Italy's prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, declared the country in a state of emergency and postponed a trip to Russia.

L'Aquila, a historic college city about 60 miles north of Rome, experienced jolts around 3:30 a.m. Frightened residents rushed out into the streets as historic building toppled. Many of the structures dated back to the 13th century.

The quake only lasted about 30 seconds, but rubble quickly filled the streets, blocking rescue efforts and burying cars.

Rescuers dug through the rubble with their bare hands, searching for survivors.

In L'Aquila, tens of thousands of people have been removed from their homes, many of them taken to the city's main stadium. A tent city has also been set up to accommodate other survivors.

"It was the apocalypse," resident Maria Francesco told reporters. "Our house collapsed. It's destroyed, and there's nothing left to recover."

An employee at a physics institute in Gran Sasso, near L'Aquila, is demanding an official apology for what he says was a failure to act on his predictions of a quake like this last month. Giacchino Giuliania said authorities dismissed him as a "scaremonger."

Joshua Brothers, an American missionary in L'Aquila, described the damages to the historic buildings of the city. "If you look along the way, there are many palazzi that are cracked, and walls have fallen onto some of them," Brothers said. "Most of the buildings in the city center are more than 100 years old, and so they have walls that are a lot weaker than other palazzi that are made of reinforced concrete. So there were a lot more damages actually inside the city."

President Obama, speaking Monday in Turkey, sent condolences to those affected. "We hope we are able to get rescue teams in and minimize the damage as much as possible," he said.

Pope Benedict XVI also offered his sympathy. He was praying for the victims, the Vatican said in a statement Monday; "especially the children."

The area also experienced three significant aftershocks within six hours of the quake, ranging from magnitude 4.3 to 4.8.

Italy is located near two major fault lines, making it more prone to earthquakes than most other European countries. A 6.5 magnitude quake in 1980 killed nearly 3,000 people in southern Italy. Other earthquakes in 1908, 1915 and 1930 killed tens of thousands of people.

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A 6.3 magnitude earthquake tore through central Italy Monday morning, killing over 100 people. The college city of L'Aquila was hit especially hard.

in the world

Surprise: president in Iraq

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President Obama is swarmed by soldiers seeking photos and handshakes outside Baghdad. His visit Tuesday was predicted during his travels this week, but was still surprising.

President Barack Obama visited Iraq for the first time in his presidency Tuesday. The commander-in-chief's unannounced visit was the capstone in a week of overseas travel. The trip occurred just one day after six car bombings killed 33 people. Eight more were killed in a separate incident Tuesday.

Shortly after Air Force One touched down, Obama traveled to the Camp Victory military base outside Baghdad's airport. American soldiers lined the road, standing five to eight deep, in order to salute the president.

The president used this visit as an opportunity to address the troops. Obama spoke inside a palace located on the base as many soldiers snapped photographs and recorded his speech. Mr. Obama, who has opposed the war, stated that the Iraqis must now "take responsibility for their country and for their sovereignty."

Obama also affirmed the troops' efforts. "You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country," the president said. "That is an extraordinary achievement and for that you have the thanks of the American people."

Earlier at a university in Istanbul, Obama stood behind his decision to oppose the war and to push for a speedy withdrawal. However, he said that it was necessary to transfer power to the Iraqi peace-keeping forces at a reasonable rate.

The president stated that he must ensure "that we do things in a responsible fashion."

The current timetable for withdrawal from Iraq calls for the number of troops to remain high until after the Parliamentary election in December.

"This is going to be a critical period, these next 18 months," Obama said in reference to the ultimate deadline of troop withdrawal from Iraq, set for August 2010.

in the world

Lawmakers meet Castro

Peter S. Northrop
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A few members of Congress' black caucus met Tuesday with ailing communist icon Fidel Castro in Cuba. This comes a day after the legislator's met with Raul Castro, Fidel's brother and Cuba's current president.

This meeting sparked speculation that the United States may try to change the state of its relationship with Cuba.

Three members of Congress were alleged to have met with Castro, chief among them Representative Barbara Lee, a Democratic House representative from California.

The meeting happened by chance. Lawmakers were visiting the Latin American School of Medicine in Havana when a diplomat invited them to meet with Castro.

There are no details yet on the nature of the discussion between members of Congress and the elderly revolutionary, and the White House had not responded to the meeting as of press time.

However, many believe that this is the beginning of an attempt to restructure the U.S.-Cuba relationship. They may be right.

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 after Castro and his communist supporters overthrew the government. Since Castro's takeover, there has been a trade embargo with the island nation, and most American citizens are not allowed to travel there. In the 1960s, the U.S. went as far as training to Cuban ex-nationals in combat so that they could invade the island, overthrow Castro's regime and implement democratic rule.

However, President Obama has said that he is willing to pursue a more peaceful relationship with Cuba.

There is no word yet if this unexpected meeting with the Communist leaders is part of a grander plan to pursue diplomacy.

Obama's plans to improve relations with Cuba include loosening travel restrictions to the country, allowing Cuban-Americans to visit family members and send them funds. This will affect an estimated 1.5 million Americans.

"It's time to let Cuban-Americans see the their mothers and their fathers, their sisters and their brothers," Obama said during a campaign speech in Miami last year. "It's time to let Cuban-American money make their families less dependent on the Castro regime."

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HS analyzed, reviewed

came out, making the structure more suitable and useful. The rooms upstairs have been changed into exam rooms and other changes will be made to make the building a more workable environment.

Keeling and Associates acknowledged that Health Service's strength lies in its employees. "The greatest asset of Health Services is the dedication and student-mindedness of its director and staff," the report stated.

Spayd agreed that the commitment of the staff to student well-being and the efforts of Students Promoting Awareness and Responsible Choices (SPARC) are a huge benefit to the College. "We have one of the best SPARC groups that I've ever seen," she said.

Spayd discussed how the Health Center has used both physical changes to the building and multimedia additions to increase its effectiveness. She is very excited about "The Well," a virtual center for personal well-being. The Well allows individuals to evaluate their emotional, physical, intellectual, social and spiritual health and provides resources for them to improve their well-being.

Calenda is currently in the process of researching other options for Etown's healthcare next year. "Regardless of what we do, the College is committed to having Health Services," she said. She also mentioned that no decision will be made without consulting Student Senate and asking for their thoughts on the matter.

Not all Etown students may find the changes pleasant, however. "I think it's absurd," sophomore Dave Spelfogel said. "If people are sick, they don't want to walk farther than they have to. Health Services is good the way it is."

Other students agree. "[Health Services] is a little far, but it's definitely closer than it would be off campus," first-year Sarah Knapp said.

"I had mono and it was far to walk even down there," first-year Kaitlin Strunk concurred.

Etown will still provide essential health care for its students; they just may not be flocking to the same building next year.

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on campus

Williams preaches peace after teaching, volunteering

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Jody Williams came to speak April 2 about putting her beliefs into action. Williams was 1997 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in treaties against land mines.

Jamie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Some people may wonder why anyone trying to change the world would start by eliminating land mines when there are still starving, poverty-stricken nations. But imagine this: you leave for school one morning, watching your every step, awaiting an explosion from the ground.

It must be a good day as you walk through the front doors of your school building in one piece, not having to worry about losing a limb until your walk home. However, back at home, your grandmother leaves to collect dinner for that night. Along the way, she steps too far to the left and is killed instantly, her body torn to shreds by a land mine planted decades ago during the Vietnam War. A soldier could plant a land mine, and years later, it could kill his great grandson. Thousands of innocent people are still maimed by land mines years after the war.

Throughout her college career at the University of Vermont, Jody Williams was an avid peace advocate, fighting for what she felt was right.

It wasn't until a stranger on the street handed her a brochure that she discovered an issue about which she became extremely passionate. The brochure was titled "El Salvador another Vietnam?" Thinking she was positively crazy for even attending a meeting about the topic, Williams later found herself on the street handing out those very brochures, spreading the word about her cause.

Elizabethtown College was lucky enough to have Williams share her experiences and inspirational stories of her traveling adventures as she spreads peace and shares her passion. Thursday, April 2, Etown students and campus community joined Williams in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center to learn that Jody Williams is a wimp. That is, if peace is for wimps, Williams is one. In a world where human beings should matter more than institutions, Williams wanted to make the world a more secure and accepting place. It is all about belief and action, as she described.

"I'm an ordinary citizen who didn't wait," Williams said. "You need people who believe the same thing you do — who share the same thing you do — for change." She understood that to be the change she wanted to see in the world, she needed to first educate others and make them recognize the issues going on around them.

It took her five years to cultivate her campaign and encourage other countries to sign the treaty. Today, 80 percent of the world is part of it. Citizens around the world come together and work to help each other understand humanity. Williams mentioned that the second happiest day of her life (the first being her wedding day) was Sept17, 1997: the day when 90 countries terminated the succession of the mine ban treaty.

"It's not 'kumbaya,'" Williams said in her talk about peace and acceptance. To reach the level of peace we would all like to see in the world, a sense of total security is vital. The security of education, finance, love and acceptance is needed. We all need to live for something, to make a statement. When there are 4 billion people in Poland who live on less than $2 a day, our world cannot be considered secure, Williams stated, relating upon decisions of George Bush. Peace is getting up every single day and discovering a way to make a difference. According to Williams, peace is action.

After years of teaching, traveling and volunteering, Williams founded the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). In 1997, her hard work paid off when 122 nations signed the treaty, earning Williams the honor of the Nobel Peace Prize.

She was head of the mission to report the situation of human rights in Darfur and the needs in Sudan. She became one of six women in the Nobel Women's Initiative to represent various continents in order to bring together their experiences in an effort for peace and justice.

Today, when Williams is not serving as campaign ambassador, she can be found at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work as a notable professor.

In order to make a difference, Williams encourages her audience to get involved.

She preached that individual and collective action is the only thing that really matters. With the amount of damage that fraud, lying and greed have done to our economy and our nations, Williams' solution is to take action without waiting.

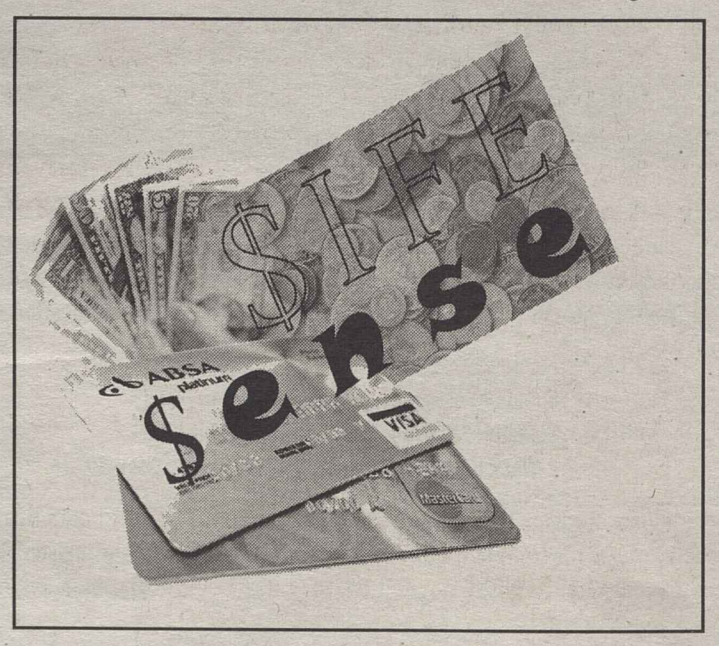
As she travels around the country and speaks to audiences, preaching peace, she asks just one thing of us: "Care about something — anything. I don't care what you care about — it's the action."

SIFE Sense

Learn loan lowdown, survive the struggle, SIFE says

In this time of financial disarray, there is much concern over the continuity of student loans. Etown's college trust will continue to fund merit- and need-based scholarships into the near future, but those with loans from independent banks or savings and loan agencies may want to examine the status of their lender.

While most student loans have fixed interest rates, those with flexible interest loans may see their rates increase. Another option may eventually come from Washington, as the Obama administration has proposed an initiative to provide $4,000 to college students in exchange for community service. The administration has also promised to expand the total amount of government loan money distributed to students.



While analysts differ on whether or not the current downturn will impact most student loans, the Wall Street Journal has estimated that college endowment funds across the country have lost a total of $94 million so far, and the recession is not yet over. During this time of economic strife, the amount of money available from private institutions and banks will continue to decrease. If you are not currently receiving financial aid but expect to need it soon, you should apply for need-based monies at the College's Office of Financial Aid (located in Zug Memorial Hall) or seek government funding.

To determine if you qualify for benefits, you will need to complete a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available in the Financial Aid office. It is anticipated that more students will be in need of financial aid for the fall semester due to the increasing unemployment rate.

Recently, the national unemployment rate has skyrocketed due to the tenuous economic situation, and it appears that this trend will continue in the coming months. Financial aid is always beneficial if you can obtain it, and if you are in dire need of student funding, there is most likely some available from either the Office of Financial Aid or government-backed Stafford Loans.

According to the financial law Web site *www.RealDealDocs.com*, the most popular form of private student loan is the ParentPLUS loan, which requires a parent or guardian to cosign and pay if their child defaults on his or her loan.

Banks have scaled back their offering of this type of loan as their available financial capital has decreased. Hopefully, the Obama administration will hold true to its promises and increase the amount of money available for government-funded Pell Grants and Stafford Loans.

However, if you are paying off a flexible-rate bank loan, you will definitely want to check the bank's financial situation.

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on campus

April: national organ donor awareness month honored

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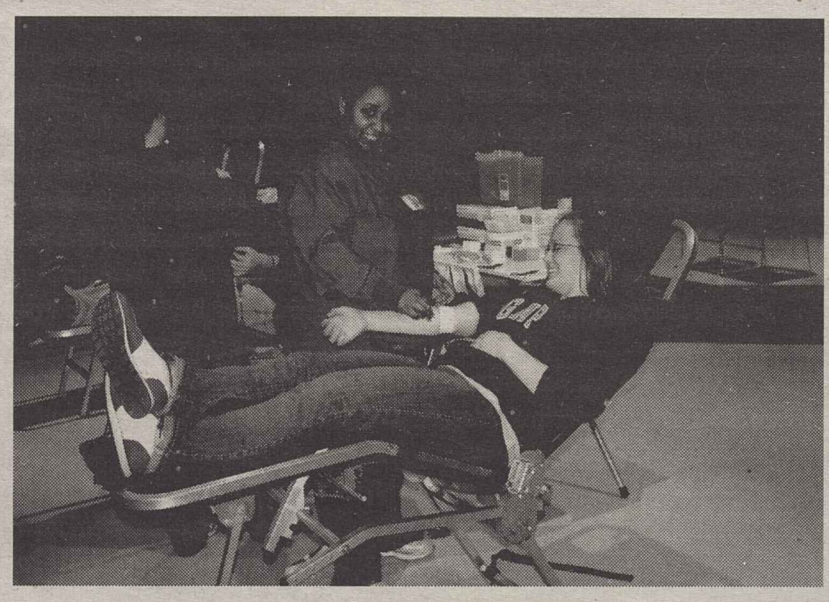
April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month, and several members of the Elizabethtown College community have graciously shared their stories of suffering, strength and survival.

Senior Bryan Williams received a kidney transplant Nov. 30, 2007 after a lifelong struggle with kidney problems. The experience for him was scary and unexpected, as a deceased donor suddenly became available. Since the chance may not have come again for years, the only choice was to immediately perform the surgery.

Recovery was slow, but Williams is grateful to have his life. "On a normal day, there are constant reminders of the transplant," he said, "and I think about the donor often. As a recipient, you always think of the person who gave the organ."

Junior Tammy Bateman faces the possibility of donating a kidney to her father within the next couple of years. Her father, George Bateman, received a transplant from a cadaver in 2004, and began showing signs of kidney failure again in the summer of 2008. Tammy is the last possible close relative who may be a match. Though she is afraid of the prospect of undergoing such a daunting process, she is much more scared of not being a match. Bateman would then have to enter the national transplant list, and there is no telling how long that wait could be. "The hardest thing for him was to ask his children for something like that," Tammy said. "But of course I'm going to help if I can. It's one of those things you don't question."



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Students were able to donate blood in the Event Space yesterday to help with the blood shortage in Pennsylvania. April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month.

Sophomore Joelle Atkinson, Assistant Campus Life Editor for *the Etownian*, was diagnosed with Infantile Polycystic Kidney Disease as a baby. Cysts grew on her kidneys, which pressed up against her lungs and prevented her from breathing. At 18 months old, Atkinson received a kidney transplant from her father. However, the disease worsened as she grew older.

At 9, she received another kidney and a liver from a donor. According to Atkinson, the process made her stronger and a better person. "Things don't as easily get me down," she said. If she had the chance to donate an organ, she would do it "in a heartbeat." One person alone, she points out, could save 20 or even 30 lives.

Etown's Payroll Assistant, Cheri Way, donated a kidney to her brother-in-law March 6, 2007. When she learned that someone close to her was in need, Way knew she had to help. "It's a calling," she explained. "I'm supposed to do this." Though the operation was less than comfortable, Way insists that the rewards "far outweigh any physical pain I experienced." If she could grow another kidney, she would definitely donate again. "It is immensely fulfilling to watch someone get their life back," she said.

Assistant swim coach Allison Kreider held a bone marrow donor drive in honor of her son, Tyler, last April. In 1998, Tyler was diagnosed with a pre-leukemic form of cancer called Myelodysplastic Syndrome, for which the only cure for children is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, before he could receive the transplant, Tyler passed away from an infection in June 1999, 11 days short of his first birthday. "College kids don't necessarily think of life and death situations," Kreider said, but by donating bone marrow, "you can save somebody's life while you're still alive."

It normally costs $52 to get tested for eligibility through the National Marrow Donor Program, but in May National Marrow Donor Program Month – all testing fees are waived.

If organ donation saves so many lives, why aren't more people willing to do it? There are many misconceptions about organ donation. The most common one is probably the idea that paramedics and doctors will not try as hard to save a person who has "Organ Donor" on his or her license.

According to the Discovery Health Web site, this is entirely false: "The medical staff trying to save lives is completely separate from the transplant team." Bateman concurred.

"They don't even check to see if you're an organ donor until you've passed away," she said.

Another misconception is that organ donation goes against the teachings of certain religions. However, according to Organdonor.gov, the official U.S. Government Web site for organ and tissue donation, "most religions support organ and tissue donation as a charitable act of love and giving." These include Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Lutheranism, Episcopalianism, Mormonism and many more.

Over 101,000 Americans are waiting for a transplant right now. Of those, 79,000 need at least one kidney, which is one of the only organs that can come from a living donor.

Anyone interested in getting tested for eligibility is encouraged to visit the National Kidney Foundation Web site, *www.kidney.org*, or the United Network for Organ Sharing Web site, *www.unos.org*.

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Percussion ensemble to perform various types of music

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When you've finished your taxes this April 15, take a break and attend this semester's percussion ensemble event, sponsored by the fine and performing arts department (FAPA). The event brings together the Elizabethtown percussion ensemble and the Congueros who will shake, rub, scrape, hit or do anything else with their instruments to produce musical tones.

When asked what makes this event so special, adjunct faculty member James Armstrong said, "This concert is strictly percussion-oriented, both Western and non-Western traditions."

The Ensemble incorporates drumming, singing and dancing into each performance presentation," Armstrong said.

Etown Congueros, along with the percussion ensemble, "specializes in the traditional folkloric music of the Caribbean and West Africa," Armstrong said.

Senior Laura Francis who is a member of the Congueros uses drums and small shakers and bells to create their unique sound. "What first attracted me to it is how different the music is from what I usually listen to and play," Francis said.

The conga is the main instrument of the Congueros, and it is basically a tall, narrow and single-headed Cuban drum. The conga originated in Africa and is most likely decended from the Congolese Makuta drums or Sikulu drums. They were commonly played in the Congo. Simply put, a person who plays conga is called a "conguero," from which the ensemble derives its name. Though the more traditional African drums are made from hollowed logs, the traditional Cuban ones are more staved, appearing like barrels. Both types appear in Afro-Caribbean religious music. Additionally, congas are also very common in salsa, meringue and other forms of popular music.

At the event, "the works by Percy Grainer, George Hamilton Green and Ney Rosauro are mallet works incorporating marimba and xylophone in a quartet setting," Armstrong said.

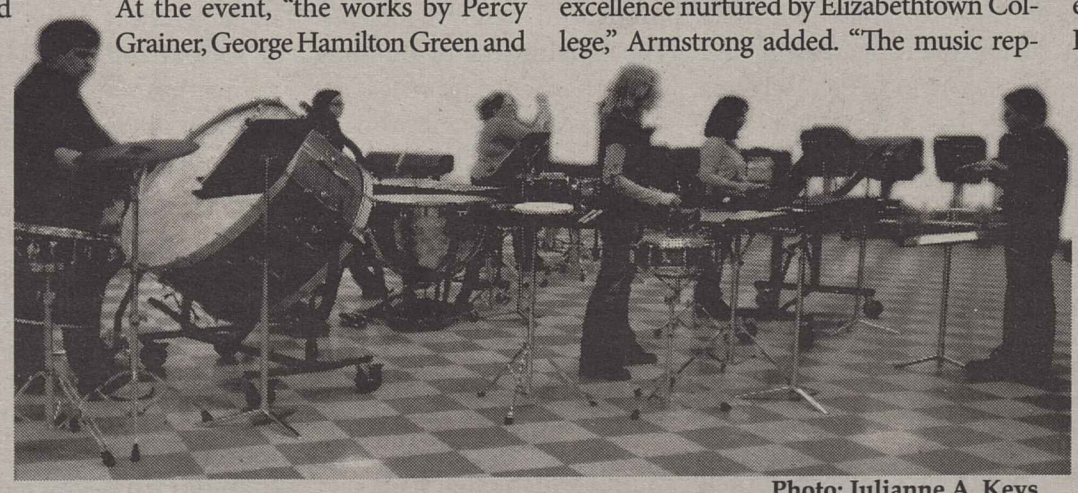

Photo: Julianne A. Keys

Etown students rehearse their performance for the percussion ensemble.They play both Western and non-Western styles of percussion music.

"The music is very energetic and exciting," Francis said. "We have added African dance to our repertoire this semester and will be performing it for the first time at this concert!"

One style of music incorporated into the event is ragtime, which dates back to the early 20th century. Ragtime is one of the American-based musical genres and has pre-jazz tones that influenced the genre know today.

"The ensembles uphold a standard of excellence nurtured by Elizabethtown College," Armstrong added. "The music represents a commitment to multiculturalism and open-mindedness that is a part of the Etown mission."

Armstrong is the musical director of both the Percussion Ensemble and the Congueros. Living in the greater Philadelphia area, Armstrong commutes to Etown multiple times each week to teach classes and direct the two musical groups.

He teaches percussion methods for music education majors and music therapy majors. He also gives private percussion lessons for any level or area. Not only does he teach and direct, but he authors some of his own works as well. One of his areas of expertise includes Afro-Cuban and Afro-Haitian hand drumming.

"Both music majors and non-music majors with an interest in percussion are invited to attend," Armstrong suggested.

The concert will last approximately 60-90 minutes, so come to the Event Space at 7:30 the night of April 15 to explore this area of music. "It will be an excellent representation of percussion music from around the world," Armstrong said.

The event is free and open to the public, and FAPA encourages everyone to attend. "It will certainly be a special evening of great music," Armstrong concluded.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Police fluff pillow fight

Police in Detroit ruffled some feathers after they cracked down on an organized pillow fight at a downtown park.

The Detroit News reported that police at Campus Martius Park prevented the feathery fight Saturday by disarming pillow-toting participants.

The bout was part of a worldwide event organized on social networking Web sites. Michael Davis of Hamtramck said police confiscated the thirty-two-year-old Michael pillows but returned their cases.

Davis said he was told that he needed a permit. Scott Harris of Ferndale told the News that it's "not illegal to own a pillow." Detroit police spokesman James Tate said cleanup was the issue.

Lucky catch

He's lucky she said yes, and he's also lucky the diamond engagement ring he dropped on the Brooklyn Bridge didn't end up in the river.

Don Walling fumbled the ring as he proposed to his girlfriend on the pedestrian walkway of the New York City bridge. But he valiantly shimmied down to the lower span — where car traffic travels — and found the bauble. It was slightly bent, but the diamonds were still in place.

A police van patrolling the bridge stopped traffic to let him retrieve it. The Coram resident and girlfriend Gina Pellicani plan to marry April 24, 2010, the anniversary of the beginning of their relationship four years ago.

Speedy Service at the DMV

A woman accused of driving 103 mph with her 10-year-old grandson was on leave from a job at the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services. The 53-year-old driver was arrested Sunday on charges of reckless driving and reckless endangerment.

Investigators said she told them she was teaching her grandson about the dangers of speeding, telling him not to drive like her. David House, an Oregon Department of Transportation spokesman, told the Salem Statesman Journal that the woman joined the DMV in 1988 and was placed on leave March 16.

The agency would not give a reason for her leave. House could not say how her arrest will affect her employment.

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in the world

Service learning initiative pursued; PACC

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I believe that service-learning is a fundamental form of experiential learning at Elizabethtown College that is clearly mission-centered," Dr. Michele Lee Kozimor-King, assistant professor of sociology, said. In the words of the keynote speaker Steve Jones, service-learning here is "mission critical." What we are currently seeing at Elizabethtown is a move toward more integration of service-learning with the academic curriculum.

Last Friday, Kozimor-King and Nancy Valkenburg traveled to the PACC Assessment Institute to talk about service learning here at Etown. "From my experience at the workshop, it appears that this movement is part of a national trend," Kozimor-King said. "At the PACC, I learned tools and methodology to assess student learning and civic engagement."

Some of the tools and skills that were acquired at the conference included the Furco Rubric, Holland Matrix and the Bringle and Hatcher CAPSL model. Most of the workshop focused on the value of assessment of civic engagement.

"After attending, I'd like to see more institutional assessment of civic engagement here at Etown," Kozimor-King exclaimed. "I believe an important reason to assess civic engagement is to enhance student development through a holistic approach." She also believes that our college community needs to develop more clarity about what we want our graduates to look like. We should also then show how civic engagement can contribute to that vision. "I liked how assessment was seen as a path to learning," Kozimor-King said. "Assessment is valuable for its own sake since it improves the quality of student learning and faculty teaching."

Recently the office of Service-Learning has changed its name to the Office of Civic Engagement. Kozimor-King believes that this "is one positive step." Nancy Valkenburg has also proved to be a valuable resource in the office.

"She really understands the direction of the center and the mission of the College," Kozimor-King said. "I think she is a valuable leader in this area and has great ideas on how to move the center forward. After attending the workshop, I'm proud of Elizabethtown's foundation and believe that we have a good inventory of service-learning programs." Kozimor-King, who said the next step is maturing the concept of civic engagement and assessing the readiness and willingness of the campus community.

"The conference was about ways to integrate civic engagement with the mission and curriculum of the College," Kozimor-King said. She believes the living learning communities, such as Simple Living and Glaction, are an excellent model for the integration of civic engagement with academic curriculum.

"The College needs to be locally accountable," Kozimor-King exclaimed. "Etown needs to consider what it can do to serve the local community while at the same time producing graduates who are not only skilled professionals, but civic minded in their profession. I think a good example of this type of service-learning is the current Winters Heritage House Museum Community Survey Project being completed by the Sociology 331 Social Statistics class this semester."

This project being completed by Sociology 331 ties civic engagement not only to the curriculum of the class, but it also helps students develop specific skills. All of the workshop speakers came from schools that received the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. Most of the speakers highlighted the importance of such a ranking.

"I would hope that Etown would aspire to become one of those schools in the near future, perhaps in 2010," Kozimor-King stated. "In order to apply for the classification, more assessment of civic engagement would be necessary. This may be a stretch, but I loved learning about an academic service-learning faculty development program at Widener University where faculty develop a service-learning course in a semester long workshop."

Many schools represented at the workshop are beginning to integrate civic engagement into the first-year program. That may be something to consider in the future for the first-year experience here at Etown. "I would like to see more collaboration between the Center for Civic Engagement and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning here at Elizabethtown," Kozimor-King said.

"Sometimes it seems too time-consuming to integrate service-learning into the curriculum on your own," Kozimor-King said. "However, if there was a semester workshop to plan it out with a group of colleagues, it would be much more likely to happen."

on campus

Pulitzer winner speaks out about sprawl

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Remember the last time you drove to Lancaster? Whether it was to go to the outlets, the mall, ice skating or to buy fish from PetSmart, you probably noticed the plethora of rolling farmland that surrounds PA 743. Farmland is an iconic part of the Pennsylvania image. Just look at any Pennsylvania visitor's guide or map, and you will see pictures of Amish people and farms. Many Elizabethtown College students either on a farm or at least live close enough to smell it during spring planting season. But this sterotypical Pennsylvania image has a formidable foe: suburban sprawl.

Did you know that since the 1950s Pennsylvania has lost more than 4 million acres of farmland to suburban development? That's an area of land bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island put together! In fact, two Lancaster County farms, a combined total of 166 acres, are currently up for sale. One lot is described as "gently rolling farmland" ideal for residential development.

Thomas Hylton, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, wants to change all this. So far, he has given over 400 talks in 35 states about the advantages of traditional town living and how to reverse sprawl.

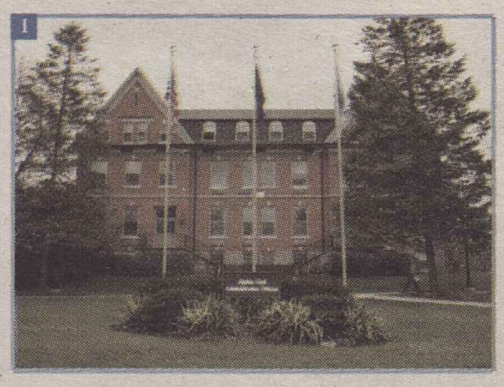
April 15, Hylton will share his knowledge with the Etown community. In his lecture "Save our Land, Save our Towns: Growing Communities, not Sprawl," Hylton reflects on the relationship between sprawling development and decaying cities. He explains that by building suburban communities, we have created neighborhoods that are segregated based on wealth. Since the wealthy can afford to move into suburban neighborhoods, with big houses and fancy protective gates, the poor become concentrated in inner-city neighborhoods. Those at or below the poverty line often live in slums, which often have easy access to drugs and seem to promote gangs and crime.

Hylton also highlights the dangers of using farmland to build subdivisions, which would have the most impact on the future of the Etown community. In his book, "Save our Lands, Save our Towns: A Plan for Pennsylvania," Hylton wrote, "What we've done is spend millions of dollars for new infrastructure to do little more than take our existing population and spread it around. We've ruined our wonderfully livable cities, and ravaged the countryside surrounding them, in order to create a terribly expensive and woefully inefficient way of life."

He expanded on this by saying that our suburban lifestyle has physically separated us from our schools, malls, grocery stores and places work. Less than 60 years ago, most people only lived 15 minutes away from where they worked, and children could walk to school every day. But thanks to suburban sprawl, we have moved away from our close-knit communities and become more socially isolated. Now, we have to drive to the grocery store. Students are often forced to ride the bus for over an hour to get home. Adults will often drive 30 minutes to get to their jobs.

But Hylton has a solution. He believes that the best way to save our farms and fields is to return to our heritage and reinvest in our traditional cities, villages and towns. Hylton believes that with government action, we can return our cities to their former splendor and preserve the farmland we associate so strongly with central Pennsylvania. By moving back into cities and towns, we can stop relying so heavily on our cars, reduce pollution and revitalize the small town community feel that was so prominent just decades ago.

The lecture will take place April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. It is free of charge and open to the public, but due to limited seating, free tickets are required. Tickets can be obtained by calling the College's ticket hotline at (717) 361-4757.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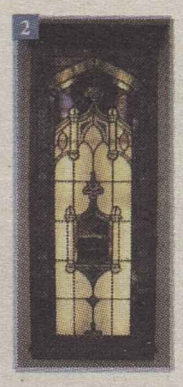
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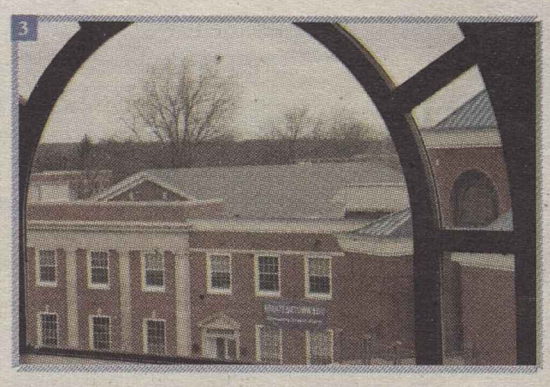
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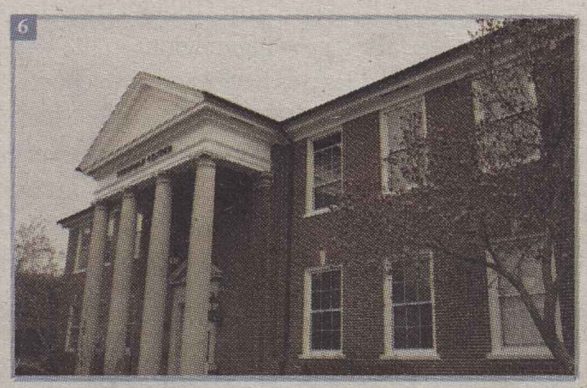
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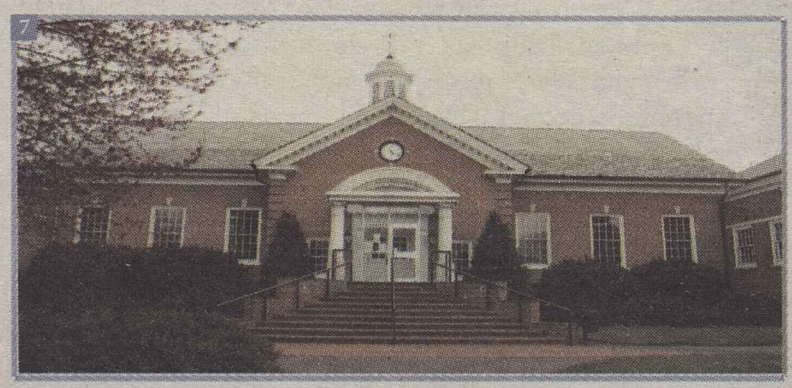
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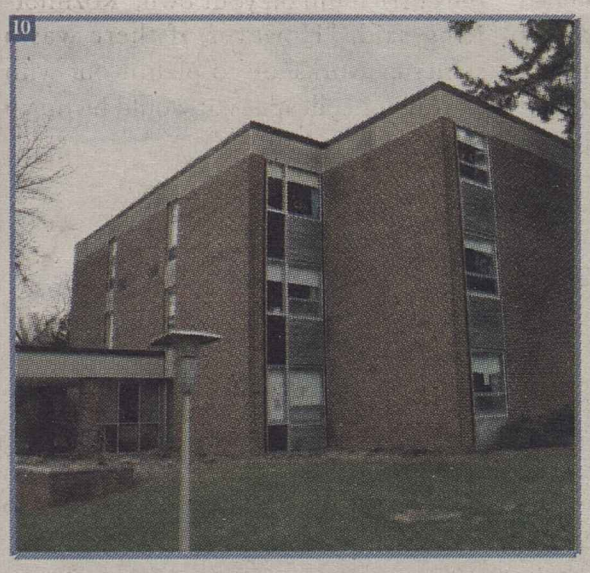
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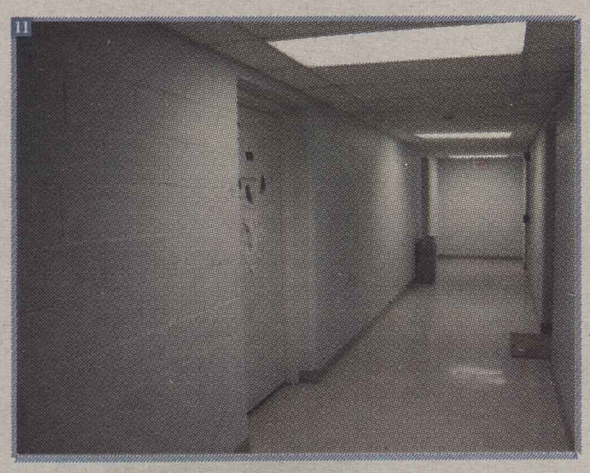
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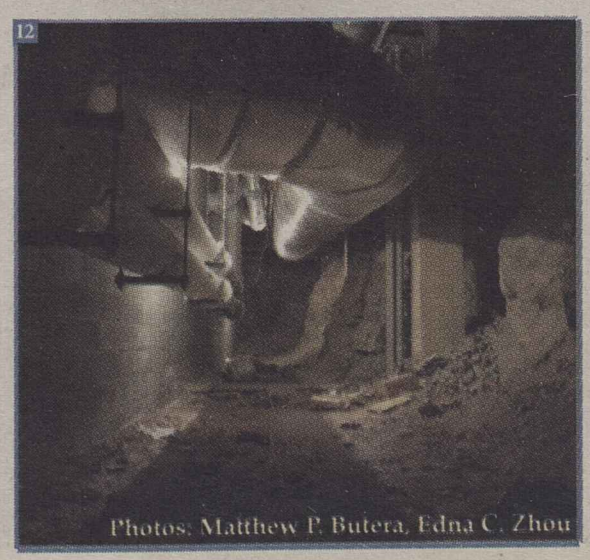
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campus quirks

You don't know jack 'bout Etown, yo

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Every day when you are crawling out of your dorm, heading to class, or sitting down in the BSC, you are walking around on our very own history book: Elizabethtown's campus. In our day-to-day activities, we hardly stop to think about what this place we call our temporary home used to be and still is — and how far it has come.

With the help of Director of Alumni Relations Barry Freidly '69 and senior Jake Keeler, here are 12 things that most people probably don't know about Etown's history:

One: This first piece of information is probably the most widely known, but is worth mentioning because of its importance. Alpha Hall was the original Elizabethtown College school house. Classrooms, dormitories, the library, and the cafeteria all resided in Alpha from 1899 until campus construction sped up.

Two: If you have seen Keeler's video vignettes on YouTube, you may be familiar with his quest for Rider Hall. It's no surprise that he did not find it here on campus (except in the old yearbooks), but he did learn that Rider Hall, the school's second building, used to exist until the 1980s where the J.G. Francis Memorial statue stands today. Because it was evaluated as unsafe, Rider was destroyed, but its stained glass windows still exist in the lobby of Leffler.

Three: Many people see our beloved Brossman Commons as either one large building or three separate buildings (Jay's, Concourse and Tempest Theater). However, the original student center was the Alumni Gymnasium, which stood where the Tempest Theater currently resides. If you were to stand at the library steps and look over at the BSC, you would see the original slate roof of the Alumni Gym. Built around that, of course, is the BSC we know today, but it has not remained unchanged.

Most people do not know that the pool in the BSC is not in-ground. It is actually fully suspended by columns, and you can walk underneath it. The Jay's Nest, at one point, was in the current dance studio, and the Marketplace was originally a game room. There was actually a hole in the floor of what is now the dining area, where students could overlook activities in the Event Space. In addition, the hallway by the theater office that leads to the pool was at one time a bowling alley. Etown definitely provided all sorts of entertainment.

Four: Wenger was once called Fairview. Built as the first residence on campus (other than the original rooms in Alpha), Fairview housed students until the 1970s and was, incidentally, the first building on campus with an elevator. Since then, the elevator has been removed.

Five: If you live in Myer, you might find it interesting to know that where your dorm stands, an apple orchard used to prosper. The school actually grew its own food during its early years, and the land under Myer reaped the benefits. Along the lines of food, Myer also housed the Marketplace (in what is now the Susquehanna Room) up until 2002.

Six: Steinman was originally Gibble Science Center. Upon its first construction, what we know as Steinman was a plain building without the elegant pillars and aesthetic strength it has today.

Seven: Zug was the College's first library, along with the miniature one included in Alpha. When Freidly attended Etown, it was colloquial to say you were "Zugging it" or "going Zugging," which meant you were going to the library. The Zug we know now was not the original completed edifice, either; the side wings, such as where the Business Office is housed, were added in the 1960s.

Eight: In the 1960s, according to Freidly, there was no Campus Security. Rather, there was only "Jessie the Cop." Apparently, Jessie only worked during the day and had one single duty — to ticket cars.

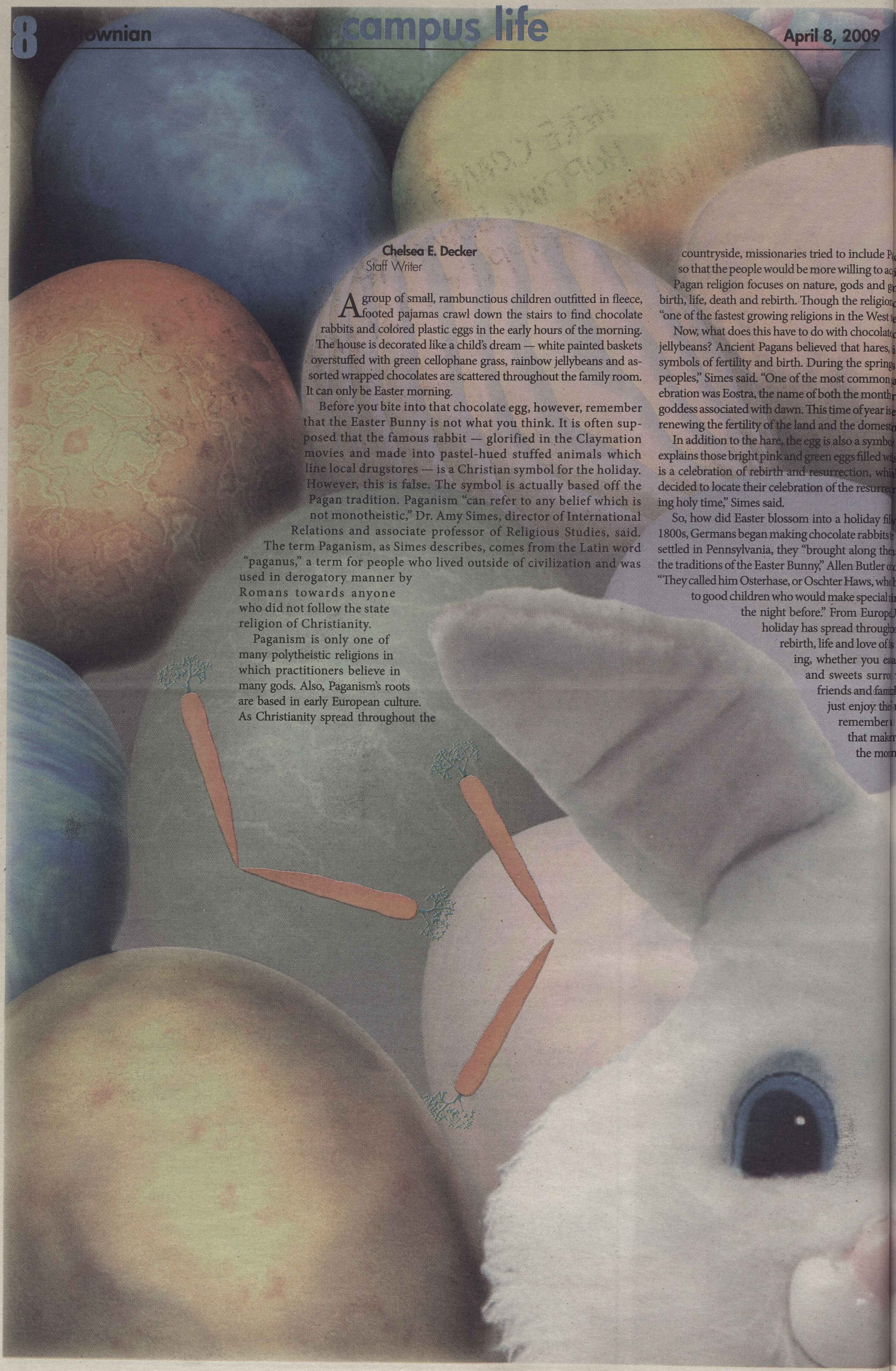
Nine: Have you ever wondered where Baugher Avenue is — besides Mail Services, I mean? The original Baugher Avenue was actually a well-used street with parking lots that ran along the current path between Brinser and Ober.

Ten: Why does Founders have such a different structure than the rest of the dorms? Originally, Founders was built as a Living Learning Center, similar to the LLCs now. However, the design plan was that professors would come to the middle lounges on each floor and teach their lessons there. Each discipline would live on a different floor, and it was thought that students would bond and better reflect on their daily lessons. However, this plan was never implemented.

Eleven: There are two large triples in the basement of the B wing in Ober with private bathrooms attached. While it would be every trio's dream to live there, both rooms were built as the "College Infirmary." According to Freidly, the walk-in showers were especially designed for messy illnesses and injuries, and the large rooms could hold a good number of patients. But for all of you who live in Ober, don't get too worried about the ghosts of deceased patients. Because of an increase in enrollment, the infirmary was never used, and the rooms were turned into dorms.

Twelve: Most interestingly, there are tunnels that run underneath Ober and Royer. In Ober, there are two that can be accessed from the utility room between the wings. What's more, there are trapdoors in the last rooms on the first floor. Royer's tunnel is also accessed through its utility room but has no trapdoors. All of the entrances for these tunnels, of course, are locked. However, similar tunnels under Nicarry are still accessible for utility purposes.

So there they are — 12 little-known pieces of Etown's history. It makes me wonder what else we don't know about this beloved school we call home.



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A group of small, rambunctious children outfitted in fleece, footed pajamas crawl down the stairs to find chocolate rabbits and colored plastic eggs in the early hours of the morning. The house is decorated like a child's dream — white painted baskets overstuffed with green cellophane grass, rainbow jellybeans and assorted wrapped chocolates are scattered throughout the family room. It can only be Easter morning.

Before you bite into that chocolate egg, however, remember that the Easter Bunny is not what you think. It is often supposed that the famous rabbit — glorified in the Claymation movies and made into pastel-hued stuffed animals which line local drugstores — is a Christian symbol for the holiday. However, this is false. The symbol is actually based off the Pagan tradition. Paganism "can refer to any belief which is not monotheistic," Dr. Amy Simes, director of International Relations and associate professor of Religious Studies, said.

The term Paganism, as Simes describes, comes from the Latin word "paganus," a term for people who lived outside of civilization and was used in derogatory manner by Romans towards anyone who did not follow the state religion of Christianity.

Paganism is only one of many polytheistic religions in which practitioners believe in many gods. Also, Paganism's roots are based in early European culture. As Christianity spread throughout the countryside, missionaries tried to include P[a]ces as m[u]so that the people would be more willing to ac[c]ian belief[s]Pagan religion focuses on nature, gods and g[o]nd a cycl[e]birth, life, death and rebirth. Though the religio[n]d for cen[turies]"one of the fastest growing religions in the West[,]es said.

Now, what does this have to do with chocolate[d] plastic [eggs]jellybeans? Ancient Pagans believed that hares, [r]ions of th[e]symbols of fertility and birth. During the spring[s] "comm[on]peoples," Simes said. "One of the most common associate[d]ebration was Eostra, the name of both the month[A]ril and th[e]goddess associated with dawn. This time of year is[a] new beginn[ing]renewing the fertility of the land and the domestic[a]nals."

In addition to the hare, the egg is also a symbo[l] in Pagan[ism]explains those bright pink and green eggs filled wi[th] candies and jelly[beans]is a celebration of rebirth and resurrection, whi[ch] probably why [they]decided to locate their celebration of the resurrec[tion] of Christ at thi[s]ing holy time," Simes said.

So, how did Easter blossom into a holiday fil[led] with sweets and[candies]1800s, Germans began making chocolate rabbits [to] celebrate the holid[ay]settled in Pennsylvania, they "brought along the[ir] customs with th[em]the traditions of the Easter Bunny," Allen Butler o[f] *Content.co[m]*"They called him Osterhase, or Oschter Haws, who brightly c[olored]to good children who would make special [n]ir caps an[d]the night before." From Europe[,] United St[ates]holiday has spread throughout the world, celeb[rating]rebirth, life and love of[ten]s Easter m[ean]ing, whether you e[at]ated cand[y]and sweets surro[und]your ow[n]friends and fam[ily]church, o[r]just enjoy the rebirth, remember[ing] roots that make[s] any all the morning.

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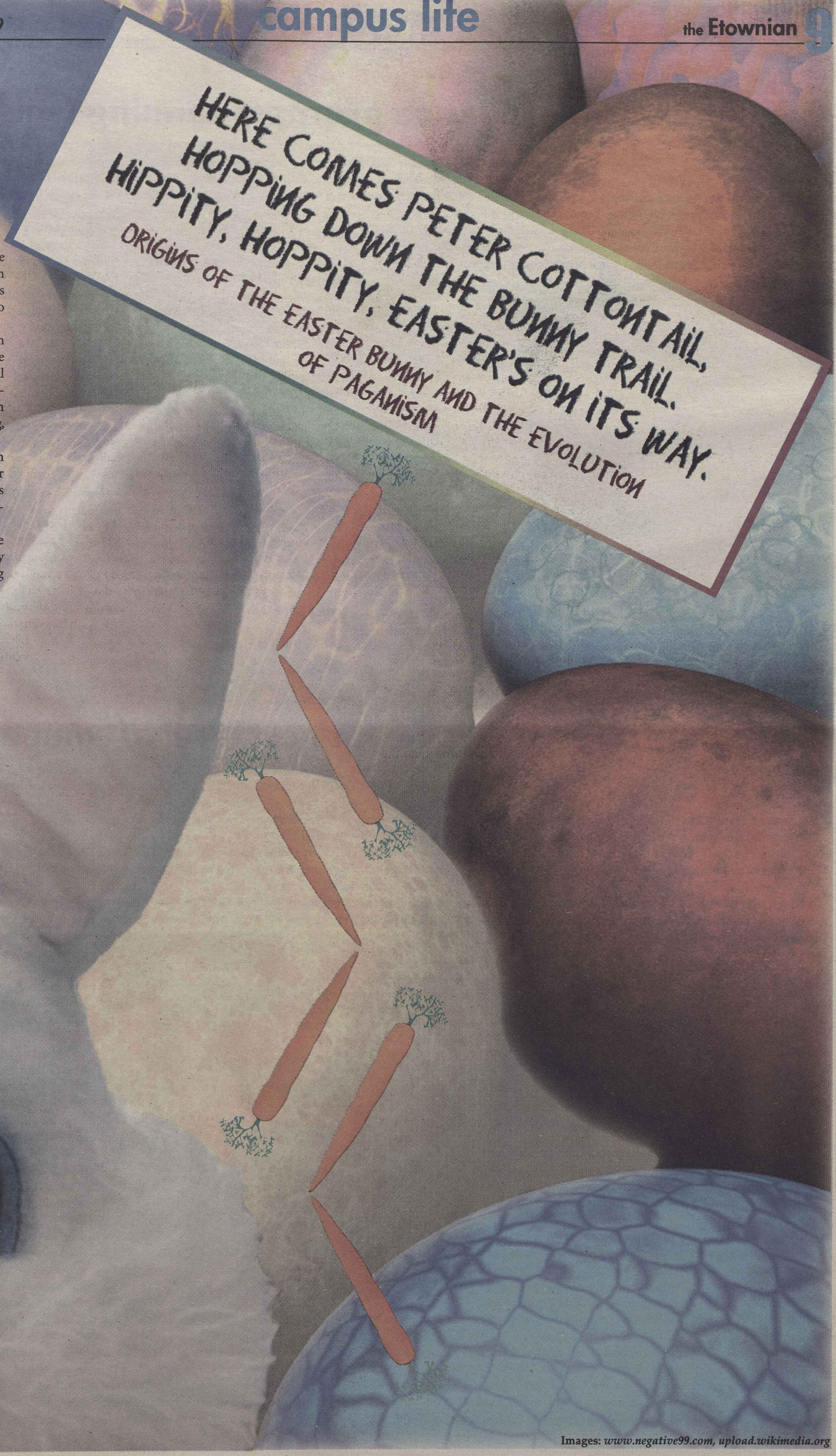

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health habits

Cancer-causing evidence prompts tanning legislation

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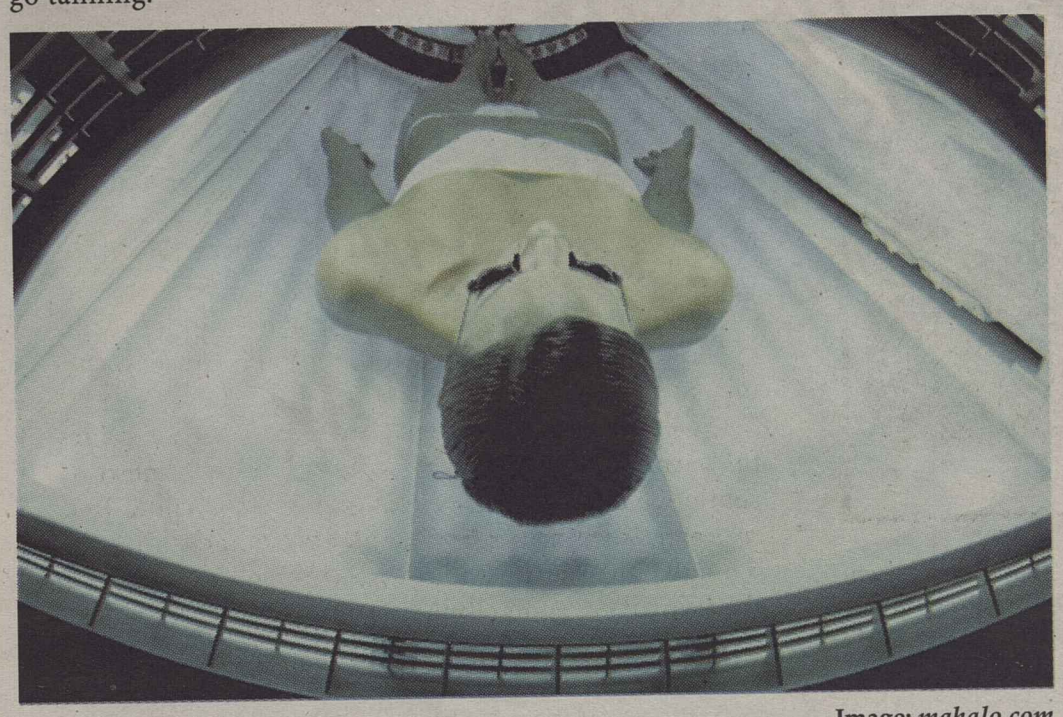
In preparation for Junior-Senior, many girls complete a checklist of necessities: find a date, pick out a dress, reserve a table, and, of course, go tanning.

According to the National Cancer Institute, approximately 500 people ages 19 and under were diagnosed with melanoma nationwide in 2005, the most recent year for which statistics are available. That's a small fraction of the estimated new cases reported by the American Cancer Society that year.



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This bathing beauty is soaking up some fake rays — and, possibly, cancer. Tanning has become a cosmetic ritual as regular as wearing makeup. Because prom season spurs more minors to visit tanning salons, some states are considering new legislation requiring parental consent for adolescents under 18 who wish to tan.

Lawmakers recently ignited controversy by making tanning illegal for minors. Citing cancer worries, various states — including Florida and Hawaii — are considering new laws to regulate tanning bed use through parent or doctor notes.

Legislators hope the new law will encourage healthier choices and advocate parental involvement. Florida, for example, already requires parental approval before minors can use tanning salons. If the new law passes, however, it will be the strictest in the nation.

"I don't think it is a bad idea," Sandy Spayd, director of Health Services, said. "Even for those older, we don't always pay attention to medical research, and this would assure parents get involved in the process of educating about healthy decisions."

Although proposed regulations aim to minimize the tanning issue, many objectors are skeptical that these policies will cause minors to disobey the law.

Furthermore, opponents to the law find much hypocrisy within the proposed legislation.

Adversaries claim that parental consent will not make tanning beds safer. Some say that outlawing tanning bed usage is comparable to outlawing tanning on the beach. Others say that a tanning bed is actually *safer* than tanning on the beach because you know exactly how much exposure you are getting, thus avoiding burning on the beach.

Regardless of the current law or laws to come, there are precautions to take to make tanning safer.

First and foremost, you can avoid tanning beds altogether. But if tanning is something you can't live without, make it as safe as possible.

One alternative is using tanning spray or lotion instead of hitting the salons. Some salons even sell these products.

Additionally, you should be on the lookout for irregularities in your skin, as well as changes in the size, color or shape of moles you already have. Schedule yearly visits to a dermatologist.

"Strictly follow the operators guidelines. I personally am sun sensitive and use a high SPF sunscreen when I am in the sun. I've known students who were going to the tropics and wanted to get some tan before being exposed to that climate, they did go to tanning beds prior to leaving," Spayd added. "I would suggest being an informed consumer. Know the risks and then decide how much risk is acceptable for you."

off-campus involvement

Pageant princesses prepare for next level of competitions

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The annual Elizabethtown College tradition of Mr. Etown may be over, but there are several students on the Etown campus who await the chance to vie for their own crowns. First-year Hayley Mazzur, sophomore Brittany Kuperavage and junior Maggie Sabota are all preparing for their turn in the spotlight, hoping to win the ultimate crown.

Mazzur, who was signed to a modeling agency at the age of 13, received an invitation to begin competing with the National American Miss organization in 2004, beginning with their National American Miss Junior Teen Pennsylvania pageant.

"As a young teenager, being involved with the organization, I learned how to be confident and outgoing," she said.

Along with these skills, she learned public speaking, as well as how to be successful in an interview. She is currently second runner-up for the 2008 National American Miss Pennsylvania Teen and will continue her quest for the crown in the same competition this year.

She prefers National American Miss to Miss America and Miss USA because the organization is "very family-oriented and relaxed." A large factor for her in this competition is having her family involved.

"My dad is always my onstage escort for the formalwear competition, and so with National American Miss, I get to go on stage and have him be a part of my success," she said.

Kuperavage, on the other hand, hopes to eventually win the Miss America title.

"The places I would go, the people I would get to meet — it would be a dream come true in every single way," she said.

She is currently Miss Greater Berks County, and this summer, she will move on to the Miss Pennsylvania competition.

"I was online doing scholarship searches, and I came across a scholarship from the Miss America Organization," she said, explaining how she became involved.

She had never participated in pageants, and figured she had nothing to lose, so she gave it a try in hopes of earning some money for school. Her crown took center stage this past March at the annual Etown College Relay for Life, where she spoke about her platform of cancer awareness and what it meant to her.

"I have had numerous family members battle and die from cancer," she said.

Her talent — a lyrical dance to the inspirational Melissa Etheridge song "I Run for Life" — also reflects her personal platform.

"The song is about [Etheridge's] fight and battle with breast cancer," she explained. For each pageant, Kuperavage dedicates the dance to her teacher and choreographer, who is currently battling breast cancer.

This summer, she will compete for a bigger crown: that of Miss Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I've had many people tell me that they are planning on coming out to Pittsburgh this summer to cheer me on in Miss Pennsylvania, and that is the best feeling in the world," she said.

Sabota hopes to share the Miss America stage one day with Kuperavage. If Sabota won the Miss America competition, she "would be honored to serve as an ambassador for young women around the country."

Courtesy photos

Clockwise, from right: junior Maggie Sabota accepts her Miss Liberty crown; sophomore Brittany Kuperavage speaks about her platform at Relay for Life; first-year Hayley Mazzur poses with her father.

She began competing in pageants at the age of 18 through the Miss America Organization. Sabota recently earned her current title of Miss Liberty and has had great opportunities as a titleholder. She has made more than 50 appearances throughout New Jersey, sharing her platform and helping others.

Her platform centers on a cause that is very close to heart: Lyme disease prevention.

Sabota experienced the effects of Lyme disease first-hand when she was only 6 years old after her mother was diagnosed with an incurable form of the disease. With the Miss Liberty title, she has been able to speak about her cause state-wide.

All three of these girls agree on one thing: none of these pageants are like what you see on television.

"Most of the people I have met in pageants have been nice, intelligent, outgoing and helpful," Mazzur said.

Kuperavage could not agree more, and she is thankful for the opportunities that the Miss America organization has given her.

"Whether I was going to charity events, speaking publicly about my platform, or visiting hospitals," she said, "I have grown from the opportunity to do each of these things."

technology trends

New tools curb drunk dials, e-mails

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Through a series of recent technological developments, both Apple and Google have made efforts to prevent their users from making drunken phone calls and sending drunken texts or e–mails.

So far, there are four main applications designed by both Apple and Google that work in a variety of ways. They include Apple's breath-testing device, "iBreath;" Apple's Bad Decision Blocker application; and Google Mail's Panic Button and "Mail Goggles." In essence, all of these application are designed to do the same thing; however, each one goes about it differently.

Apple's version of a Breathalyzer, "iBreath," is revolutionary in that it is the first Breathalyzer to connect to a user's iPod or iPhone. All you have to do is blow into your Apple device, and your blood-alcohol content will then be displayed clearly on the screen.

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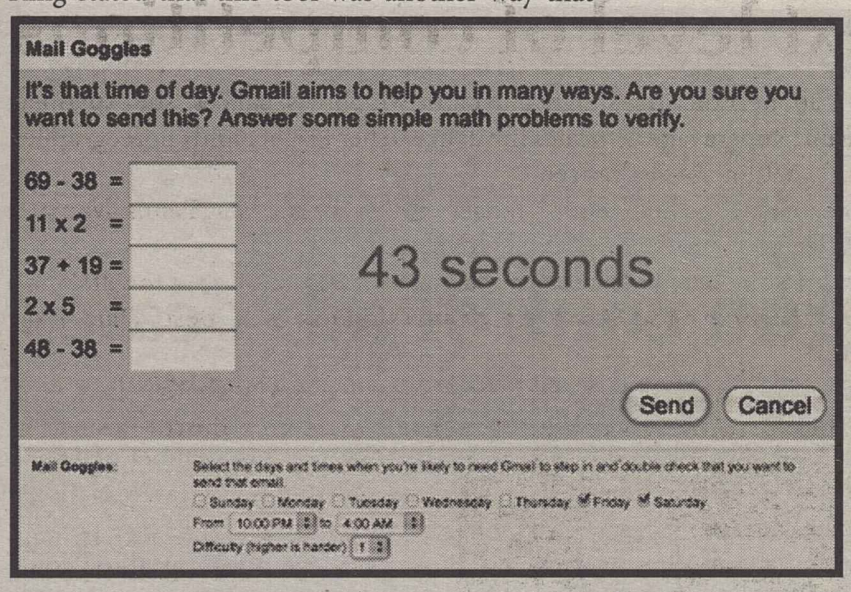
Shown here: the iBreath device clips to the bottom of an iPhone or iPod touch. This dandy little piece of technology can instantly relay your blood-alcohol level and let you know if you're over the legal limit. However, at $79.99, it's one pricey gadget.

"All kinds of people are using it," Don Bassler, developer of iBreath, said. "People listen to their iPods more than they listen to their parents or friends who might be trying to give them good advice."

Etown sociology professor Michele Lee Kozimor–King stated that this tool was another way that humans are switching to non-human control by avoiding reliance on friends, family and values, and instead placing their faith in technology. She also said that the iBreath is a good feature; however, it must remain a "tool," rather than the only thing that people rely on in order to ensure their safety. The creators of this application hope that, upon seeing his or her blood-alcohol content immediately displayed, the user will avoid unwise activities such as driving (or in this case, calling, texting or e-mailing someone) while intoxicated. The program is on sale for $79.99 through the company's Web site and has sold thousands of copies since its debut.



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This screen shot shows the math problems which confront Gmail users who have activated "Mail Goggles." The feature can be set for certain hours or days of the week to accommodate your needs.

Another application developed by Apple to prevent drunken communication through the iPhone is the "Bad Decision Blocker." This application allows the user to select a contact in their address book, block them, and then set the duration of time for which that contact will be blocked from communication. In blocking a contact, "it takes that person's e-mail address and phone number out of the address book entirely. It puts it in a secret place that is not readable," application designer and CEO of Double Encore Dan Burcaw said. By completely eliminating the temptation of even seeing the contact in their phone, this application is geared towards stopping the user from an embarrassing situation or explanation later.

Unlike the iBreath, this application only costs 99 cents and can be purchased online through the iTunes Web site and store.

Google's "Panic Button" was created to give users a chance to "undo" what they have done. Many have accidentally sent out e–mails to unintended receivers when both intoxicated and sober.

Michael Leggett, the creator of the application, told ABC, "This feature can't pull back an e-mail that's already gone; it just holds your message for five seconds so you have a chance to hit the panic button." By pressing the panic button, the user can choose to either not send the message, or to re-route it. If you are a Gmail user and are trying to turn on the "Undo Send" option, you will be able to find it in Gmail Labs under "Settings."

The final application introduced by Google to prevent drunken e-mailing is "Mail Goggles." Mail Goggles is an application that asks its users to perform simple math for 60 seconds before their e-mail is allowed to be sent. If the problems displayed are not completed within the time period, then the user will not be allowed to send the e-mail until he or she completes the test. Additionally, the program displays a message that reads something along the lines of "Water and bed for you." The application is only in affect on weekends between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., and it can be adjusted as needed.

Through the creation of all of these applications, both Apple and Google are taking strides to prevent people from making irresponsible communication decisions when drunk. Hopefully, they will save their users from many embarrassing situations.

cinema review

Diesel hits the gas

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When does murder become okay? What about conspiracy? Traffic violations?

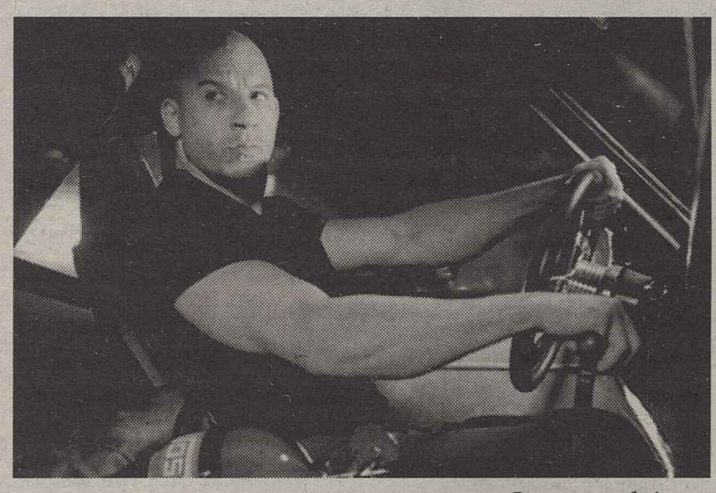
The internal morality of "Fast & Furious" runs something like "If you're good-looking, it's okay to lie, rob and kill as long as you don't do it to any other good-looking people." Vin Diesel's character — a brolic brute named Dom or something — becomes peevish when an ugly person hurts his favorite hot chick. Meanwhile, Paul Walker plays Brian O'Connor, a cold-eyed, street-smart racer-cum-FBI-agent. This theatrical fantasy's lack of background checks forces him to make a tough choice when fortune pits him against the same villain that Dom chases. Will he slip back to his old ways in order to drop one bad dude and sleep with Dom's sister? (Spoiler warning: *hell yes.*)

"Fast & Furious" presents audiences with a colorful narrative deliciously bankrupt of either context or subtlety. Only the most navel-gazing critic could find meaning in the heavy-handed plot twists and stultifying dialogue; two words from Diesel ("You ain't") complete the film's most compelling exchange.

But the film's tenacious excess — rabid product placement, cardboard characters and chunky explosions — make it watchable. The B-list cast, bent on communicating their characters' binary emotions, oscillates spectacularly between states of raw stoicism and bestial lust. They all seem to enjoy driving, and for what it's worth, everyone seems very good at it.

Expensive bubble-gum cinema can certainly survive: opening weekend earned "Fast & Furious" a cool $72 million. But for it to serve adrenaline to more than middle-schoolers, the field requires refinement. Not in authenticity: audiences pay to see Diesel shrug off bullets to the shoulder, not cry about them. Not in glamour: the movie already has plenty of exposed décolletage and swaying humps to dress down the California street circuit. It needs a stronger soundtrack and better jokes.

But "Fast & Furious" does its thing exceptionally well. There is even art, if you look for it: the establishing shots, subtitles and stunts are generally both innovative and satisfying. Diesel provides a concentrated dose of consequence-free machismo, and it's a drug worth taking.



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Vin Diesel menacingly changes gears as Dominic Toretto in "Fast & Furious." Though this film is the fourth of the Fast and Furious series, it actually serves as a prequel to the third movie in the series, "Tokyo Drift."

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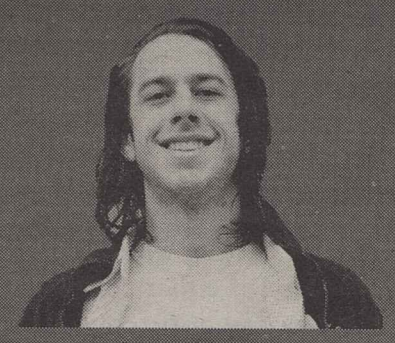
by Matthew P. Butera



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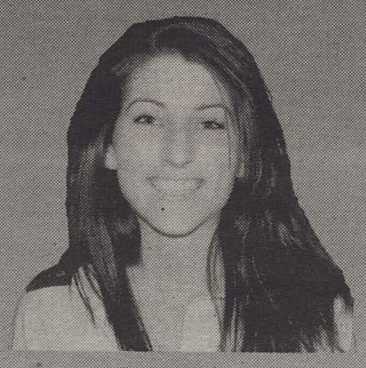
"Uncle Sam deserves a portion of my enjoyment."

Angela Coffey
Class of 2011

"The government is overstepping their bounds. It is more of a personal decision."



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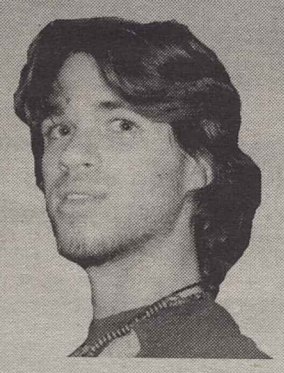

Michael Ruzzo
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"I think they are just looking for a way to get more money to offset a deficit, and there won't be a big outcry because it is tobacco."

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in the nation

Legislation implies 'forced volunteerism'

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A little while back, the House of Representatives passed a bill establishing a national mandatory service act for all young Americans. Voted in with a 321-105 margin, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act includes some wording I think you might find interesting.

The act has yet to go to the Senate and went largely unreported, but in the past weeks it has ignited a firestorm of debate across the web as young Internet writers rally against what they see as "forced volunteerism."

You see, there's a clause in this bill that talks about establishing a mandatory service act for all young Americans. For instance, it would force public secondary schools to establish service learning programs, much like the one Elizabethtown has. It would require all American citizens, ages 18 to 25, to perform anywhere from 50 to 100 hours of community service per year, in order to "strengthen the social fabric of our nation."

This has young people all over the nation in an uproar. Across the Internet, young people are raving and shouting on street corners, mobilizing against what they see as "modern slavery."

Now, I won't go as far as that. I like the idea of volunteer work. As I write this article, my right arm aches under the pressure of the neon-green bandage the nice folks from the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank gave me in return for a pint of my O positive goods.

I take pride in the spirit of service that permeates our culture. America is a country that gives both its money and time in a way the rest of world can't even fathom. It gets to the point where whole colleges are built around the motto "Educate for Service." It's a truly beautiful thing.

However, I don't like the idea of taking that volunteer spirit in the American psyche and forcing it to do more. Volunteer work is great just because of its very nature — people do it voluntarily. So many people help others because of a higher calling, the kindness in their hearts, or just good old fashioned Catholic Guilt. If you force people to help others, it takes the soul out of it. Instead of serving soup at the local homeless shelter with a smile on our faces, some folks would hang drywall at a Habitat for Humanity build-site with a begrudging scowl. The work would be done haphazardly, and subsequently, the overall quality of "volunteer" work would go down, forcing even more labor to be done.

That's not the only thing that worries me about this bill. Its wording opens up the possibility that another, more sinister idea coauthored by Obama's Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel could take effect. In his book "The Plan: Big Ideas for America," the Obama staffer discussed a "compulsory service act" of his own. However, instead of doing community service, the youth of America would be forced to enlist in three months in what is called "civilian service training." This three month period would teach kids what to do in the event of an attack on their community and demonstrate how to assist in evacuations, among other things. It brings a far more military aspect to this "mandatory service" idea, and people are already murmuring about how this could pave the way for a new military draft.

And that's just terrifying.

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in the nation

Shootings fire up gun control advocates

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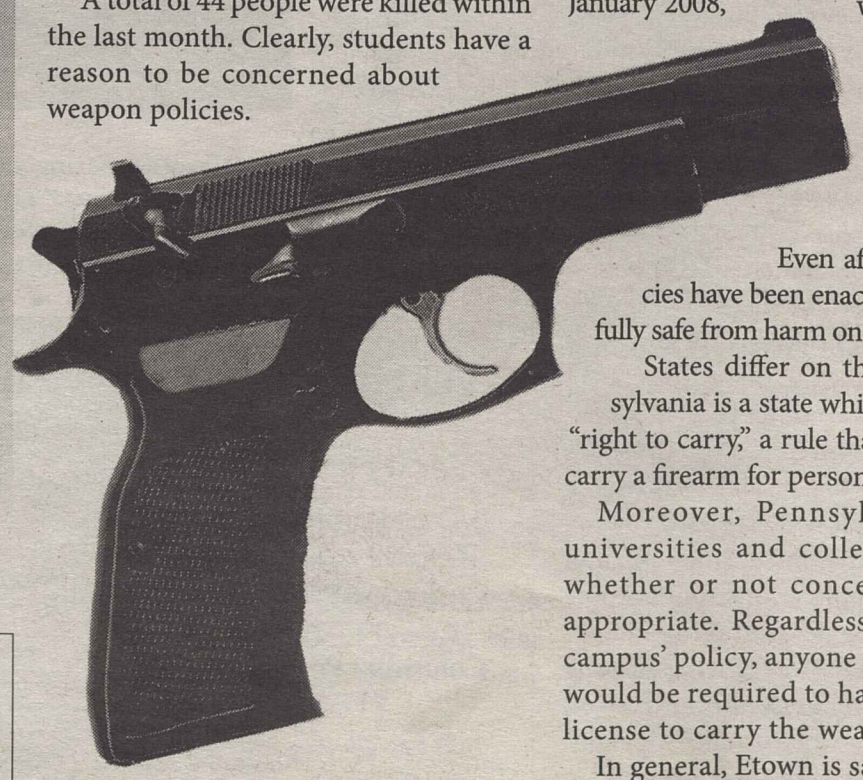
Friday, April 3 in Binghamton, N.Y., 13 immigrants were shot before the gunman committed suicide in the fifth deadliest shooting this month. Another incident in Samson, Ala. left 10 people dead. In Oakland, Calif. four people were killed, six more died in Santa Clara, Calif., and a shooter killed eight in a nursing home.

A total of 44 people were killed within the last month. Clearly, students have a reason to be concerned about weapon policies.



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The Virginia Tech Massacre sparked a gun control debate. January 2006, the Virginia State Assembly rejected a bill which would have allowed students to carry guns on the campus.

In response, students at Virginia Tech joined the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. This group has attracted much attention, and 12 other states are considering similar legislation.

Another shocking incident occurred January 2008, when an international Chinese student named Xin Yang was decapitated with a knife by a peer.

Even after stricter policies have been enacted, are students fully safe from harm on any campus?

States differ on this issue. Pennsylvania is a state which endorses the "right to carry," a rule that a citizen may carry a firearm for personal defense.

Moreover, Pennsylvania allows universities and colleges to decide whether or not concealed-carry is appropriate. Regardless of individual campus' policy, anyone carrying a gun would be required to have a permit or license to carry the weapon.

In general, Etown is safe from weapons violence. Between 2006 and 2008, according to the campus security and safety report, there have been no firearms incidents; only a number of disorderly conduct and liquor law violations have been reported.

Etown College does not allow concealed weapons on campus. In addition, campus security officers do not carry firearms.

Dale Boyer, assistant director of campus security, said, "From a law enforcement perspective, I don't think it's a good idea to allow weapons on campus. It makes things difficult and complicated."

Boyer believes that the laws already in place serve their purpose and that there needs to be consistent enforcement of these laws already on the books. After all, there are eight full-time officers and four dispatchers available to help in any given situation.

Phuong-Uyen Nguyen, an international student from Vietnam, said, "I'm roaming around all the time: on campus, off-campus and all over the place. I generally feel safe walking with campus security patrolling the perimeter 24/7. My friends feel the same way."

Campus security even has its own Student Patrol Program. Students can sign up to help as student escorts, and with crime prevention and parking assistance. They are reported to be the "eyes and ears" for the full-time staff, helping to ensure the safety of this campus.

in the nation

Tobacco taxes burn holes

Rachel L. Jesten

Barack, I think we need to talk.

I respect what you're trying to do — really, I do. I'm a first-year college student. By the time I graduate, I will be up to my eyeballs in debt, and with the economy going the way it is, there's no way an English major is going to find a job. Anything you can do to help me out, I'm 100 percent behind you.

But this? Really?

Barack, you used to be a smoker, right? Word on the street is you didn't quit until you started your campaign. I'm a smoker myself, Barack, and I'll admit it to you freely, so I feel like we can have a pretty honest conversation.

I know you're calling it an "incentive," nobly encouraging us to give up an expensive and dangerous habit due to the looming economic crisis. You're trying to help us out. But it's not that easy, really, and I think you know that. We're not going to quit smoking because our favorite packs of cigarettes are 62 cents more expensive than they used to be. Honestly, the hike in prices will probably just stress us out, and then we'll all want to complain about it, so we'll buy more cigarettes and head to our favorite porch or back door to commiserate with all the other smokers.

Or maybe you're being tricky. After all, the extra dollars wouldn't hurt, right? No matter how bad the economy gets, smokers will still be scrimping pennies together to afford that next pack, pouch or tin. Why not tax something that's sure to stay lucrative?

"It's not the upper classes who are buying cigarettes, it's the middle and lower classes," first-year Steve Motika said. "He's taking money from the same people he wants to give it right back to."

And he's right. According to the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index from 2008, only 13 percent of smokers make over $90,000 per year, while a staggering 53 percent make less than $36,000 per year.

It's quite the catch-22, really. If the smokers don't quit, it's money out of their pockets that's coming right back to their families in health-insurance funding. If they do, well, the state loses the revenue.

Tobacco industries do expect a drop in sales — around 6 to 8 percent — but despite that "incentive," I doubt that it will come from people actually quitting. Representatives from major tobacco industries expect that as prices rise, smokers will buy their tobacco, well, "elsewhere." More illegal importation just means more work for border police, and now our U.S. dollars are dribbling out of the country.

Without even touching whether it's the government's job to decide what my most dangerous habit is and give me "incentive" to quit — though I would like to add that 22.8 percent of Americans are smokers, and thirty and a half percent are obese and at risk for heart disease, diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and cancer, among other things — the whole thing just doesn't seem like a great idea.

There are plenty of ways to boost the economy, Barack, and boost positive image while you're at it. You just have to be creative. In fact, I can think of a way right now that would create jobs, lower crime rates, draw consumers from every income bracket out into the market, and put you down in history as the single coolest president ever. But you probably get that a lot, so I won't badger you too much about it.

Bottom line, Barack, is that I feel a little picked on — me and every other chimney-stack-huddled-in-the-cold, I-could-quit-if-I-wanted-to smoker in the land.

Double Take

In a recent press release, President Obama stated that the tax on tobacco will be raised 62 cents on each pack of cigarettes from 39 cents to now cost $1.01. The money gained from the tax will be used to provide health care for underprivileged children. This new tax could be considered an opportunity for smokers to kick the habit and better their lives in many ways.

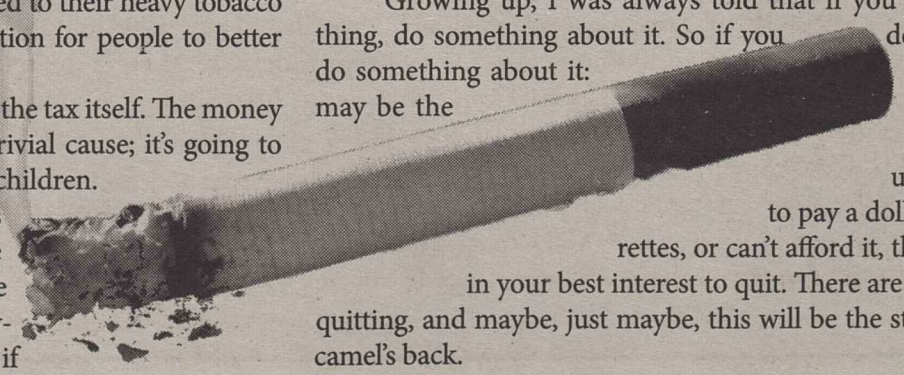
The new tax can most definitely be an incentive to stop smoking, especially in this financially difficult time. People with low paying jobs are more likely to smoke than those who are wealthier, so with this new tax the poor will be getting poorer. So why not quit? Why not save money and put it toward bettering your lifestyle? The tax will cause each pack of cigarettes to go up a dollar, so if you smoke a pack a day, you're looking at close to four hundred extra dollars going down the toilet every year. The money people could save by not smoking would help a lot of families avoid debt and bankruptcy.

Carey E. Betts

The tax is really an incentive for smokers to stop using tobacco. We all know the health risks that are related to smoking and secondhand smoke. Many people each year die from heart disease, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases that are directly correlated to their heavy tobacco use. Maybe this new tax can be the motivation for people to better themselves and get healthier.

We also have to remember the reason for the tax itself. The money from the tobacco tax isn't going to some trivial cause; it's going to provide free health care to underprivileged children. Free health care is one of the main things Obama promised in his campaign, and here he is slowly starting to provide it, and people are complaining? Think of it as a donation, giving back and helping out your fellow man. Or if you're not a fan of free health care, or Obama for that matter, you could always quit.

In order to provide free health care, the government has to get the money somewhere. Especially in the middle of a recession, there is a limited amount of places from which money could come. In order to avoid raising taxes on true necessities, like food, gas or clothing, it makes sense for the government to raise taxes on cigarettes. They are not a true necessity, and the dollar tax is not going to stop smokers from purchasing cigarettes. They may complain about it, but cigarettes will still be purchased.



Growing up, I was always told that if you don't like something, do something about it. So if you don't like this tax, do something about it: don't pay it. This may be the government's point. If you are upset that you have to pay a dollar extra for cigarettes, or can't afford it, then it is probably in your best interest to quit. There are many benefits to quitting, and maybe, just maybe, this will be the straw to break the camel's back.

staff column

Cash clash

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Had you joined the G20 protestors at Canary Wharf or Westminster, you would have brought water, since protest is thirsty work. You'd have toted vinegar and a *shemagh* in case of tear gas, and you might have left with bruises.

Police commanders kettled 4,000 people outside the Bank of England, trapping civilians inside a cordoned area with no lavatories, no water and no exit. Anticipating animosity, many firms quietly advised their workers to "dress down to avoid being marked out as City workers," according to *thelawyer.com*. Abandoned three-pieces didn't protect windows (smashed!) or the keyboards (stolen!) of the Royal Bank of Scotland building, the ransacking of which resulted in dozens of wounds and arrests.

The City fuzz were touchier than usual. According to the Guardian, "the Met called in support from 30 forces across the country to create a 5,000-strong team of officers." At Bishopsgate, they stormed the G20 Climate Camp in force, beating men and women who, instead of fighting back, raised their hands and chanted, "This is not a riot." The people had nowhere to go and neither did their bicycles or tents. Damage was high.

Ian Tomlinson, 47, died there. Initial reports from the Evening Standard told of police medics enduring thrown bottles and detritus to save him. These were filthy lies, apparently; Tomlinson was (allegedly) assaulted with baton and shield before suffering a heart attack. His rescuers were fellow protestors. Some government officials, like MP David Howarth, acknowledge the "possibility this death was at police hands."

The G20 summit ended with a $1.1 trillion deal to be divided between struggling economies and world trade, which is just as expensive as it sounds. The BBC calls it "the death knell for the freewheeling Anglo-American way of banking," which sounds good in principle — capitalism is a cruel, hungry god, and the further that we step away from French-cuffed investment-banking old-boys, the better.

But perhaps the G20 have missed the point. It is one thing to redirect a chunk of money greater than Australia's nominal GDP. It is quite another to rewrite a system of thought. That system, which turns a state's protectors against its citizens, has been pounded into most residents of the West since childbirth. Can any amount of money do anything but reinforce our obsession with competitive wealth?

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etown men's lacrosse

Jays win fourth straight game, anticipate fifth Thursday

Brielle E. Parady
Staff Writer

Saturday, the men's lacrosse team had a triumphant victory over King's College, winning 13-2. The team had one of its best games this year and hopes to continue this trend for the remainder of the season.

This game was the first in a series of six that are part of the Mid-Atlantic Conference, leaving Elizabethtown 3-2 and confident in their ability to make it to the playoffs. It was an epic win for the team, and although it is still early in the season, the game showcased the team's skills in a way they haven't seen so far this season.

"We played our best lacrosse of the year. It was a classic team win," Coach Terrance Corcoran said. "Everyone found a way to contribute to the victory in some way. Everyone played well. Even the players that saw little or no game time were responsible for the win. It was their hard work in practice this past week that made us better."

The whole team contributed to the win, making it a successful day for the team. Junior Aaron Weber totaled three goals and two assists, sophomore Greg Kenneally scored three goals, and senior Ryan McCafferty tallied one goal and four assists. Sophomore Shawn Corcoran, junior Keith Staulters and junior Jon Day each scored two goals. First-year Derek Karsten, along with sophomores Mike Kenneally and Brent Campbell, led with five ground balls each.

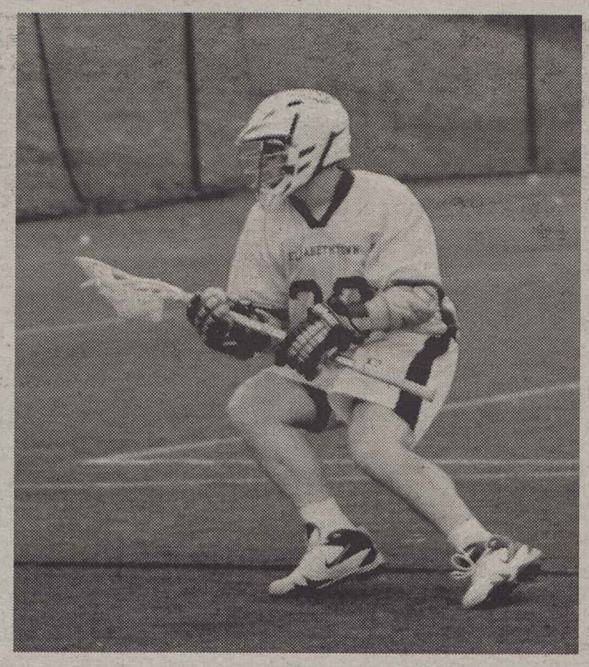


Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Senior Ryan McCafferty anticipates a pass against Manhattanville.

Sophomore Hunter Malick made nine saves, followed by first-year Brendan Corcoran with three.

"All in all, this was our biggest team win," Campbell said. "We all played together."

"We had great team and long pole defense," Malick added. "The defense was solid and communicated well throughout the entire game."

The game was a fourth consecutive win for Etown, but this same team enthusiasm will be needed in order to continue this streak.

"This game wasn't an easy win, but it was our best game of the year," McCafferty said. "Everyone came together and the team played unselfishly. This week will be a harder game, and we will need the same effort and work the same together in order to win."

Coach Corcoran stated that the goal for the team this year was "to develop a team with character, a team of players that are unselfish and loyal to each other."

After yesterday's game, he can see this goal becoming more of a reality.

"The players are starting to take ownership of the team," Coach Corcoran said. "I sense an emerging pride among the players in themselves and each other. They are realizing that it is 'their' team...and they have the ability to control their own destiny through hard work and accountability to each other."

All of the remaining games of the season are a part of the Mid-Atlantic Conference, which puts the playoffs in reach but hard to predict. Currently, the team is focusing on improving individually and working as a team in order to better the outcome of each game.

After this past game, the team is eager for what is ahead and expects the next few games to be exciting.

"Right now we just have to concentrate on one game at a time," Coach Corcoran said. "This Thursday will be a big game against a strong Eastern College team. I expect the intensity level to be very high for this game."

etown tennis

Men fall to Kings; ladies postpone three matches in a row

Nancy C. Briscoe
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team played their first match in 10 days after two postponed matches last weekend versus Bridgewater (Va.) and Wilkes.

Thursday, April 2, the Blue Jays had a home court advantage over Albright College in the Commonwealth Conference men's tennis opener. They annihilated the Lions with a final score of 9-0.

In the singles portion of the match, first-year Manrique Arrea won 6-0, 6-0 in the first flight against Lee Fura. At flight two, senior Jeff Kirkhoff also posted a 6-0, 6-0 win to Kevin Gauby. Sophomore Bryan Metz was paired against Jason Lefkoe in flight three, defeating Lefkoe 6-0, 6-2. Paired against Albright's Kevin Wong in flight four, first-year Jonathan van den Ende triumphed 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Brian Osborn cleaned up in flight five with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Mike Callahan.

The Jays also succeeded in doubles. Junior Brok Walker and Metz took on Fura and Gauby with an 8-3 win in flight one. Kirkoff and sophomore Austin Plantz continued the streak, winning 8-0 over Wong and Lefkoe at flight two.

"Albright was a really bad team," Metz said. "They only had five players total. Everyone on our team beat their individual opponents."

The Lions forfeited flight six in the singles competition as well as flight three in the doubles against sophomore Paul Brenner and first-year Matt Freedman.

In an upset Saturday, April 4, the Blue Jays lost to King's College. In singles, the match started well, with Arrea winning flight one against Jonathan Hand 6-1, 6-3 and Kirkhoff taking flight three 6-1, 6-3 over Povl Schmidt. In flight six, Osborn triumphed over Marco Stallone 6-1, 6-3. The men lost flight two, four and six in singles to the Monarchs.

In doubles action, Arrea and van den Ende posted an 8-4 win over Hand and Schmidt at flight one. King's College took flight two and three, defeating Walker and Metz 8-4 and Kirkhoff and Plantz 8-2.

In women's tennis, the Lady Jays had the week off. Both matches scheduled for the last weekend of March against Bridgewater (Va.) and Wilkes were postponed, helping the Lady Jays continue their four-win streak. Sunday's delayed game against Wilkes is rescheduled for May 1. The men's match against Juniata scheduled for Monday has been postponed, too.

Yesterday, the ladies competition against Juniata has been postponed. They will now face Juniata on April 16. This was the third postponed match for the ladies.

Although the Lady Jays had the first week of April off, they weren't able to prepare for yesterday's match every day. "We haven't really practiced because of the weather," sophomore Kate Roderick said. "But we were able to practice two hours on Sunday."

Next week, the men and women will face Stevenson on the road, and they will then have a home game versus Misericordia University.

The women will play against Dickinson college next Thursday April 16, while the men will compete with rival Messiah April 18.

etown track and field

Teams compete with Messiah and Juniata

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

Men's track and field maintained the same spring season poise which they demonstrated at VMI this past weekend as they defeated Messiah and Juniata at Juniata College. The Blue Jays totaled 141 points on Saturday, while Juniata scored 126, and Messiah rounded out the meet at 118. On the track, the men were led by senior Dylan Rulander and first-year Evan DeArmitt. Rulander captured the 800 meters with a time of 1:58.64 and the 1500 meters in 4:11.33. DeArmitt also took a pair of races from the competition, claiming the 3000 meters in 9:05.89, the fifth-best time in school history. He also won the steeplechase with a time of 10:26.17.

Claiming impressive finishes in the 200 meters and 400 meters (first and second respectively), junior Wyatt Eaton also dominated the field events for the Blue Jays. Eaton won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 10 inches, and came in second in the long jump, reaching 20 feet, 7.25 inches into the pit. All this came in spite of harsh weather conditions that could have easily hampered the team's performance.

"Weather is no excuse for a poor performance," Eaton said. "It doesn't matter if it's pouring rain, snowing, hailing, whatever. Track is all about being mentally tough and mentally focused. All these guys proved that on Saturday."

The girls also fought hard at Juniata Sunday, but it simply wasn't enough against the tough Messiah and Juniata teams. They did, however, bring in some impressive finishes in a number of races, including senior Tiffany Kulp's time of 12:08.60 in the steeplechase, almost two minutes ahead of the second-place finisher. First-year Crystal Connelly also took first in the shot put with the fourth-best mark in school history at 31 feet, 10 inches. Connelly also took the third-best mark in the Etown record books in the discus with a throw of 107 feet, 8 inches, landing her in second place for the meet.

The women's 4x400 relay team, comprised of junior Bernadette Frawley, senior Chelsea Miles, Kulp and first-year Kathryn Howser, also took first place at the meet, with a time of 4:13.44. The men and women's next meet is this Saturday at Bucknell at the Bison Outdoor Classic, where the women will try to regain their speed and strength, and the men will try to maintain the tenacity they displayed at Juniata.

etown baseball

Rowan provides tough matchup; Jays lose game 11-4

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

Another weekend, another dominant performance by the Blue Jays, another sweep of a conference opponent. Elizabethtown baseball entered its three game set against Albright College with a 5-1 record in its last six games. Sitting atop the Commonwealth Conference standings, Etown looked to extend its lead against fourth place Albright.

The Jays welcomed the Lions to Etown for a windy Saturday doubleheader. Senior Sam Heaps was on the mound for the first game, seeking his fourth win of the year. The Jays fell behind 2-0 in the top of the third inning but never hit the panic button. "We have a lot of confidence as a team," senior Adam Sheibley said. "We know when we get down that we have the ability to score a bunch of runs at any point to put us right back in the game."

Etown wasted little time in responding, and with a two-run home run by Sheibley and an RBI single by junior Brian Kiernan, the Jays took a 3-2 lead. Tacking on three more runs over the next three innings, the Blue Jays won the game 6-3. Heaps went the distance striking out 12 batters while giving up just one earned run.

Junior Adam Hartzell followed up Heaps' performance with a gem of his own. The Jays again fell behind, this time 1-0 after four innings. It would be the only run Harzell would yield all day. He gave up just three hits in the entire game.

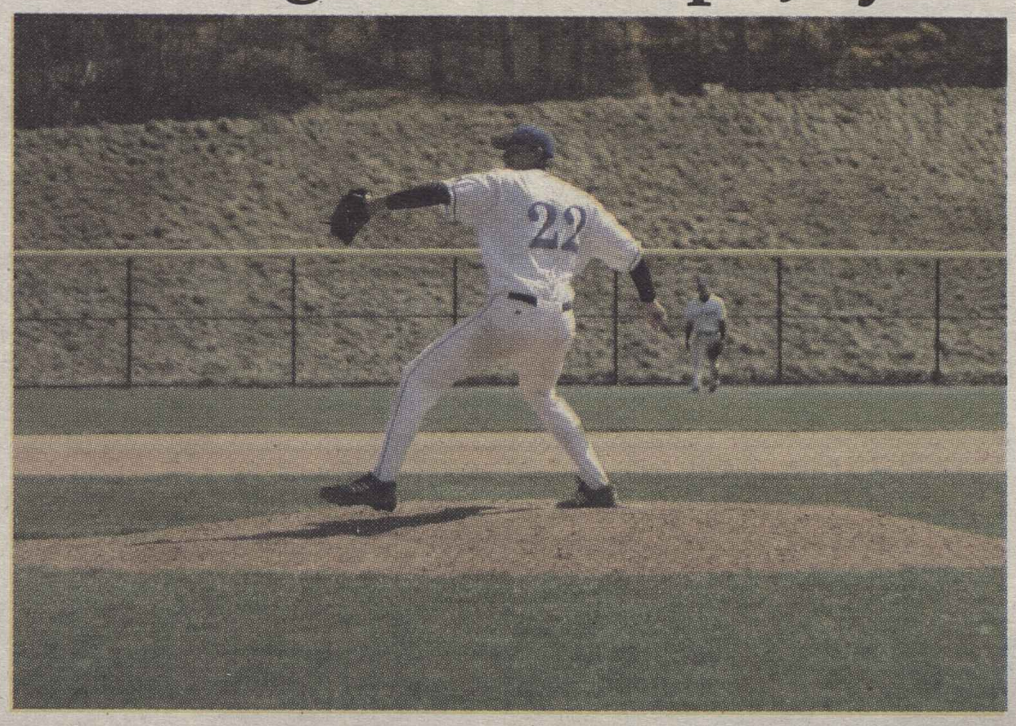


Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Taking a pitch, senior Sam Heaps earned the win against Albright in game two of the series Saturday. Etown won both games and then continued to sweep the series Sunday with a 16-2 win.

Etown was able to manufacture a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Senior Eric Luff singled and stole second. Sheibley knocked him home for the tying run with a single to the outfield. The game stood deadlocked at one apiece until the bottom of the seventh inning. Junior Matt Vinagro doubled to center to get the rally started, and Luff came up big again with an RBI single to win the game for Etown 2-1.

The two teams met again Sunday for a game at Albright, but, as Hartzell pointed out, the Jays came into the game with a leg up on the competition. "Winning both games gives us the edge and confidence to know that this team is beatable," Hartzell said. Etown hitters punished Albright, pitching early and often, as the Jays held a 9-1 lead after three innings.

Vinagro earned the victory for the Jays with five strong innings. When it was all said and done, Etown had an impressive 16-2 win. The Blue Jays hammered out 19 hits in the win as 18 different players saw the field for Etown.

After a quiet start to the series, senior Tom Semanek came through, reaching base and scoring four times in the blowout. "It didn't matter what we did yesterday," Semanek said. "We knew Albright was going to try and salvage a win and play their hardest. We just proved we wanted it more."

The three game sweep helped improve Etown's record to 16-8 overall, and, more importantly, 8-1 in the Commonwealth Conference. It was the Jays' second straight sweep of a conference opponent, and Semanek was proud of how his team played. "I can't say enough about the effort we all put in during the series," Semanek commented.

Adding to their win streak, Heaps was named Commonwealth Conference Pitcher of the Week for the week ending April 5. Heaps is currently 4-1 this season.

Yesterday, the Jays lost to Rowan University with a score of 11-4.

etown softball

Ladies bounce back with six straight wins at home

Thomas D. Hagerty
Staff Writer

March was a rough month for the Lady Jays' softball team. Their ability to perform at home has held strong throughout their season. They must love that Marketplace cookin' because they are 7-1 at home this season.

Junior shortstop Paige Tanner said, "We just perform better at home. I don't know quite what it is, but we sure play well here." She put things into perspective when she added, "We know we got to protect 'The Nest.'"

Their home dominance includes a doubleheaded sweep of Franklin & Marshall, a non-conference—but still intense— matchup. The Lady Jays had a huge day against the Diplomats, which included complete game shutouts for two of their first-year pitchers.

In the first game, first-year pitcher Julie Sebastian took the mound. She gave up only six hits in seven innings, including two strikeouts.

"Throwing my first shutout was an amazing feeling. It was such an adrenaline rush. I am so lucky to have such amazing defense behind me as well. I trust everyone behind me to help me get through the inning. It wouldn't have been a shutout without them," Sebastian said.

The offense was provided by Tanner in the third inning. Following a walk and an error, Tanner hit a triple to knock in two runs. That would be all Sebastian needed as she shut down the Diplomat bats for the rest of the game.

The Lady Jays would tack on three insurance runs later to win the game 5-0. First-year Elaine Parr got the start for the second game of the doubleheader. She also pitched all seven innings, shutting out the Diplomats. Parr gave up five hits and struck out five in her first career shutout. "As a freshman, it's hard to transition, but all the hard work from the first half of the season is starting to pay off," she said.

The Etown bats got going again in the third to manufacture the only run scored in the game. A single by sophomore Shannon Marsico got her on the base paths. Senior Marian Guzik laid down a sacrifice bunt, advancing Marsico into scoring position.

This set the table for senior Lauren Hoover, who delivered with a single into left center that allowed Marsico to score all the way from second base. Great team play combined with Parr's overpowering pitching brought the Jays' cross-county rivals to defeat. "Hopefully we can keep our win streak alive," Parr said.

Two days later, they did just that. The Lady Jays were back in action, hosting a doubleheader against conference rival Albright College. They brought their first-year pitchers back out to the mound as Sebastian pitched all of the first game and Parr the second. Both girls earned wins as they swept another team at home.

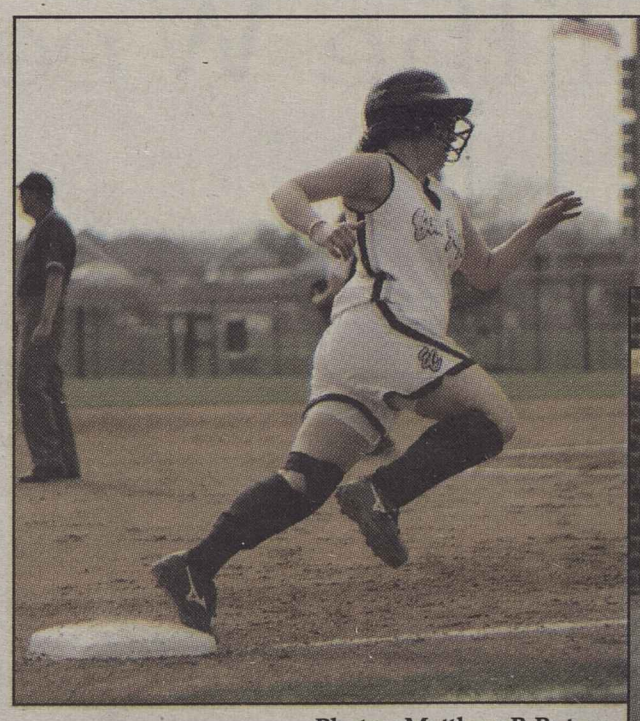
The offense is what helped earn the Blue Jays the win in game one. Seven different women scored in the 15-hit effort. Sarah Church went 4 for 4 in the 9-5 victory. In game two, Tanner led the offense with three hits, three runs and three RBIs.

Parr was dynamite on the mound, giving up only four hits and striking out eight.

The Jays won 6-4 and are currently riding a six-game winning streak.

They look to keep that streak alive today as Juniata visits this afternoon for a doubleheader.

The team does not play again until April 16 at DeSales University.



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(Right) Senior Lauren Hoover goes for a hit in game one as the Jays faced Franklin & Marshall in a doubleheader April 2. The ladies swept the series winning game one 9-5, and game two 6-2.

(Above) Heading home, Hoover looks to add another point on the scoreboard after a hit from junior Sarah Church.

etown women's lacrosse

Jays ranked 19th in nation, look to Wilkes

Kristen A. Conroy
Staff Writer

For the past two seasons, the Elizabethtown College women's lacrosse team has lost to FDU-Florham in one-goal postseason matches, including a 15-14 setback in last year's Middle Atlantic Conference title game.

"FDU-Florham is our biggest rival, and we have not beaten them in two years," senior Diana Simmons said just last week. "They are a dirty, scrappy, rough team, and we need to beat them this year!"

Saturday, April 4, that's exactly what the Lady Jays went out and did. They not only beat FDU-Florham, but they demolished them at 18-1, tacking on their seventh consecutive win.

"The game was amazing," Simmons said. "It still feels like it wasn't even real."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
Senior Anna Ford looks for somebody to pass to in a game against FDU-Florham. The ladies destroyed the Devils 18-1.

In the first two minutes of the game, junior Katie Caprinolo scored the game's first goal, while sophomore Maria DeMatteo followed just 36 seconds later. Senior Katie Foley came out firing back-to-back goals.

In the next 11 minutes, Etown ran the field with goals from senior Kelsea Kozak, junior Alisha Sangrey and sophomores Sarah Cullinan and DeMatteo, closing the first half at 8-0.

"We worked together all over the field," junior Caitlin Russell said. "The offense was calm down on attack and didn't get flustered or lose control. And the defense kept it together the whole game and really worked as a unit."

Foley scored the game's next five goals over a span of 20 minutes, then added a seventh goal to give the Lady Jays a 13-0 lead. Kozak fired off two more goals between those of junior Megan Byrnes and first-year Mara Mulvaney. Senior Anna Ford netted the final goal of the day.

FDU-Florham got in its one and only goal with 2:23 left.

"It was really emotional for us after what happened last year in the championship," Simmons said. "So to come out and shut them down for 58 minutes was just unbelievable. They didn't know what hit them, and it was great!"

Etown finished with a 38-13 advantage in shots and collected 24 groundballs to FDU-Florham's 21. Foley finished with six draw controls and four caused turnovers to go with three grounds balls. Simmons led the team with four ground balls, and Cullinan contributed three caused turnovers.

Senior goalie Jenn Hawkins finished with eight saves and nearly recorded the first shutout in program history. Junior goalie Becca Watkins made one stop in the final two minutes.

"We just started scoring and never looked back," Simmons added. "The defense held them to one goal, and it was a complete team effort."

Before the FDU-Florham wrecking, the Lady Jays took on Arcadia University Wednesday, April 1. Etown came out on top yet again with a final score of 18-5. The win advanced the team to take over the 19th national ranking.

After allowing only one goal in her 88 straight minutes of play, Hawkins was named the MAC Women's Lacrosse Goalie of the Week. This is her second straight week with the honor. Catch the Lady Jays' take on Wilkes University before Easter break this Thurs., April 9 at 4 p.m.

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Athlete of the Week

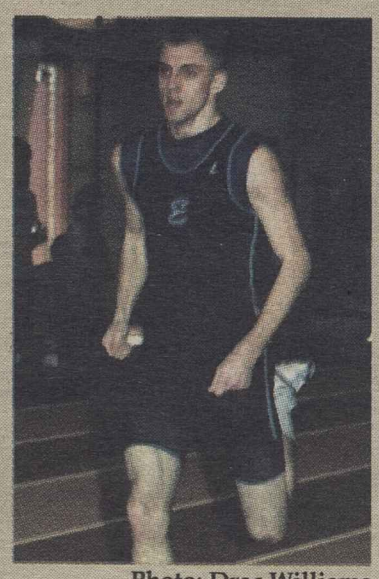
Wyatt Eaton

Michael D. Steiner
Assistant Sports Editor

The Etownian is euphoric to name junior Wyatt Eaton as this issue's Athlete of the Week!

In last Saturday's tri-meet against Juniata and Messiah, Eaton had one of the best days in his collegiate career, winning two events and finishing second in another two.

Eaton won the 200 meter with a time of 22.3 seconds and sprinted his way into seventh place on the Etown all-time top 10 for the event. In case you were wondering, that's an average speed of 20 mph, which is the top speed at which a full grown cat can run. He also won the high jump with a height of 5'10". For you basketball fans, let's put this into perspective: Eaton can jump over reigning NBA Dunk contest champion Nate Robinson, who stands 5'9".



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Eaton came up just short in the 400 meter with a time of 51.51, averaging a speed of 17.37 mph. This is the approximate speed of a six-lined racerunner, a whiptail lizard found across Wyoming and the Great Plains.

He also came in second place in the long jump, soaring to a distance of 20 feet 7.5 inches. That is 7.5 inches longer than a Megatherium, the largest giant ground sloth from South America, an animal which went extinct about 11,000 years ago.

Congratulations again to Wyatt Eaton for a great meet, and good luck to him and the rest of the track and field team as they travel to Bucknell this upcoming weekend.

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Turkey Pretzel Melt, no tomato
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on campus

Mock crash shows danger of driving while intoxicated

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Tuesday, April 14 the campus held a mock car crash outside of the Ober Loop.

While students were heading back their dorms, they might have noticed quite a surprising sight there. Around 6:15 p.m., two heavily mangled vehicles appeared off of Cedar Street, right in front of Ober. One was a black jeep, its front end completely flattened and all but broken off.

Countering this was a green sedan, flipped on its back. Two people sat unconscious in the jeep while the only signs of life in the sedan were the blue-clad leg of a dummy hung out of the sedan's broken right-front window and a tuft of blonde hair visible from the car's rear seat. White shards of broken glass were scattered all over the scene. Nearby, an actress lay unconscious.

The scene was so realistic that people actually stopped to make sure that no one in the accident was hurt.

It was all an educational mockup engineered by the College's Get ABSURD (A Better Safer Understanding of Responsible Drinking) club. The crash was set up to educate students about the dangers of drunk driving and other reckless activities that result from excessive drinking. This became very obvious once the jeep's doors opened up, allowing a cascade of crumpled blue Natural Light beer cans to fall out on the street.

The actual scene of the car crash began as senior Ezra Schatz, playing a victim from the flipped sedan, woke up and assessed the damage. After trying to revive a nearby friend, he "called" an emergency number for assistance.

The mock car crash not only provided education and awareness for students, but a training opportunity for local emergency service workers.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Get ABSURD hosted a mock car crash in the Ober Loop last Tuesday to show the dangers of driving under the influence. The realistic event featured two vehicles and several actors playing victims.

Minutes later, several ambulances, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles were on the scene providing assistance.

Immediately, fire fighters began to save "victims" from the flipped sedan while paramedics took passengers who did not need to be freed from the scene.

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on campus

Keynote speaker working toward health care for all

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Staff Writer

Even though this year's Scholarship Day keynote speaker was not quite as well known as Bill Nye the Science Guy, Dr. Paul Farmer's presentation focused much more on Elizabethtown College's motto — Educate for Service.

Farmer, who has a M.D. and Ph.D. in medical anthropology from Harvard University, co-founded Partners in Health (PIH) in 1987. PIH is an organization that does whatever possible to help sick individuals in poorer countries. They consider its mission both medical and moral, rather than charity-based.

Farmer, who has worked to improve health care in Haiti for more than 25 years, showed his audience a map, provided by *worldmapper.org*, of how much money is spent on health care worldwide. He then showed another, which displayed where AIDS is most prevalent. The places where the least amount of money is spent on health care also have the most widespread cases of AIDS.

"No matter how you slice it, we have a problem here," Farmer said.

Farmer discussed how many people who want to help countries with a widespread AIDS epidemic think it is more cost-effective to prevent the disease instead of treating it. In the United States, it costs around $10,000 per person per year to treat AIDS.

By working with drug companies to create inexpensive generic drugs, PIH is able to provide AIDS drugs to Haiti and other countries for just $90 per person per year.

In 2003, President Clinton asked Farmer to implement comprehensive health programs in Rwanda. Farmer said he and his team try to work within the public sector, because they believe that everyone is entitled to health care. The team has been able to establish many hospitals where they have saved countless individuals who have nearly died of AIDS and tuberculosis.

Farmer cited Martin Luther King Jr.'s stance on the inequality of health care as an example: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."

Farmer concluded his presentation by tying his work to Elizabethtown's motto, Educate for Service. He encouraged his audience to help those around them in need.

"You don't have to go far to find people that need help," he said.

After his conclusion, Farmer took questions from the audience. When asked about the socialization of health care, Farmer said, "If I were a politician, I would not even talk about the socialization of health care. I'd just do it."

Farmer was also asked about the criteria for his hospital locations. Farmer indicated that while hospitals do go wherever the Ministry of Health requests, his team tries to contribute wherever they can do the most good.

Although Farmer's humor elicited many laughs from the audience, some students expressed confusion at his presentation's organization.

"He was a good speaker, but I felt like he was unorganized. He was all over the place because he had so much to tell us," sophomore Elizabeth Levy said.

"I think his brain works in tangents, but I liked his presentation," sophomore Krystal Dove said.

To learn more about Partners in Health, visit *www.pih.org*.

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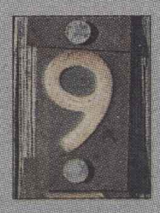

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news in brief

The Taliban, a militant group that once controlled Afghanistan, has begun taking over large areas in Pakistan. The takeover began when the Pakistani government allowed the radical Islamic group to impose "shari'a" (traditional Islamic law) on Pakistan's Swat Valley, an area that has recently been overrun with violence. The Pakistani government allowed this as part of a peace agreement.

Now, however, the Taliban is expanding its territorial influence, taking over the district of Bruner, just 60 miles from Pakistan's capital of Islamabad. In Taliban-controlled districts, women are not allowed outside without a male relative, and groups of gun-toting militants patrol the streets in groups, singing religious songs. The Pakistani government says it will take forcible action against the Taliban if they continue this expansion.

In a recent interview, former Vice President Dick Cheney offered more criticism of the Obama administration. Cheney said that Obama's economic policies will prove "disastrous."

"I worry very much that we're in a situation now where there doesn't appear to be any limitation whatsoever in terms of the spending commitments that this administration wants to make," the former vice president said.

America's national budget deficit is expected to go as high as $1.75 trillion this year.

The recession our country is facing may not only thin our wallets but may also have startling health implications.

With the summer approaching, entomologists worry that foreclosed homes with swimming pools will become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease-carrying organisms as the recession enters the summer months.

Entomologists fear that the number of West Nile virus cases will skyrocket over the summer.

Compiled by Peter S. Northrop from cnn.com.

in the world

Somali pirates reign in anarchic government

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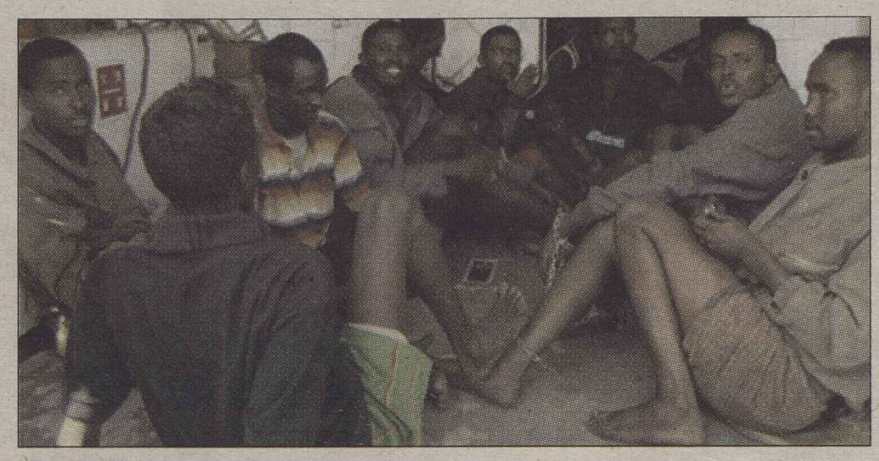
An increase in pirate activity off of the coast of Somalia during the last few months has caught the world's attention. Last year, 42 ships were hijacked by Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, resulting in the pirates recieiving $80 million dollars in ransom money. So far, this year, at least 19 ships have been taken hostage.

Wednesday, April 8, Captain Richard Phillips of the Maersk Alabama, a U.S.-flagged cargo ship, was taken hostage in exchange for the safety of his crew. President Barack Obama granted the U.S. Department of Defense the ability to use "appropiate force" when confronting pirates in order to save Capt. Phillips, who was considered to be in imminent danger. Five days later, Navy Seal sharpshooters quickly shot and killed three of the four pirates who held Phillips hostage. They proceeded to free Capt. Phillips and took the fourth of his captors into US custody.

The fourth pirate, Abde Wale Abdul Kadhir Muse, only survived the sniping because of his willingness to negotiate. He remains in U.S. custody, and his mother has appealed to President Obama to release her 16-year old son, whom she claims is innocent.

When pirates spot an unfamiliar ship, they see only one thing: ransom money. Somalia is one of the most anarchic countries in the world and has not had a central government since 1991 when then-President Siad Barre was overthrown by rival factions. Following the coup, the clans never reached an agreement about the country should be run, and Somolia has since been afflicted by disease, famine and violence.

Many of the ships taken over by pirates are part of aid efforts from the United Nations. Though pirates interfere with the delivery of food and supplies intended to help the Somali citizens, they do spread their wealth through the country to some extent. Each captured ship is normally returned in exchange for a ransom of at least $1 million, making the pirates increasingly wealthy — and where there is wealth, there is power.



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These Somalian pirates captured by French forces don't look like the swashbucklers in the movies. They continue to harass foreign ships.

Piracy is considered both a blessing and a curse to the Somalis. The money has trickled into seaside villages, where pirates come dressed in suits and drive Land Cruisers to show off their wealth.

"This man was like a small king ... He was dressed like a president. So many people attended him. I got so angry — I said, 'Why do they accept this situation? You know this is pirate money!'" Ilka Ase Mohamed, a 23 year old from Harardhere, a small fishing town on the coast of Somalia, said in an interview of a pirate who changed his life.

Mohamed had made plans to wed the woman that he loved, but those plans quickly were made impossible when her parents betrothed their daughter to the pirate, in order to gain wealth. Many Somalis are so desperate that they are willing to accept the gifts of the pirates, even if it was not obtained in a humane manner.

Somalia's Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke has stated that they know the identity of many of the pirate leaders. They are willing to release the names to any country that will help provide the resources needed to capture them. The pirates have become so powerful that they are an immediate threat to the government. One way to stop them is to keep them from entering the sea.

"We are planning to establish at least ten or more observation posts on the coastline," Sharmarke said Thursday, April 16. But how big of an impact will those few observation posts make, since Somalia borders the Indian Ocean for 1,900 miles?

NATO is currently trying to prevent as many pirate attacks as they can but have had to release those captured due to not having authority to arrest them.

The Stolt Strength, of the Philipines, was taken over by pirates in the Gulf of Aden on November 10, 2008. The cargo ship was transporting phosphoric acid from Dakar, Senegal, to Kandla, India. Tuesday, the 23 Filipino crew members were freed by the pirates. Family members of the crew of the Stolt Strength had told the Associated Press that the pirates had demanded $5 million for ransom, but that the amount had declined to $2.2 million as of last week. Sagan Shipping Inc., the Philippine Company who owns the Stolt Strength, has not released information on the conditions of the release of the ship.

At least 16 other ships are still being held by Somali pirates, as well as about 300 crew members of those ships.

in the nation

Sparks fly over same-sex marriage debate

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News Editor

Two weeks ago, Iowa and Vermont became the third and fourth states to legalize same-sex marriage. The passed legislation will come into effect April 27, 2009 for Iowa, and Vermont will enact the legislation Sept. 1, giving supporters good reason to celebrate.

"I think it's great that Iowa and Vermont legalized gay marriage, at least in their state," junior Michael Tschop, a member of ALLIES, said. "We've still got a long way to go, since same-sex marriage is not federally recognized, but I think it's a step in the right direction, especially after the backward steps California, Florida, Arizona and Arkansas took during the election in November."

That "backward step" would be Proposition 8 and similar legislation passed in these states during the November election. It changed the states' constitutions to restrict the definition of marriage as only exisiting between heterosexual couples. In California, Proposition 8 passed 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent. In Arkansas, similar legislature also makes it illegal for homosexual couples to foster or adopt children.

The California-based Web site *ProtectMarriage.com* is devoted mostly to recruiting supporters of Proposition 8. "Restoring marriage and protecting California children," the site's welcome banner reads.

Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same-sex marriage in 2004, and Connecticut became the second in 2008. Which state will be the next? New York is a likely candidate. Governor David Paterson announced last Thursday that he plans to introduce a bill into the state's legislature to recognize and legalize same-sex marriage.

"The time has come to act," Peterson said during a news conference that morning. "The time has come for leadership. The time has come to bring marriage equality to the state of New York."

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg supports Paterson's initiative. "New Yorkers pride themselves on their ability to practice their individual freedoms," he said Thursday. "That includes the right to say what you believe, to practice your own faith and to love whomever you want, and it's time for this state to take the next step and ensure the rights of same-sex couples to marry whom they want."

During the Miss USA pageant last weekend, Miss California, Carrie Prejean, made headlines and sparked debate when she said that she believes marriage should only be between a man and a woman.

Entertainer Perez Hilton, who asked the question of the beauty queen, took particular offense to her response and made his disdain for it well-known. In his blog, he called it "the worst answer in pageant history."

"I was floored," Perez, an open homosexual himself, said to *ABCNews.com* during an interview Monday. "I haven't said this before, but to her credit, I applaud her for her honesty. However, she is not a politician; she's a hopeful Miss USA. Miss USA should represent everyone. Her answer alienated millions of gay and lesbian Americans, their families and their supporters."

Prejean's answer certainly alienated some audience members; after her answer, boos could be heard over the smattered applause. Prejean may have alienated judges too; she placed first runner-up to Miss North Carolina. Prejean said herself that she believes her answer cost her the crown.

on campus

Late student contributes $1.1 million to endowment

Melissa L. Jones
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown College has received a family estate gift of over $1.1 million to fund the newly created Turnbull-Jamieson Chair in accounting. Lorraine L. Jamieson, a former student, arranged for the endowment to be created from the remainder of the previously established Turnbull-Jamieson Trust and additional gifts of her own. This endowment will serve to provide funding for business and accounting instruction.

Jamieson is a former student who supported the College throughout her lifetime. Though she never actually graduated from Etown, she certainly grew to love the school while she in attendance. She often returned for activities sponsored by the school and attended reunions with the class of 1935. But Jamieson wanted to do more.

"Lorraine and her family were successful, and they wanted to give back and support the school," President Theodore Long said. "They felt strongly about supporting teaching in the areas of business and finance."

After Jamieson's death in September 2005 at the age of 92, an endowment was established using the Turnbull-Jamieson Trust, which had been established earlier by Craig and Florence Turnbull and Lorraine Jamieson. This endowment, worth $1.1 million, was created to fund the new Turnbull-Jamieson Chair in accounting in memory of Craig J. Turnbull, Florence O. Turnbull, Katherine E. Jamieson and Lorraine L. Jamieson.

"We are extremely grateful for this generous gift from Lorraine and her family," Long said. "I always got a lift from her endearing spirit, and I am saddened by her passing. Her great legacy will live on through the creation of this important fund and continue to benefit students for many years."

This endowment provides funding to support instruction in the field of business and accounting at Etown. While it will not change how the business department is run or what it does, the money will provide the department with stronger financial support.

"The endowment gives recognition to the business department to help signal that they are strong by recognizing excellence and supporting it financially," Long said.

The Turnbull-Jamieson Chair position is also a way to recognize an outstanding member of the business department faculty. The first Turnbull-Jamieson Endowed Chair is Dr. Hossein Varamini, a professor of finance and the director of the international business program.

Varamini has published 20 articles addressing finance and international business, as well as presenting many of his papers at scholarly meetings. He has also been a very positive influence on the College's international business program and a leader in the college-wide effort to enhance global education.

"Dr. Varamini has made a distinguished record as a teacher, scholar and leader in the College faculty," Long said. "His students and faculty colleagues here hold him in high regard, and in the wider academic world, he has burnished Elizabethtown's reputation for excellence in International Business."

Many other former Etown students have also either donated to the College, or their friends and family have donated in their name. Do the names James B. Hoover, class of '75; Dr. J. Paul Lyet III, class of '69; Kevin Boyd, class of '98; and Louise Baugher Black, class of '46 sound familiar? If not, think about this: the James B. Hoover Center for Business, the Lyet Wing for Biological Sciences in the Masters Center, the Kevin Scott Boyd Baseball Stadium, and the Louise Baugher Black Award, which recognizes excellence in non–fiction writing.

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Crash performed for many despite inclement weather

Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to completely rip the doors off of the Jeep so that the trapped people could be freed and taken by the paramedics.

In this scenario, the driver of the Jeep was "drunk" and thus responsible for the crash, and he had to be taken to the hospital.

Meanwhile,a girl was trapped in the back seat of the flipped vehicle. To save her, the firefighters went about forcibly removing the sedan's rear window.

The car was eventually propped up enough so that the victim could be retrieved safely.

Despite the rain, wind and cold, the crash was very well attended. A diverse mob of students crowded around the Ober Loop to get a view of the crash and the rescue process. Most students enjoyed the presentation as a whole.

"I thought it was very realistic," first-year Randy Burkholder said.

However, a few people there took a slightly more sarcastic stance.

"So this is what it takes for American college students to not drink and drive," an anonymous visitor to the campus from Holland quipped, reflecting international views on the crash.

Once everyone had been rescued, one of the "victims" got up and addressed the crowd, thanking them for attending and urging all present to be more responsible should they drink. After that, friends of the victims rushed into the loop, and it was hugs all around.

The mock car crash is an annual event hosted by Etown College's Get ABSURD club.

Get ABSURD is tasked with raising awareness of the dangers of drinking and offering safer alternatives for ways students can spend their weekends.

This educational event will continue to demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving for as long as it is held.

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

This Jeep Cherokee held a mock drunk driver who was responsible for the staged car crash. Beer cans can be seen on the ground beside the vehicle. Get ABSURD hosts the annual event, this year's held last Tuesday, to show the dangers of drinking and driving. Actors playing the parts of shocked or injured victims made the scene more realistic.

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Want to send off your senior friends in a way they'll cherish forever? Publish farewell wishes to your favorite Class of '09ers in next week's issue of *the Etownian*!

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on campus

Farmer addresses, impresses Scholarship Day audience

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Staff Writer

Tuesday was Elizabethtown College's second annual Scholarship and Creative Arts Day, highlighting a total of 400 student presentations. Dr. Paul Farmer, the Keynote Speaker, addressed a crowd of nearly 300 students, staff and faculty members in Leffler Chapel. Farmer is the Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology at Harvard University and an attending physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

After graduating from Duke University, he earned his M.D. and Ph.D. from Harvard, both in medical anthropology. Farmer is the co-founder of Partners in Health, an organization that offers healthcare to underprivileged people all over the world. Farmer was born in North Adams, Mass., in 1959, the second of six children. His humble upbringing "taught him to be resilient rather than hungry for wealth."

President Theodore Long introduced Farmer by saying there are certain people who take it on themselves to "make the world better one idea at a time," and Farmer "exemplifies that way of living."

By focusing on diseases that disproportionately afflict the poor and authoring and coauthoring over 100 scholarly publications, Farmer makes it a point to fight for what he believes in.

Author Tracy Kidder wrote a book titled "Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Could Cure the World" about his experience getting to know Dr. Farmer as a person. Long quoted Kidder's observation that Farmer "seemed to be living as nearly as any person can without hypocrisy."

Farmer began his speech by raising a few large-scale questions, such as, "What are rights?" and "Do all humans deserve the same rights?" He then described his decades of experience working with the poor and sick in Haiti. According to Farmer, one of his students asked him, "After working with people in Haiti for so long, are things better there?" In order to illustrate the improvement, Farmer told the student that when he first arrived there, Haitians said, "We're hungry. Give us food!" Now, the same people are sending him e-mails saying, "Paul, where is the Windows XP you promised us?"

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Dr. Paul Farmer spoke about healthcare rights at Leffler on Tuesday. He illustrated the difference that the Partners In Health make.

To show the scarcity of adequate healthcare in various regions of the world, and the prevalence of infectious diseases in the same regions, Farmer presented several anthropological maps. The problem, he explained, is that "where we need investment, we're not getting it."

To further prove his point, he displayed photographs of Haitian people he personally knew who were once extremely ill, "literally on death's door." In corresponding photos, the same individuals are restored to normal health due to intervention from Partners In Health. He emphasizes that delivering these services is not easy and not always the most cost efficient option, but that it is definitely not impossible.

Farmer is optimistic about the future of Partners in Health and global healthcare in general. These causes today have a great deal more resources than they ever have before. A Martin Luther King Jr. quote illustrates Farmer's views on the subject: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

"Everyone can imagine what it would be like to be sick and alone," Farmer said. Even people for whom healthcare is not a central issue should consider the possibility that anyone could end up in this situation. He believes that Etown's motto of "Educate for Service" is "admirable" and "very, very noble."

At the conclusion of his speech, he showed a picture of a homeless man in Philadelphia. "You don't have to go far to find people in need," he said.

student achievements

Psychology students honored for accomplishments

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In terms of student achievement, Etown's psychology department has certainly been busy establishing swagger throughout this spring. During the last several months, seniors Katie Krissinger and Laura Getz have each presented innovative research projects in different areas of study. Both veterans of social science conferences, the girls have been accepted along with other classmates to present at the Association for Psychological Science Conference in San Francisco at the end of May.

This semester, Getz and Krissinger have become (if you'll pardon the pun) poster-girls for their department. In March, Krissinger presented a study entitled "Long-term vs. Short-term Relationships: The Implications on Emerging Adults" at the Eastern Psychological Association in Pittsburgh. Her study was an examination of the implications associated with long and short-term relationships with a primary focus on the constructs of intimacy, relationship avoidance and anxiety. She presented her research in poster format (hence the pun), displaying the steps of her project as well as providing background research and participant demographics. Krissinger's results showed that those who had been in a long-term relationship (12 months or more) reported higher levels of intimacy than those who had only been in short term relationships (less than six months).

When asked what she enjoyed most about the process, Krissinger said, "I like conducting research because of the freedom it offers." She also offered a behind-the-scenes look at what it means to be a psychology major conducting a study. "You can test just about anything you want to," she said. "It's sort of like a puzzle in which you read countless research articles and become familiar with the literature surrounding that topic. You look at the existing data and see where the holes are, what questions haven't been asked, and from there, you figure out how to test this and pull together surveys which assess your topic."

Krissinger's initiative and hard work paid off, and her poster was a success at the conference in Pittsburgh. "Many people were interested in my study and enjoyed learning about the results," she said.

Getz's presentation at the Undergraduate Social Sciences Conferences at Lebanon Valley College April 4, 2009, was also very well received. Awarded third place overall in the poster competition, she exhibited her honors program thesis research, which covered the Collaborative Interdisciplinary Scholarship Program (CISP) South Africa music project. Choosing to focus on the increasingly diverse work-force in the United States and abroad today, Getz looked at cross-cultural differences in leadership perceptions between students in the United States and South Africa. She also spent time in South Africa to carry out her research. This was, understandably, the highlight of the process for her.

Getz also confessed that one of the biggest difficulties of conducting her study was learning how to gather participants. "I think the best thing about my research was that it gave me a great chance to deal with another culture, one that I probably wouldn't have had the experience to work with if it hadn't been for that grant and research project," Getz added. Upon graduating from Etown in May, she hopes to go to London to continue working on the South Africa project research.

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on campus

'Nine Parts of Desire,' highlighting unique women

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Staff Writer

A young girl dances freely around her room listening to the band N*SYNC with all the energy of a normal preteen. As the chorus lyrics to the up-tempo love song kick in and start to flow through the air, her room darkens and the lighthearted pop rhythms cease to surround her. The power has gone out. She calls out to her mother to put the generator back on so that she can finish listening to her favorite song. It is clear that the adolescent girl is frustrated. All she wants to do is live a standard life outside of the walls of her room and go to school. But that cannot be, because her safety would be at risk if should she venture there. Living in Iraq with the country's current occupation, this young girl may not be normal for a long time.

This story, accompanied by eight others, will be performed by nine Elizabethtown College students on April 23-25, 30, and May 1-2 in the Tempest Theatre in the play "Nine Parts of Desire." The play, written by actress Heather Raffo, details nine different struggles of Iraqi women. Although one character is American with Iraqi heritage, that young woman finds herself stuggling with issues occuring in Iraq. Each character in the play serves to have a significant message about female empowerment.

"I know I identify with all of them," Raffo explained about the characters. "They are all aspects of myself." The actress/playwright has done numerous productions, but this was the first play that she wrote. The theme of empowerment gives voice to each character. "In a nutshell, until there is really equality in the universe, we will never be balanced," Raffo detailed.

Raffo's own heritage allowed her to dig deep into the many ideas of the play. In "O" magazine, Raffo discussed the "aha" moment when she connected with her Iraqi background while she was in college.

"I got more comfortable in my own skin," she said. "Embracing and understanding Iraqi heritage grounded me as a woman." She further explained that the change within herself was imminent at the time, whether it was in connecting with her heritage or becoming more comfortable with herself.

In shaping the play itself, Raffo visited Iraq and interviewing people she knew and then branched off to get the stories from strangers who would become so much more. She stated that it took a great amount of trust to gain the stories of these women, but it wasn't too difficult of a process. "Actors tend to be very close to the bone with their life stories," Raffo said, "but the experience was deep and intense."

Originally, Raffo's performance of the play was as a one-woman show, but many productions choose to have multiple actresses for the parts. According to Raffo, there are significant differences between the two ways of performing the show. "There is more of a poetic sense with one person torn in nine different directions," she said. Raffo also said that although with a bigger cast one may lose the sense of a personal inner war, the actresses instead gain a community amongst the characters and a lot more of a dialogue. "The actresses get to wrap their spirits and heads around the parts," Raffo explained.

"I couldn't have picked a better show to end college with," senior English major and theater minor Natasha Threatts, who performs in the play, said. "It has been a great learning experience, and I feel honored to share the story of the Iraqi women." Threatts' character Amal deals with the struggle of whether or not freedom is better than peace. "Their story deserves to be told," Threatts said. "The women of this cast truly embody the spirit of the show."

"These are roles that stick with you when you go to bed at night and when you wake up," fellow actresses and senior English education major Katlyn Howes, who plays Layal, said. "The women we play are so real and so strong, it is a great thing to be a part of."

Raffo emphasized that she wanted to shed more light on the image of the Iraqi woman for the American audience. "I really do respect and love that we understand what it is to be American and the play celebrates that so the characters don't seem so foreign," Raffo said. Positive reviews about the play have come from sources as well-known as The New York Times. "I feel really happy about its success," Raffo said. "Seeing other people do it I got a chance to sit back as a writer and be moved by others' performances." Raffo added that she hopes to continue writing.

"I consider all the women in my play to be dramatized characters in a poetic story," Raffo said. "I liken it to songwriting — listened deeply to what each woman said, what she wanted to say but couldn't, and what she never knew how to say. Then I wrote her song."

on campus

TGIS weekend coming

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Staff Writer

My favorite part about TGIS is Saturday on Brinser Field. It's always different from year to year - they change the theme, and there are inflatables and lots of games to play, and it's always really great. So it's just a fun afternoon to spend time with friends," senior Kaylyn Parman said.

For years, students like Parman have enjoyed Thank God It's Spring (TGIS) Weekend. Students are especially eager to experience the theme of "Through the Decades" this year, which will showcase all the best from the 20th century. Starting Thursday, April 23 and lasting until Saturday, April 25, activities will include a '50s drive-in dinner, a showing of "Grease" and swing dance lessons. Other activities for the eventful weekend will range from a roller-skating party, an '80s flash dance and E-stock, which will include concerts, tie-dye shirts and an obstacle course on Brinser Field.

This spring marks the fourth year the Office of Student Activities (OSA) has coordinated the TGIS weekend. Director of Student Activities Toni Kupchella and OSA student assistants helped decide this year's theme.

'That was the first year OSA did it and for me TGIS is the theme, but the student body was very angry that there was not another theme. In recent years there was also a pirates theme one year, there was a western theme in the past before my time," Kupchella said.

Negative reviews involved with the Medieval Times, the theme two years ago, caused Kupchella to rethink activities and food at the Marketplace during the annual festivities. "Two years ago, we did a medieval dinner in the Marketplace, so there were no utensils and that was met with some mixed reviews. Some students really got into it and dining did a great job. They did a lot of food that was either on a stick or food that you would normally eat with your hand to begin with, but some students were just really not enjoying the medieval experience without the silverware," Kupchella said.

Since the Medieval-themed TGIS weekend, OSA has implemented assessments to gauge the student body's needs.

"I just feel that the program ideas that were created and that the students came up with are good ideas. We have been doing the student activities assessment this entire semester, and I feel like we were actually able to take ideas that we were trying to get for next year but I incorporat[ed] them immediately into this year.

This year's theme of "Through the Decades" seems fitting for the OSA team, whom have looked to the past successes and failures for TGIS weekend.

"I would definitely say that this year's schedule supersedes any other year's schedule. I feel like every year is getting better and better," Kupchella said.

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The Jayd-ed edge

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Features Editor

Cup of kindness

Some customers at Starbucks shops around the Birmingham, Ala. area have been getting an extra ingredient with their coffee: kindness. Customers at shops in eastern Birmingham, Hoover and Vestavia Hills are paying it forward by anonymously picking up the tabs of others.

Sharon Dierking got a taste of the movement when she pulled up to the window at a Starbucks on U.S. 280 and the barista told her the driver in the car ahead had paid for her order.

Stacie Elm, a barista at an Alabaster Starbucks, said a line of five cars recently paid it forward. Customers are usually surprised to find out their order is already paid for, she said.

Drive thru diplomat

A politician in northeastern Pennsylvania has been getting some ribbing from his colleagues, but he says having a drive-thru window at his office is working great.

State Rep. Kevin Murphy said his office in Scranton has the drive-thru to make it easier for his constituents to see him. He said senior citizens, the disabled and those who have children in the car especially like the convenience of not having to walk into the office to drop off or pick up paperwork.

Oldest bowler

A 100-year-old woman from New Jersey has become the oldest competitor in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships.

Emma Hendrickson of Morris Plains, N.J., was presented Saturday night with a plaque and a medallion to commemorate her 50th consecutive appearance in the tournament. She also received a pendant with her birthstone in recognition of her status as the tournament's oldest participant.

The great-great-grandmother rolled 115, 97 and 106 for a 318 series during team competition at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

Hendrickson's bowling activity is supported by her 27 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She has no plans to stop; she has already signed up to compete in the 2010 event in El Paso, Texas.

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on campus

Greenberg studies Hollywood, movies

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Fridays are the start of the restful weekend as well as the debut date of many popular Hollywood movies at the local cinema. Dr. Bryan Greenberg, assistant professor of marketing in the business department, has studied the effect Hollywood has on the public.

Greenberg recently presented his work at the Social Network Analysts Conference in San Diego, "Friday Night at the Movies: How Hollywood Decides What You'll Be Watching this Weekend." He has been working on this topic for a number of years. It is a continuation of work he started in graduate school.

"I have always been interested in the media industry, specifically in the development phase," Greenberg said. "I'm a marketing guy."

In the beginning of his presentation, he compared two very different films, "Slumdog Millionaire" and "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry." "Slumdog" is an independent film that grossed over $300 million at the box office and only cost $15 million to produce. "Chuck and Larry" was a product of the large Hollywood machine, costing $85 million to make. It only earned $186 million worldwide. So why does Hollywood still make films that cost more and are seemingly less profitable? Four words: Thursday night advertising blocks. As the public watches TV, they see multiple advertisements for a film being released the following evening. Consumers prefer to see what they know or are familiar with. The public still makes its own decisions about what to see at the movie theatre, but the TV advertising helps considerably.

"The major studios dominate Hollywood," Greenberg continued. The studios are part of an oligopoly, meaning that they are all very similar and control what happens in the industry. They can push the rating system board through lobbying. For example, if a movie is supposed to be rated NC-17, they will go back to negotiate with the ratings board to make it rated R. Within Hollywood, it is difficult to go outside the norm.

"If your work is non-traditional, you're putting your [career] on the line," Greenberg said. "It's [more] okay to fail with a traditional idea than with a non-traditional idea. You can blame it on the audience or the environment — not the film idea itself. It's a tough thing to get 'Slumdog' films," Greenberg said.

"The filmmaking process is backwards," Greenberg said. Typically, a product or idea is made to cater to a specific audience or market. When a product is created before a specific audience is identified, then it has to be carefully promoted and the content has to be shaped to relate to the largest possible group. There is a "narrowing of content that's produced," Greenberg said.

There are three steps in the filmmaking process: development, production and distribution. The idea can come about in a few ways. Sometimes the original idea is varied greatly before it is given the ok to go on to production. Other times, the idea stays pretty much the same as when it was first started, by the production stage. The worst-case scenario is when an idea is shot down before it ever gets the green light to go to production. So why do some make it through unscathed and others shot down? It comes down individual influences, social influences and the entire social system.

Greenberg conducted his study in four steps. First, he studied film producers and studio executives to get a better understanding of the "individual attributes, influences and organizational culture." After looking at these surveys, he discovered the average Hollywood producer is a white, middle-aged, college-educated male who does not attend church. Next, he examined the social networks that lie within the media industry. From there, he conducted open-ended interviews and observed these executives and producers. He then analyzed the content of the films these producers formed.

Greenberg is not done with his research on this topic. Next, he hopes to get a cross-cultural comparison by traveling to Asia to study industries such as Bollywood. In contrast to Hollywood, Bollywood is not a national movie industry. Rather, it is made up of regional media industries that are controlled by local sectors. He will travel to India as part of the Mellon International Faculty Scholarship Seminar, a program for professors in which select faculty members conduct research projects abroad.

on campus

Empty bowls works to end hunger issues

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Hunger awareness is an issue that has recently hit home with many families in Third World countries, as well as those in the United States. This prominent concern has begun to have a direct impact on our world because of harsh economic times we are currently experiencing.

Turn on any news station or merely look at your close family members or friends, and chances are that you will no longer see the same bounce in their step. Many people have become worried about how they will continue to support their families. Lately, we have seen huge chain stores, such as Circuit City, succumb to bankruptcy — a far too common experience for many companies. Families have also started to cut back on everyday necessities, even groceries and health products.

So what can the students and faculty of Elizabethtown College do to help support those in need? Hopefully, you showed your support for the Empty Bowls Dinner that took place Wednesday, April 22 in the Event Space from 4 to 7 p.m. The dinner was sponsored by SIFE, the Center for Global Citizenship and the AmeriCorps Scholars. The entertainment was provided by Emotion dance club, Phalanx and Melica. Mr. Etown, senior Ezra Schatz, emceed the event as well.

Senior Shaleen Spulio, Managing Editor of *the Etownian* and director of Internal Communications for SIFE, said, "This is the second year EC SIFE helped with the Empty Bowls Dinner, along with the AmeriCorps Scholars. The money we raised will be going to the Central PA Food Bank and Heifer International."

Hunger Awareness Week was comprised of four main events: the Empty Bowls Dinner, the Soup Card Fundraiser, informative sidewalk chalk messages and the flyers around campus about hunger in both our community and around the world.

The Empty Bowls Dinner served three main purposes. First, it raised awareness in the campus and surrounding communities about the hunger problems in local neighborhoods. Second, it aspired to help those suffering from hunger, especially in these difficult times. The final aim was to encourage others who are more fortunate to help those in need.

"What SIFE is doing here is absolutely amazing," Schatz said. "To think that students are taking the initiative to raise awareness for such an alarming problem in the world is wonderful. SIFE is an outstanding organization, and they exemplify what Elizabethtown College is all about. I am very excited that they offered me the opportunity to help out in any way I could."

The event only cost either a meal swipe or $5 for students. Faculty, staff and community members were also invited to attend this event for $8 or $5 with a donation of non-perishable food. "The purpose of Hunger Awareness Week was to illustrate the importance of the issue of hunger in our community and around the world, while raising funds to help combat it," senior Matt Miller, president of SIFE, said.

The only food that was served at the dinner was a simple meal of soup and bread. This meal was kindly donated by Dining Services as well.

"The reason for the Empty Bowls Dinner was to show attendees the type of meals that many people in the world eat every day. We wanted to illustrate how much hunger and poverty truly affects these people," Miller said. "The simple meal of soup and bread was more than many eat in an average day. There were also presentations and discussions on hunger-related issues."

Think about how much food you eat in a normal day. How much do you waste? Do your part to help fight hunger in your local communities by supporting organizations such as the Central PA Food Bank and Heifer International. Volunteer your time to help make a difference around the globe.

environmental concerns

Kermit refuted: it *is* easy bein' green

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Green is officially the new black. It is the new buzzword in magazines, on billboards and endorsed by celebrities. But what does it mean to be green? Is it just a saying, or is this eco-friendly way of life becoming a reality?

Since a small movie produced by Al Gore, titled "An Inconvenient Truth," garnered Hollywood buzz and fame, the American way of life has changed. The fear of losing California to an earthquake and the possibility of Florida shriveling in the Atlantic Ocean have prompted Americans to change their way of living, and a newer, greener lifestyle has come to the forefront of American consciousness.

"An Inconvenient Truth" is about Gore's quest to end global warming before it ends life on earth. The shocking potential effects to which this movie eludes includes the claim that both sides of the American continent will either be swallowed by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans or break off of the continent in only a matter of years. Gore, on a media blitz tour across the States, urged Americans to find an alternative lifestyle that does not waste as much energy or pollute the environment nearly as much.

Senior Meredith Pritchard is employed by a manufacturers' representative company and works to sell more green products to wholesale companies. In her eyes, evidence of those living an eco-friendly life is seen especially through the wholesale giftware market, which is the area Pritchard focused on for her senior seminar project.

"[Going green] means buying or purchasing sustainable goods or products that are safe to the environment (non-toxic, or without the potential to release harsh chemicals), biodegradable, or recyclable," she said.

There are easy ways that college students can help with the ecofriendly transformation. The Web site *IdealBite.com* prides itself on "celebrating Earth Day every day." On this site, students can find easy ways to go green, such as opting out of phone book delivery, using a rice-paper wallet, or using an eco-friendly bath towel made from bamboo and organic cotton.

The idea of this new and inventive bath towel came about because the use of organic cotton accounts for less use of pesticides and insecticides. Additionally, these towels are extremely soft and absorbent.

The Web site also features a library of daily tips. Each pointer includes "The Bite" (a description of the product, idea or newfangled way of life), why a person should care, why the Web site feels that this is a great way to "go green", and how to acquire the idea or service. The tips are helpful and handy, and if one person did one thing every day, the world as people know it would be much safer and cleaner.

Another Web site, *MyInspirationLounge.com*, offers similar ideas and has a constant sidebar on how to go green. This site, which states different ways that a person can change their own world by "seeing the world," "getting money savvy," and helping others "get entrepreneurial" also says that a person can enhance their own lives as well as the lives of others by embracing the "green" lifestyle. Features such as "100 water saving tips," creative green wrapping ideas, and an eco-friendly browser for user-friendly green content add to this Web site and truly help the user to enhance the world.

Several simple tips for going green, according to *IdealBite.com*, include:

- Wear vintage fashion
- Use high performance windows in the home
- Shop online
- Invest in organic jeans
- Switch to eco-friendly rain gear
- Repair old clothes and shoes at a tailor or cobbler
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
- Unplug electronics when they are not in use

All of these bits of advice can help an average student to maintain a regular lifestyle while still saving the environment and preserving a great land. If each person takes time out of his or her day to do at least one green thing, then everyone would feel better about themselves. Slowly but surely, America and the planet will be saved from this "Inconvenient Truth."

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4:20: Day of apathy?

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April 20, or 4/20, is an unofficial holiday celebrated by the use of illicit substances. National Pot Smoking Day has a hazy history; several versions of its origins exist.

One story, according to the editor of High Times, Steven Hager, recounts that this holiday began at San Rafael High School "... in 1971, among a group of about a dozen pot-smoking students who called themselves the Waldos. The term was shorthand for the time of day the group would meet, at the campus statue of Louis Pasteur, to smoke pot. Intent on developing their own discreet language, they made 420 a code for a time to get high."

Another story, found on the infamous Wikipedia, follows the same line. The entry said the 4/20 term stems from a group of teenagers at San Rafael High School who would meet to smoke marijuana precisely at 4:20, the time when detention students were released.

These two versions seem to match up well and are believed to be the real backstory. Other explanations behind the selection of April 20 include that, in police terminology, a "code 420" identifies pot smokers, and that there are 420 different chemical compounds that make up pot.

This day has different possible origins, but however you look at this holiday, it is all celebrated the same. Its various origins could involve the many different names and uses marijuana has. It has been called mary-jane, weed, grass, wacky tobaccey, cannabis, herb, the smoke, hash, reefer and the hooch. There aren't any substantial reasons why these names have become tied to marijuana, but there are sound reasons why marijuana is such a controversial drug.

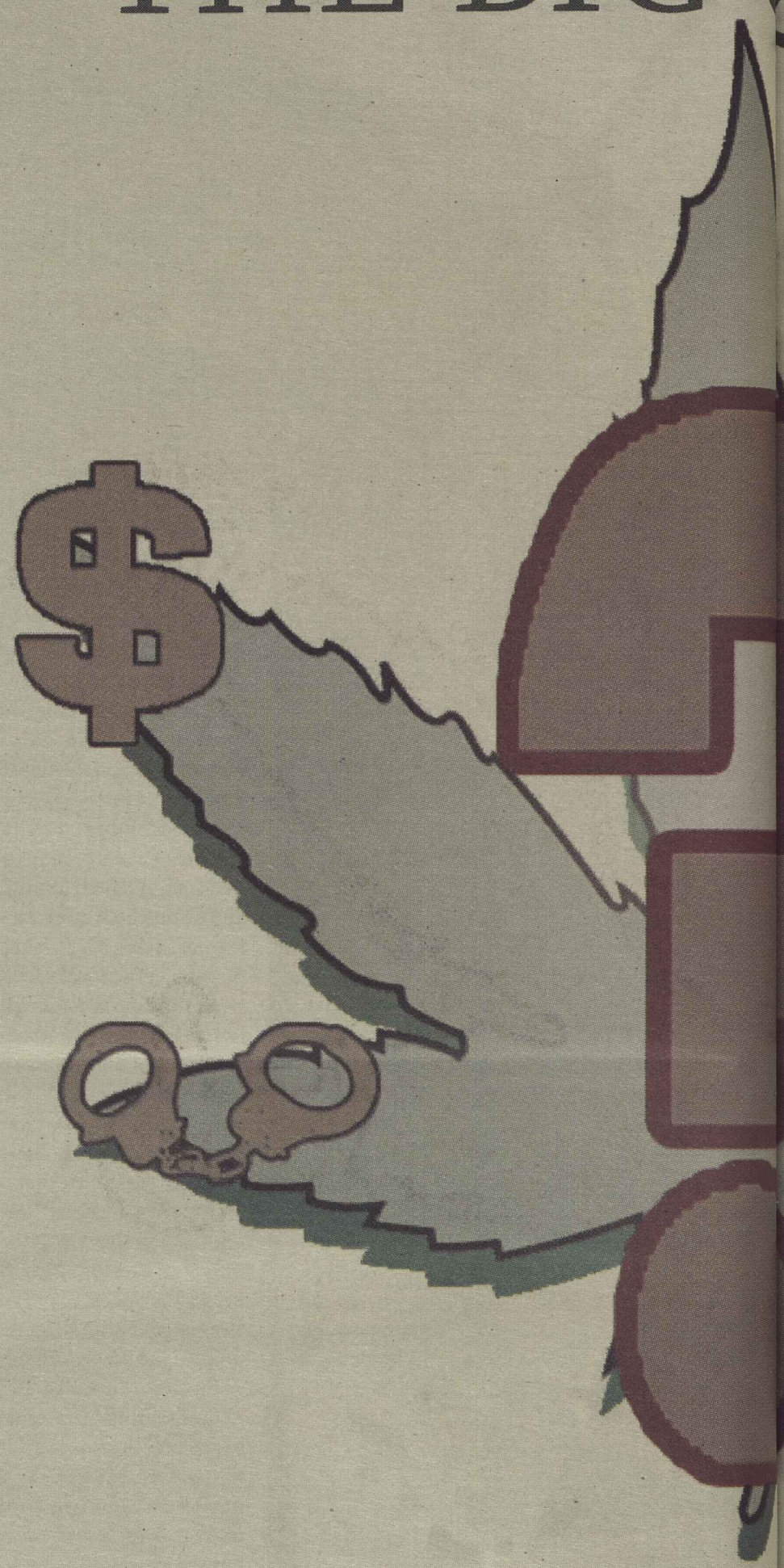
Marijuana has medical benefits, even though it is an illegal drug. It is used to relieve nausea, intra-ocular pressure and depression. It can benefit cancer patients to ease the pain and stress of chemotherapy, bipolar disorder patients, AIDS patients who suffer from a lack of appetite and glaucoma patients.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) provides a public voice for those who favor the legalization of marijuana. This organization has successfully decriminalized minor marijuana offences in 11 states and lowered cannabis penalties in others. One of their goals is to offset the anti-marijuana propaganda used by the government and provide both sides of the argument.

NORML offered memberships last Monday for $4.20 in Washington, D.C. where they maintain the largest professional staff of this organization. "4/20 is a special date when cannabis consumers celebrate marijuana and all of its various unique cultural interpretations and accoutrements," NORML Outreach Coordinator Ron Fisher said April 17. "With the introduction of two new federal pro-reform bills, this year's 4/20 celebrations provide citizens nationwide who support cannabis law reform unique opportunities that NORML strongly encourages them to exercise."

In order to reach more people with this organization, they have created a Facebook group. They have reached and gained over 420,000 supporters. Started only last September, NORML's Facebook Cause group is the largest group of self-identified cannabis law reform supporters in the world.

If marijuana has so many supporters, and may have a future as a legal drug, what will become of National Pot Smoking day?



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Fight for your right!

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Monday, April 20, a rally was held on the steps of the Harrisburg Capitol to support a Manheim Township man in his quest to persuade local legislators to pass a bill to legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Charles Homan, 58, has been living with the devastating effects of bipolar disorder for the past 12 years. The only medicine that he says alleviates his symptoms and allows him to get more than just a few hours of sleep at night is marijuana.

On his personal campaign Web site, *www.medicalmovement.com*, Homan posted a heartfelt testimonial of his reasons for supporting the medical marijuana controversy.

"After exhausting all medical options, marijuana is still the only rest I can get. Every night I am suffering. Trying to work with extreme exhaustion has left me with two torn bicep tendons and a torn rotator cuff," Homan said in his testimonial.

Homan reports that he has spoken with legislators and numerous doctors to try to gain their support for his urgent cause, but both groups feel the topic is far too controversial.

According to *WebMD.com*, doctors prescribed medical marijuana until 1942, when it was taken off the U.S. pharmacopoeia, the list of commonly available drugs. Since then, only 13 states have legalized the use of medical marijuana and many doctors across the country are researching this controversial medicine.

"Marijuana has been a medicine for 5,000 years," Donald I. Abrams, MD, said. "That's a lot longer than it hasn't been a medicine." Abrams is an oncologist and director of clinical research programs at the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at the UCSF School of Medicine in San Francisco.

Medical Marijuana does not "cure" diseases, but rather it relieves many of the symptoms associated with chronic and debilitating medical issues. *WebMD.com* cites that some of the symptoms alleviated by the drug include nausea and vomiting from chemotherapy treatment; pain, muscle spasticity and insomnia from spinal cord injury; and pain, stiffness and muscle spasticity from multiple sclerosis.

Sandy Spayd, director of Health Services at Elizabethtown College, is not in favor of legalizing the drug. "There is always a risk with herbals," she said. "Many find a way to market their product, and consistency in quality and dosage is problematic, unless there are clear guidelines in production."

In light of the debate over medical marijuana, New Jersey is in the legislative process for a state-authorized medical marijuana program. The New Jersey Compassionate Use Marijuana Act passed the state Senate Feb. 23, 2009.

Furthermore, Pennsylvania Representative Mark B. Cohen, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, will introduce a medical marijuana bill for the Keystone State in April or May. The rally held Monday was in support of Cohen's proposed bill.

Speakers at the rally included Ken Wolski, registered nurse; Anne Davis, attorney and law professor; Charles Kwiatkowski, a multiple sclerosis patient who testified before the New Jersey senate among many others.

At the rally, there was a moment of silence at 4:20 p.m. for the 870,000 Americans who are arrested each year for the possession of marijuana.

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internship highlights

Deysher, Roberts snag out-of-the-ordinary summer gigs

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Summer: the one word in the English language that brings relief to the hearts and minds of every student across the United States. Summer means relaxation. It means road trips with friends, sandy feet from days on the beach, and a perpetual laziness from simply bumming around the house. It is the incarnation of the popular phrase, "Life is good."

But for some Elizabethtown students, summer is not just an excuse to accumulate a layer of dust on those all-too-often used coats. Instead, their summers will be used gaining experience in all types of fields, through internships offered by companies and organizations around the world.

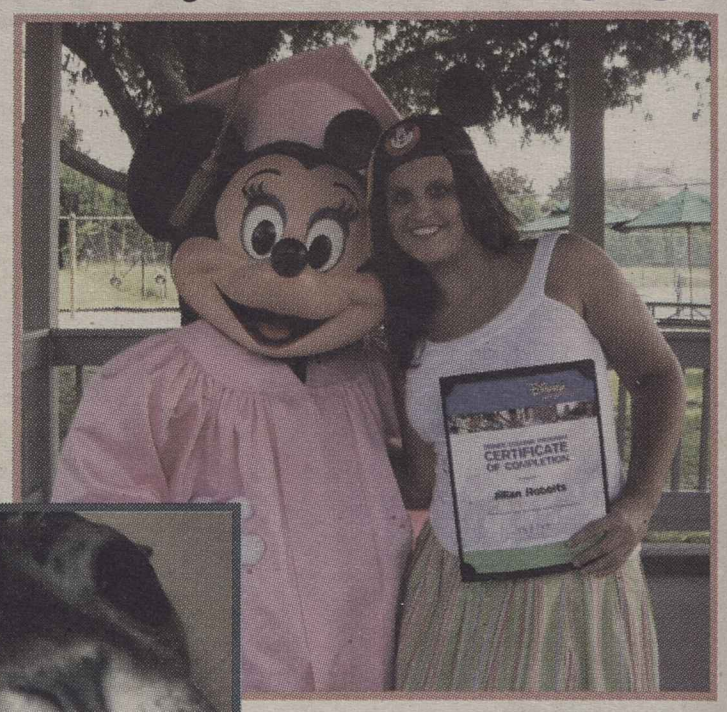
Though many students associate internships with work done throughout the school year, summer internships can provide students with a way to fill their time off with needed experience but not worry about other classes during their internship. It also gives them the opportunity to feel like an actual employee wherever they are working, as their hours on the site are not determined by the rest of their college schedule.

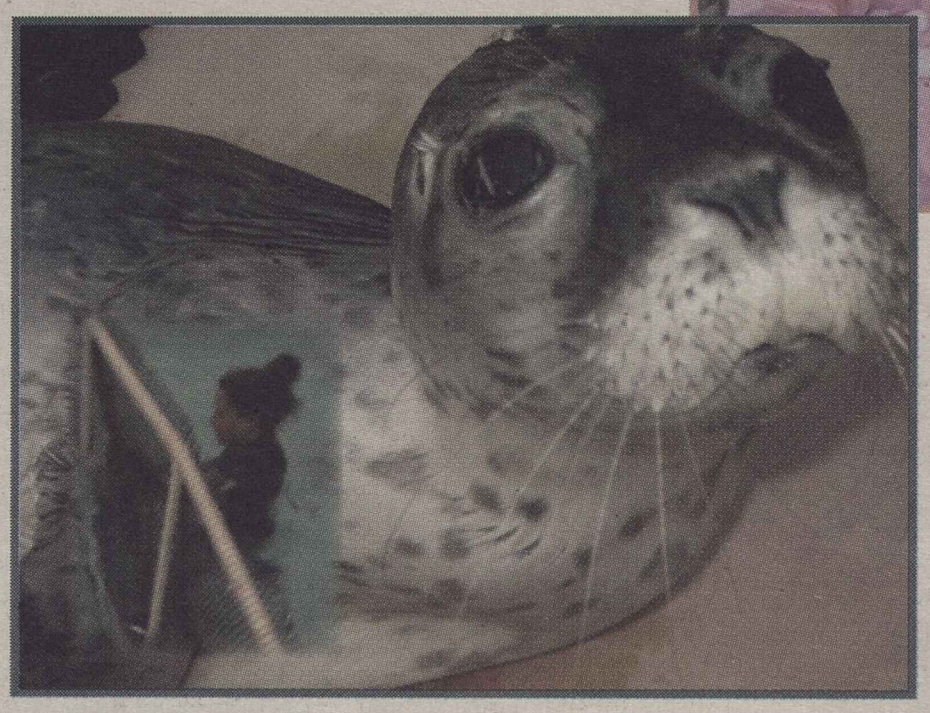
Companies that offer these type of internships are plentiful, from Levi's and Chanel for fashion enthusiasts, to Maxim and Us Weekly for publishing entrepreneurs. There are even companies whose sole profit is made from students' summer internships, including University of Dreams, which sponsors programs in 11 cities. Through their programs, University of Dreams not only provides an internship at a leading company, but also offers housing, meals and daily trips to events around the area.

Summer internships have gained popularity around campus as more and more companies open their doors to college interns and potential future employees. Senior Sarah Deysher interned last summer for the Marine Animal Rehabilitation Center at the University of New England in Maine to complement her biology major and apply what she has learned here at Etown out in the field.

"I wanted experience working hands-on with animals, particularly marine animals," Deysher said. "[I had to perform] basic animal husbandry, like cleaning the rooms and feeding seals and sea turtles. I also drew blood samples and did diagnostic blood tests to determine treatment plans for the animals."

Deysher is not the only Etown student to commit to a distant program over the summer. Senior Jillian Roberts has worked with the Walt Disney World College Program in Orlando, Fla. since January 2007. This college program allows students to fulfill a childhood dream and work with one of the largest companies in the world while earning possible credits. The programs run either in the fall or in the spring, with an option to stay over the summer.





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Above: Senior Jill Roberts poses with Minnie and displays her certificate from Disney's College Program. Left: Senior Sarah Deysher sports a wet suit (inset). She worked with baby seals during her marine biology internship in Maine last summer.

"Some benefits while doing the program are free admission into the parks every day," Roberts said, "[as well as] free tickets for family and friends a few times throughout the program."

Roberts also recently applied and was granted a professional internship with Disney, where she will be a Sales Assistant at the Saratoga Springs Resort.

Although both students took part in very different programs, the consensus at the end of each program seemed to be clear: do it!

"It was the most amazing experience I ever had," Roberts said. "[It] led me to what I want to do with my future."

College may appear pretty standard and boring at times, but it's four years of opportunity that you may never get back. And believe it or not, that opportunity just may lay somewhere outside Lancaster County. So get out and explore this summer, because saving a beached whale just may have a greater impact on you than becoming one.

campus events

Second annual SCAD displays hard work and creativity

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Scholarship and Creative Arts Day is held here at Elizabethtown College once a year to celebrate the scholarly and creative accomplishments of Etown students. Throughout the day, a variety of scheduled events such as presentations, performances and exhibits are prepared by the students to demonstrate their hard work, skills and abilities. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend this event and support those who have put time and effort into their respective projects.

At the event, students presented on many different topics. Some displays included research and work done through classes as well as on students' own time. Others are academic performances or posters they have worked on for the entire year. Junior Mike Mauger presented a poetry reading of pieces he wrote for his creative writing class with Dr. Carmine Sarracino.

"At the beginning of the semester, I had no intentions of presenting on Scholarship Day, but as I wrote more, Dr. Sarracino gave me a lot of confidence, and so I kind of decided at the last minute to present," Mauger said. "I've learned a lot about writing and poetry from Dr. Sarracino over the past year."

> **It was great preparation for research out in the "real world."**
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> **Stacey Lehman**
> Senior biotechnology major

On another side of the academic subject spectrum, senior biotechnology major Stacey Lehman did a presentation involving cell cycle regulation as part of a much larger research proposal that her adviser, Dr. Jane Cavender, wrote for a National Institutes of Health grant.

"I chose this project because I am interested in cell cycle regulation and how problems with cell cycle regulation can lead to cancer," Lehman said. "One of the proteins I focused on in this project was cyclin A. The cyclin family of proteins play a major role in cell cycle progression.

Additionally, working with T antigen cell lines is a great model system to study the changes cells must undergo to become transformed ([or] develop cancer)."

Students' work on presentations can sometimes take from the beginning of the school year until the presentation date. Others only take a short amount of time to prepare. The long, tedious hours preparing for this event really show how dedicated these students are to their project.

"My research for this presentation had its ups and downs. Sometimes I would get fantastic results from an experiment the first time, and other times it would take me several tries to troubleshoot an experiment," Lehman said. "I originally expected my first experiments for this project to take a week or two before I moved on to something else. However, some surprising results led to those first experiments becoming my entire senior thesis. Overall, it was great preparation for research out in the 'real world,' especially since I plan to go on to grad school."

Another Scholarship Day presentation was a children's play called "Cake-enometry." This production was written and directed by senior theater performance and mathematics major Alyssa Miller as partial credit for the required senior project in theater. Miller had the opportunity to cast and direct her own play as well as present it at the Scholarship Day event.

"I decided to write a play because I wanted to incorporate both of my majors into the completion of one project. I liked the idea of having a play that would teach children about math," Miller said.

The play follows a little girl named Lizzie and her journey to the grocery store to buy ingredients to make a birthday cake for her brother. Along the way, she is faced with some tempting sales pitches that require her to think before she acts. She eventually realizes that even those who appear mean on the surface can actually be good inside.

According to Miller, writing the play was a challenging — but worthwhile — experience.

"It was a long process working with the play and figuring out the best way to get the lesson across without being too childish," she said. "After the play was written, I had to audition the actors and work with them in order to present the idea I had in my head."

These three presentations were just a few out of the many that were presented on Scholarship and Creative Arts Day. Those who attended any of the presentations Tuesday may have been inspired to present something next year.

cinema review

'Cleaning' less than spotless

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Little Miss Sunshine" is easily one of my five favorite films. So, when I learned that the guys who produced it were making another movie — "Sunshine Cleaning" — I literally bolted to the theater.

However, I left very much disappointed — yet strangely uplifted. "Sunshine Cleaning" is a very sweet and incredibly funny movie, but it steals more than a name from "Little Miss Sunshine."

"Cleaning" is the tale of Rose and Nora Lorkowski, two sisters who are having trouble finding their way in the world while trying to deal with their mother's suicide.

Rose (Amy Adams) is a tired, sweet and somewhat serious single mom barely out of her 20s.

Back in the day, she was the hottest girl in school, a stereotypical cheerleader dating a football player. But alas, the world has moved on and left Rose cleaning houses for a living and barely able to support her awkwardly brilliant son, Oscar.

Nora (Emily Blunt) is Rose's confused and angry little sister, dressed like a punk with her myriad of bracelets, necklaces and tattered jeans.

She lives with her father and prefers to sit in her room thinking up new and increasingly harebrained get-rich-quick schemes (as opposed to holding down a *real* job).

Both sisters are clearly tired of their lives but are trucking along just fine. That is, until the cop with whom Rose is having an affair suggests that the sisters get into the "crime scene clean-up" business — as it's just like cleaning houses, but pays twice as much. Of course, the girls sign up immediately and begin to clean up crime scenes. The movie is off like a rocket.

Sure, this sounds like an excellent premise, and the beginning of the movie is truly incredible.

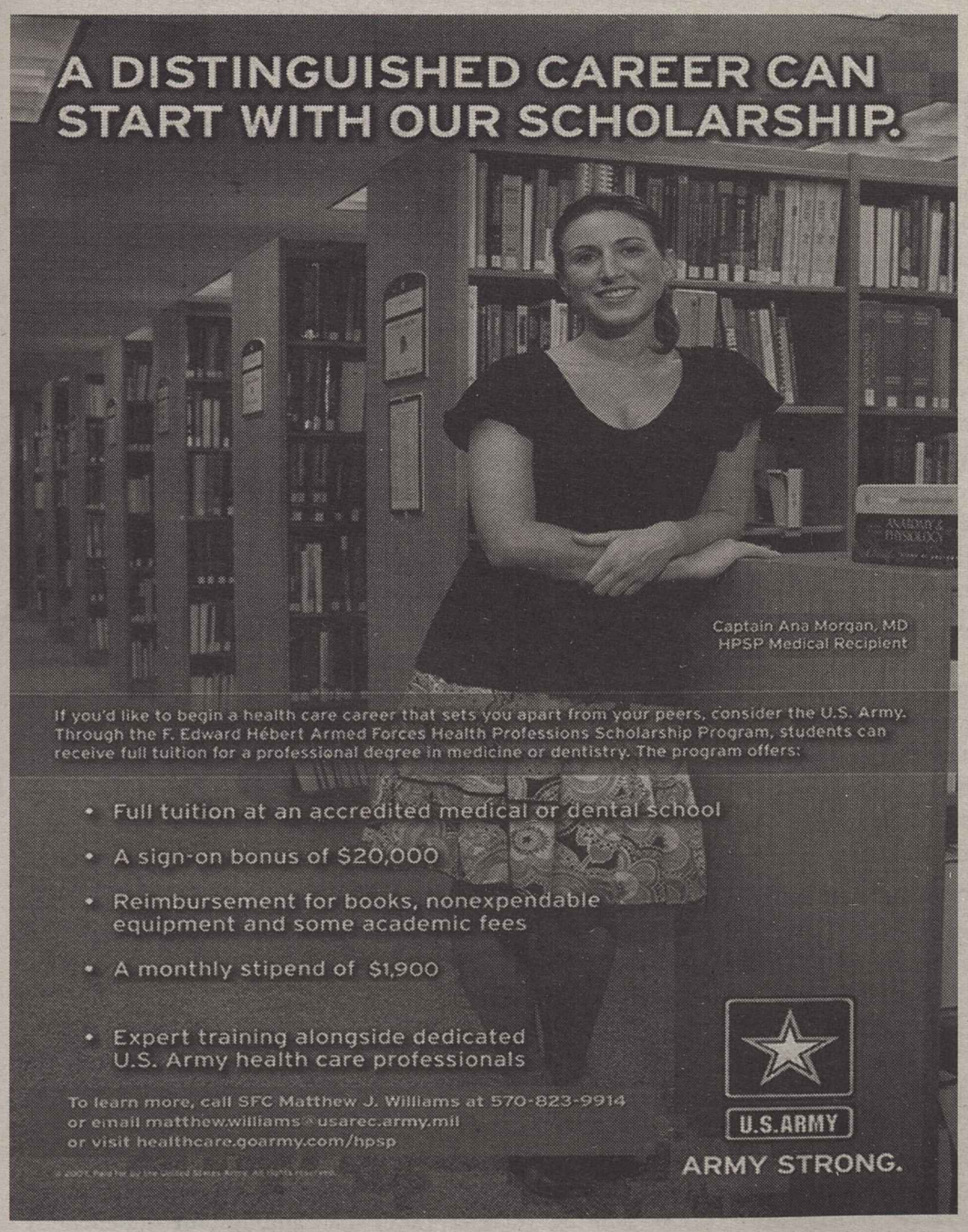
The sisters bubble with so much chemistry that the movie could have just been the two chatting over tea and crackers for a few hours and I would have been satisfied. Their desperate lives on the outskirts of Albuquerque, N.M., are passionately presented in a hilarious light.

When the action really takes off and side plots develop, however, things get awkward. Alan Arkin does a hilarious job playing the father, but his loud non sequiturs and the tender moments with his precocious grandson may as well have been directly lifted from his character in "Little Miss Sunshine."

The sisters are frequently saved from their predicaments by deus ex machina moments thrown in by lazy writers. The film is edited in a rather jerky way, making it painfully obvious that post-production for the film was a rush-job.

Finally, the worst demerit of all is that "Cleaning" doesn't really have a climax. It just *ends* after another deus ex machina saves the girls and their family from the darkest stormcloud of all.

Plot troubles and character-stealing aside, "Sunshine Cleaning" is a very sweet and honest film that will leave you bewildered yet uplifted. Don't see it if you're a manly-man or if you don't like excessive blood.



in hip-hop fantasy games

50 pops caps, rains death

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When a man like 50 Cent loses something precious, he gets real angry, 'cause fools need dyin'. A concert tour in the desert earns Mr. Cent the diamond-studded skull of an ancient queen (valued at $10 million). Ethnic gentlemen steal the relic, so the rapper starts a war to recover it. The G-Unit — Tony Yayo, Lloyd Banks and DJ Whoo Kid — help 50 bust a few hundred heads.

Economics aren't necessarily 50's strong suit. The "50 Cent: Blood on the Sand" video game costs $59.99 for Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 ($10 more than its predecessor, "Bulletproof," which sold a fantastic 1.6 million copies despite terrible reviews). In the game, 50 and associates hire million-dollar helicopters and lay old palaces to waste, devastating the infrastructure of the anonymous Baltic-Mediterranean country. 50 bankrupts a few private security companies, patronizes one strip club (the only functional business in the land, apparently), and spends a few million dollars (stolen) on portable weapons and kung fu techniques.

Image: *darkzero.co.uk*
50 Cent blasts an enemy helicopter in his new video game, "50 Cent: Blood on the Sand." Set in the desert, this hip-hop adventure game is available for XBox and PS3.

"Blood on the Sand" is unapologetically ludicrous. Anyone who attempts to treat the piece as anything other than a hyper-stylized hip-hop fantasy may meet with disappointment, but the game's unabashed silliness makes it eminently replayable. Who doesn't want to rock to "In Da Club" and "Disco Inferno" while pumping explosive rounds into hostile Slavs? Who wouldn't perch in an assault helicopter with the G-Unit, cracking work camps and raining metal death upon tank convoys?

There is no narrative sophistication to slow down the experience. 50's world, like any good music video, is populated by Serbian strippers and sleazy businessmen. Everyone is transparent, caricatured and delightful. Lance Reddick from "The Wire" plays Carter, a street-smart military contractor, and spends the middle third of the game out-O.G.-ing 50. Mr. Cent's ultimate adversary is the Harvester (Dwight Schultz, "Howlin' Mad" Murdoch from "The A-Team"). The Harvester, a former CIA operative, clearly plays against social sensibilities: he's an arrogant, patronizing Southerner heavy on hate-speech and light on restraint.

50 always keeps it real. His impolitic attitude earns him few friends (though Eddie the strip-club owner, voiced by Omid Djalili of "The Love Guru," stands by his hero). For the gamer, this means actively letting the haters know their place with words as well as weapons. The game's left control stick is keyed to 99 highly colorful Taunt combinations. Players can exchange creative profanities at will, or use them to cap kill combinations for extra points.

Player-driven dialogue is supplemented by tough conversation between 50 and his sidekicks. This hard camaraderie lends "Blood on the Sand" quite the buddy-genre feel; it follows much of the same bang-bang dynamic that made "Bad Boys" and "Hot Fuzz" successful. The game itself is best in multiplayer: having a live companion for the vehicle sequences mitigates the poor AI and having a friend to shout at renders the trash talk positively sublime.

The game's audio is critical in keeping players' energy high. Sound Director Rob Bridgett was featured on the industry design Web site *gamasutra.com* for his department's innovation. According to Bridgett, the game required hours of voice-over audio from the cast, "as well as a host of exclusive music tracks and hits [and] an original in-game hip-hop score written by producer Swizz Beatz." Bridgett included many of 50 Cent's hits, and the rapper recorded 18 new, original tracks exclusive to this experience. "It also required a huge amount of... cinematic SFX work and a two-week off-site post production mix," Bridgett said. The result was "an over-the-top hip-hop arcade experience."

That "arcade experience" perpetuates gameplay as well. Incendiary barrels, wailing klaxons and brightly-shirted enemies fill the long encounters, most of which end with helicopter boss-battles and chunky explosions. the controls and over-the-shoulder third-person camera are lifted directly from the triple-A franchise "Gears of War," which leaves combat feeling intuitive but uninspired.

The real 50 Cent began playing video games during his touring days. On long trips from New York to LA, his Playstation made a better companion than magazines, which he exhausted too quickly. "Blood on the Sand" would prove excellent entertainment for a cross-country bus trip but satisfies in smaller portions as well. And you should love it way more than you hate it. If you watch how he move, you'll mistake him for a player or pimp. He been hit with a few shells, but he don't walk with a limp.

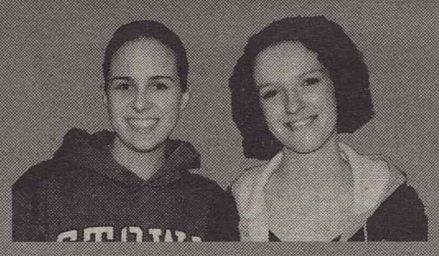
SOUND OFF

DO YOU THINK THE TGIS THEM OF "THROUGH THE DECADES" IS EXCITING?

by Matthew P. Butera

Nicholas McMichael
Class of 2012

"Yeah. We are coming into a new decade, and it's interesting to look back at the past."



Jennifer Fimmano
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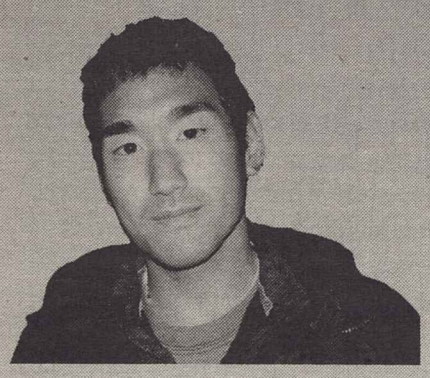
"Yes, I am excited for Mr. Belding."

Alicia Conway
Class of 2011

"I really like it. I think it is a great theme, and it is better than past years.'"



Jeremy Matula
Class of 2009

"I think it is a very interesting idea, but I am a bit disappointed that we have moved away from getting bands to come and play."

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on campus

'Lords of dance' denote campus culture

E. Adam Quinn
Layout Editor

A recently performed case study has brought a serious issue to my attention. It is an issue grand in scale, with the potential to profoundly affect your college experience. Elizabethtown College is addicted to dance. I bring this to light in order to shield you from this potential epidemic.

If you are sitting there wondering, "Dance? What dance?" then perhaps I am not needed. Within the past month, there has not been a weekend in which a dance did not take place. The Battle of the Birds featured athletes dancing, Mr. Etown featured some very handsome men dancing, and Emotion featured Etown's finest dancers, dancing. These were my major observations; however, the weekends will present many more opportunities to see a variety of moves with influences ranging from T-pain to Tequila.

When analyzing my data, I found a unique trend. It seems that the gender dynamic of dance has shifted drastically since my freshman year in 2005. Back then, it was typical to see guys and gals getting down late Saturday nights, off campus, while the Emotion-style dancing was reserved for the ladies in Leffler. This is no longer the norm, as the males of Etown are becoming a dominant force on stage and the floor. One of the main goals of Emotion is to "enhance the cultural life of the college community." I think culture is a great thing, something in which every human being should be immersed. Especially in the time of fake celebrities, garbage television shows and commodity musicians, culture on our campus is a breath of fresh air.

However, after witnessing and even partaking in some of the events of the past month, dance on our campus has become less about culture and more about laughing at the men on stage. Rather than performing dances which actually promote an aspect of culture by celebrating a classic like a tango or waltz, male dances now feature cross-dressing, butt-drop maneuvers, hip shaking and, above all, extreme male bonding. Why has this become the status quo of Elizabethtown College? Perhaps the "golden ratio" — three girls to every guy — has finally backfired. Men have finally been overwhelmed by the multitude of women on campus, and we are now utilizing dance as a means to impress.

Senior Rachel Louison believes it is a chance for "typical guys" to "do something completely opposite." While fellow senior and former Mr. Etown Jake Keeler believes its due to the simple fact that "people love watching guys," who can argue when the sexy men of Etown are on stage? However, I believe it has less to do with the opposite sex but with more with our evolution of the definition of humor. In order to conjure laughter, many performances have featured a movement toward this equation: homosexuality plus heterosexuals equals funny. In this case, I blame the degradation of our cultural society.

Humor is an ingredient of a developed culture. However, I do not think that humor as a function of a minority group is conducive to higher society. The ever-knowledgeable sophomore Samantha Phillips recalls a time in American history when other minority groups were the subject of humorous dancing. "The idea behind these dances is similar to the images of African Americans in the very first films during the Jim Crow era. White people portraying black people would paint large white lips on their faces and wear bug eyes — and people would laugh," she said.

Dancing at Elizabethtown should remain focused on dancing and leave the humor up to the comedy clubs, such as Mad Cow and Sketch-E. If men really feel the need to sport feminine clothing, I recently saw an advertisement for a drag-dress show occurring here on campus.

on campus

Students locked-in to on-campus housing

Kendra E. Linton
Staff Writer

Campus housing is a hot topic, especially at this time of year. With classes wrapping up, students are making plans for next fall, and choosing a place to live is a priority. Most students opt to live on campus, but finding a roommate and choosing a room on selection day can be hectic and stressful. That's why some students prefer the idea of living independently, off campus.

Rising junior Samantha Phillips is one of those students. "Living off campus would give me a chance to feel more independent, and would make the transition from college into the real world a little less stressful," she said. "If I lived on my own, I could learn to deal with the things that I will be forced to deal with when I leave college. These things could include bill payments, commuting to my career, and general household fixes."

While many students hold the same opinions as Phillips, other students, like rising senior Dan Provence, feel that living on campus is more beneficial because "you know what's happening on campus at all times, and it makes for a better college experience."

Although students have varied opinions regarding off-campus housing, it has nonetheless become an issue in the past few years. Phillips said that she tried to request an application for off-campus housing but was denied due to the fact that the list for off-campus housing applications was for seniors only. Also, there is not an application readily available on the Residence Life Web site. The school does seem to be keeping the reins tight on students who are applying for off-campus housing, but according to Allison Bridgeman, director of Residence Life, it is for good reason.

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Bridgeman explained that Etown is a four-year residential college, which means that students are expected to live on campus for all four years. In return, the college provides a pleasant living environment by planning plenty of activities and creating clubs in which students can become involved. Bridgeman says that part of the reason why the school deters students from living off-campus is because the campus is like a community, and they want everyone to stay in the loop about events that are taking place. Bridgeman went on to say that in the past year, there has been more of a demand for off-campus housing applications. She believes this is in large part due to the economy.

Bridgeman has had many students come to her, wanting to live off-campus so that they could save money. She argues that while there is a chance that students would save money by living off-campus, there is also a good chance that they could overspend. She noted that many students don't know how to budget their spending efficiently on food, rent and other activities, and this could lead to students actually spending more money. By living on-campus, students don't have to worry about overspending, because their food and living arrangements are already budgeted into their tuition, she said. Bridgeman also explained that students shouldn't expect the school's policy regarding the four-year housing agreement to change anytime soon, noting that the school has been a four-year residential institution for quite some time.

Although the school's policy regarding off-campus housing is quite unpopular among students, it looks like it won't be changing in the near future. I feel that students should be given the option to be able to live off-campus, and more off-campus housing should be available to students. I can understand the school's reasoning behind wanting to lock students into living on campus, because they want students to be able to enjoy all the benefits of an on-campus lifestyle. However, that lifestyle isn't always ideal for everybody, and I think that students, especially upperclassmen, should be given the opportunity to live off campus if they so choose. But whether you live on campus or not, one thing is for sure: housing will always stir debate amongst the student body.

in the nation

ONDCP launches ineffective campaigns

Caitlin A. Carroll
Staff Writer

You have probably seen a girl on TV sticking her fist into her mouth, couch security guards, or a girl's dog telling her he misses her.

These commercials and advertisements are a part of the "Above the Influence Campaign" associated with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). This campaign airs and publishes ads to prevent Americans from partaking of illegal substances and helping those who have a substance addiction.

Viewers often see these adver yet the question remains: are these ads effective? The campaign is a step in the right direction, intendeding to teach young adolescents the consequences of using drugs. In one commercial, an inappropriate picture of a girl is taken at a party over the weekend. When her friend calls her up to tell her this picture is being sent around, she replies that she does not remember a picture being taken. Then the girl realizes that she was high when the picture was taken. This shows viewers the impact that doing drugs can have.

The "Above the Influence Campaign" asserts that drugs can change a person completely. This is demonstrated in the Couch Security ad. This print ad reads, "Spend your days and nights part time Couch Security Guard." Subtitles include, "Sit and protect," "Can you handle the excitement," and "Learn on your very own couch." These statements communicate that once a person takes up drug use, they lose interest in all activities. This is effective marketing.

Even though this drug prevention program does an adequate job of informing viewers of the consequences of using, it does not seem to prevent people from hitting the green or any other drug. "Those ads are just ridiculous," first-year elementary education major Erin Healy said. "It is not like when people watch them they are thinking 'I am never going to smoke pot.'" Commercials such as two rats sitting on a bed with one offering rat poison to the other is, without a doubt, fantastical.

The campaign had a good idea and with some manipulion, could be very successful. The program achieved awareness but needs improvement in other areas. Dishing out cold, hard statistics of death resulting from overdoses might be more effective.

editor's note

The allure of violence

Craig H. Meaney
Opinion Editor

A serial killer enamors me. He enjoys leisurely rides on his boat, which he calls "Slice of Life." He's great with kids. In fact soon he'll have one of his own. His name is Dexter Morgan, and you can watch his show on Showtime, iTunes or even Amazon.

Before you conclude that I'm a twisted guy, allow me to be defensive. Dexter, a character played by Michael C. Hall, is a charmer. His witty jokes and carping observations are enough to make anyone crack a smile. He fancies himself a protector, but much like Miami is no Gotham, Dexter is no Batman. He will take a life. "Blood," he says. "Sometimes it sets my teeth on edge, other times it helps me control the chaos."

I give Dexter credit: controlling chaos is difficult. This is what lawmakers try to do: define the transient lines of justice. Controversy forces legislators to compromise, and it shrouds such issues as the death penalty. And as for those who approve of capital punishment, fictional characters that "cut out the middle man" may not be considered that morally taboo. Thus, vigilantism (as practiced by Dexter) is allowed entrance into the stream of socially acceptable content for movies, television shows and other media.

There is a plethora of this content. Take, for example, the popular film "The Boondock Saints." The 1999 film has a base of hardcore fans, many of whom await the release of the sequel. The film's main characters, Murphy and Connor MacManus, discover their hidden talent: flawlessly killing mobsters. Normally, this occurs when they are not drinking at their favorite Boston pub or attending mass. Catholicism serves as their justification for taking life; they partake in religious traditions such as placing coins on the eyes of victims after they murder. During the climax of the movie, the brothers fully realize their "mission from God," and barge into a court room to execute a mobhead in front of jurors and onlookers.

Dexter does follow a "code," much like our disgruntled religious vigilantes. He, too, vows to take only the lives of those who have committed heinous, unforgivable acts. However hesitantly, he listens to the voice of conscience that his father has instilled in him. His "nightly bloodlust," has not "overflown into [his] days," like Patrick Bateman, Bret Easton Ellis' main character in the 1991 novel American Psycho.

So why do we as a society find it curiously entertaining to watch these gruesome plots unfold, as Dexter Morgan casts bodies from his boat? Perhaps the repercussions of criminal acts have become less visible than the acts themselves. Murders, rapes and burglaries may make the front page, but the pending verdicts of said crimes often do not. Selective media coverage and sensationalism may, in part, be to blame for this morbid trend.

Reasoning aside, a more valid question might ponder how appropriate it is for violence to drive these themes and commentaries. I'll stick with the gray: it's appropriate and it isn't. Violence is a profoundly horrific and memorable act, and for that reason, the messages are powerful and, at times, meaningful. But, concurrently, violence in television and other media desensitizes our youth to the act. Psychological research (such as Bandura's) has shown that children will display aggressive behavior according to what they have observed.

Dexter Morgan may not deserve a Batmobile. Conner and Murphy MacManus, the Boondock Saints, may not have warrant for the divinity they claim. Nonetheless, the issue remains, and I'm pretty sure my TV screen will remain spattered with blood. Those of my children will not. Brooding though it may be, Dexter's monologue is just too droll and hypnotizing to pass up.

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staff column

Vanity's climb

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Dr. Carmine Sarracino asserts in his book "The Porning of America" that the trappings of pornography have transformed this nation. I haven't read it. However, during a conversation on the 16th, he mentioned a few modern cultural trends that demonstrated this. The importance of physical appearance and "a 19-year-old body" (leading even to the exclusion of other attractive qualities) and the social compartmentalization of sexuality, Sarracino said, create a potentially dangerous cocktail for Americans, especially young women.

I have certainly heard a great number of sad stories about the scarcity of "good guys." These accounts typically come from females terrified by carousing, an attitude that casual sex is universally positive, or both. (Hasna Ameti and Serah Maxwell, whose Australian opinions regularly appear within my columns, stated in no uncertain terms that any unhappy bird with both attributes should zip up and fly higher.)

There is certainly good reason to believe that porn's social dynamics have become normal: plenty of chicks dress like streetwalkers, nightclub pickup is more prominent than ever in top-40 songs and movies, and the 1960s' first base is our generation's handshake. If so, then anyone who plays by porn's game should know its rules. Men attract with animal gravity; women just need to stand around lookin' fly.

The trouble, though, is that it's very difficult for ladies to look fly forever. And it's hard to be the room's shiniest dime. If only one female at a time can be the best-looking (and not, say, well-spoken or proficient at i-banking), then all other visible females playing the same zero-sum game are not the best-looking, and consequently lose. And nobody wants to be a loser, or settle for a loser. Note: virtually all of these girls will eventually be 40, which is bad news unless their last name is Aniston. And even Jennifer will someday be 80. Ergo anxiety.

One reasonable conclusion would be to play a game that is not zero-sum and allows some point of contentment. (The traditional male-role equivalent to this would be taking a satisfying job instead of chasing paper.) Ameti recommended that American girls think about what they actually want, and then consider what they must do in order to get and keep it. And Maxwell, who has very few sad stories, quietly suggested that sex must supplement social life rather than supplanting it.

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etown women's lacrosse

17th-ranked Jays defeat Messiah; win 11 straight games

Kristen A. Conroy
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Amazing and awesome just cannot describe the feeling enough," senior Anna Ford said referencing the Blue Jays' tenth consecutive win. "It's something we have worked so hard for, something we are so proud of, and something that is not over yet."

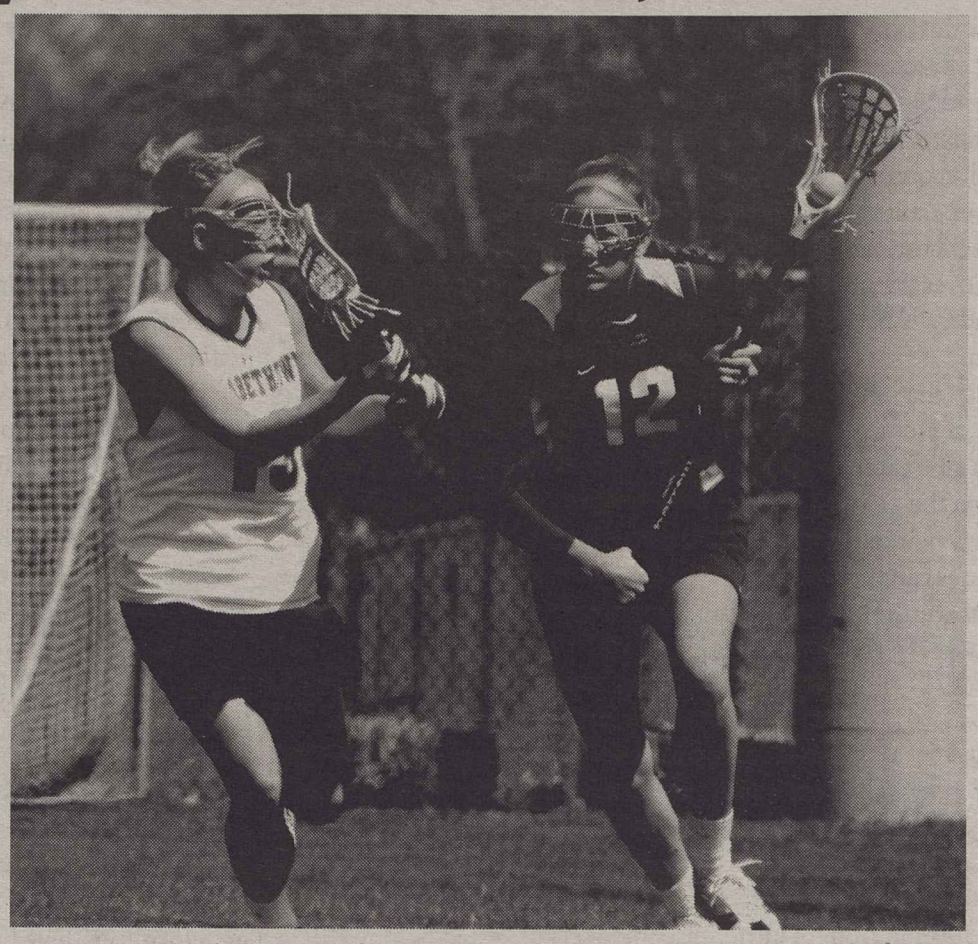
The season may not be over, but the 19th-ranked Elizabethtown College women's lacrosse team has claimed its 13th win against King's College and remains undefeated in the conference (13-2 overall, 9-0 MAC). This record ties with the single-season school record for victories and extended the longest winning streak in program history.

It doesn't stop there. Saturday, April 18, the Lady Jays shut out the Lady Monarchs 21-0. This was the first recorded shutout in program history. With the win, Etown grabbed a first-round bye in the MAC playoffs.

It was a big scoring day Saturday, with 12 different players contributing to the defeat. Seniors Kelsea Kozak and Anna Ford led the Blue Jays with three goals and an assist apiece. Sophomore teammates Ashley Mogle and Meg Cassels contributed two goals and two assists.

Juniors Alisha Sangrey and Katie Caprinolo, and first-year Samantha Redles tacked on two goals each for Etown, who led 15-0 at halftime. Finishing with a goal and an assist for the team were juniors Megan Byrnes and Stephanie Kreis. Sophomore Kelly Lurz, along with first-years Anna Meerbach and Katie Scheurich netted single goals.

The team shut down the Monarchs defensively. Byrnes led with three ground balls while Ford had a game-high four draw controls. Senior goalie Jenn Hawkins made two saves in the first half, and junior goalie Becca Watkins did not face a single shot in the second half.



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Defending the ball, sophomore Sarah Cullinan makes sure an FDU-Florham attacker doesn't get far. The Jays won the April 4 game and have won their last 11 games.

"We've been working really hard," Kozak said. "It was nice to have that pay off for us."

Earlier in the week, Etown demolished yet another opponent. Lycoming College fell to the Lady Jays 20-10.

"Lycoming is always a battle," Ford said. "It felt amazing to dominate them like we did. We played for the entire 60 minutes, out hustled them and got the loose balls."

Kozak agreed saying, "It was tough physically and mentally to stand up to them for 60 minutes and come out on top."

Senior Katie Foley led with six goals and an assist, while Ford netted three goals and contributed three assists, and Scheurich also scored three times. Kozak hit one goal and dished out four assists to become the first player in program history to record 100 career assists.

Byrnes and sophomore Sarah Cullinan recorded two goals each with assists, while Kreis grabbed a pair of goals and Cassles netted one.

Etown led at halftime 12-5 and then 13-6 with roughly 27 minutes left before the Lady Jays came out full throttle. Cassels scored and Foley took off with three straight goals in a four-minute span. Scheurich and Ford closed out the run 19-6 with 19:08 to go. Hawkins finished with nine saves in 54 minutes, while Watkins made one stop.

When it came to facing rival Messiah College yesterday, the Falcons were no match. Etown entered the game after winning their last 10 games, and the Falcons had won their last nine. The Lady Jays defeated Messiah in an impressive 13-8 finish. In a good effort, Messiah held Etown to only five more points then what they scored, something that only Dickinson College and Stevenson have been able to this year.

Saturday, April 25, the Lady Jays will travel to Misericordia University for its last regular season game before playoffs at 1 p.m.

etown men's lacrosse

Men look for final win of season against Misericordia

Kelly J. Clayton
Staff Writer

After coming off of a week of wins, the men's lacrosse team knew they had a tough week ahead of them. The schedule started off with the 7-1 MAC record Lycoming Warriors. To maintain their five-game winning streak, the Jays needed a victory in this conference game.

"The team knew it was a big game from the start" first-year Derek Karsten said. "We knew that winning would benefit the team and put us in a better spot for playoffs."

Unfortunately the Jays were unable to come out on top and lost to Lycoming with a score of 11-8. The Jays began to come back after a shaky second half, but time ran out.

"We had eight minutes of bad lacrosse in the second quarter that left us behind at half time," head coach Terry Corcoran said. "The players could have easily folded and given up, but instead they came out and dominated the second half and closed the score to 10-8 with six minutes to go."

Lycoming finished with a 39-28 advantage in shots over Elizabethtown and held a 36-30 edge in ground balls. Junior Aaron Weber scored four goals and dished out a pair of assists. Senior Ryan McCafferty scored a pair of goals for the Blue Jays, with sophomores Greg Kenneally and Ben Landis adding one goal apiece for Etown.

While the loss to Lycoming ended their five game winning streak, hard work throughout the week helped the men's lacrosse team to redeem themselves against Alvernia Saturday.

Stepping on to the Alvernia Crusader's field, the men knew that it was vital to score a big victory. A 20-3 win over Alvernia that Saturday gave everyone a chance to play and keep their heads in the game.

"The win against Alvernia was nice just to get us back on track," junior Keith Staulters said.

The game against Alvernia was a big day for Aaron Weber, who tied the Etown single-game record with nine points as he scored five goals and dished out four assists. It was the fourth time in his career that Weber has scored five or more goals in a game, while his four assists were one shy of a career high set twice this season.

The game was intense, and each member was anxious to get into the game.

Coming off from a loss, the sunny Saturday game against Alvernia was the pickup the Jays needed.

The men looked to continue the a win streak when traveled to rival Messiah College yesterday. The Blue Jays were successful and won big by defeating the Falcons by an incredible 12-2 score. The Jays record is now 10-3.

The Jays last game of the season will be against Mid-Atlantic Conference member Misericordia University.

The game will be played at home Saturday at 1 p.m.

With playoffs right around the corner, the Jays are continuing to work and play hard in order to gain their spot in the NCAA tournament.

etown track and field

Track and Field perform well

Ross M. Benincasa
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown men's and women's track and field teams finished strong this past weekend at the Widener Invitational, while a select few impressed at the Larry Ells Invitational. At the Larry Ellis Invitational, seniors Amanda Daws and Tiffany Kulp competed for the women's team. In the 5,000-meters, Daws became the fourth Etown women's runner to break the 18 minute mark, finishing with a time of 17:55.31. Kulp ran in the 1500-meters and finished with a time of 4:47.54. For the men, senior Dylan Rulander finished the 800-meters in a time of 1:51.33, the fourth-best time this season in Division III, which also provisionally qualified him for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

At the Widener Invitational, both the men and women pulled out great endings in their respective events. Junior Tim Katzaman broke his own school record for the hammer throw, with a toss of 40.52 meters. On the track, several other first-year students also put up big numbers to move them into the Etown record books. Pat Doughty rounded out the top 10 in the 200-meters with a time of 22.33 seconds, while Brian Allport moved into seventh on the list in the 400-meters with a time of 50.68 seconds. Eric Reichert took eighth on the all-time performance list, finishing the 1500-meters in a time of 3:58.99.

The girls' side also inspired at the Widener Invitational. Senior Chelsea Miles took eighth in the Etown record books for the 200-meters with a time of 27.45 seconds and fifth in the books for the 400-meters with a time of 1:01.28. She also competed in the triple jump, with a leap of 10.45 meters.

superstitions in sports

Sports traditions and myths provide excitement to fans

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

Watching the big game isn't as easy as it sounds. Some sports fans turn to extreme measures to feel included in their team's final outcome and to find hope that their team will do well. Whether it's suiting up in a lucky outfit, holding onto a special object, or even standing on a certain side of a room during the game, superstitions are fans' ways of showing they care, and they will go the extra mile for glimmers of hope.

First-year Carey Betts understands this all too well. She spent the last quarter of the AFC Championship game this past January cheering on her beloved Baltimore Ravens while sitting on her kitchen steps watching the game through a reflection of a window. Apparently, every time Betts got up to get something during the game, the Ravens would score a touchdown. For the rest of the game, her family forbade her to watch the game, and she was banished to the kitchen. Despite the fact that she wanted to watch the game, Betts wasn't upset by her family's decision.

"I like the fact that I have the power to influence my team," Betts said. "I'm supporting my heroes. When they do well, it makes me feel proud that I had a part in it."

While superstitions may appear crazy to an outsider, they are what help unite fans with their teams and can even become traditions. It's the reason why the city of Philadelphia put a miniature statue of William Penn on top of their largest and newest building, the Comcast Center. This was an attempt to reverse the quarter-century curse from the original statue, which sits on top of City Hall. That same year the miniature statue appeared, the Philadelphia Phillies won the city's first championship in 25 years, ending the "curse of Billy Penn."

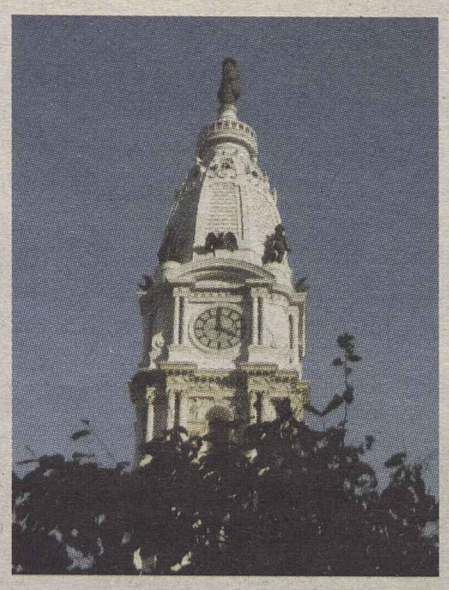

Photo: Abigail R. Kramer
This statue ofWilliam Penn sitting atop City Hall in Philadelphia was believed to have cursed the city's sports teams for 25 years.

Some believe that these superstitions are what help give teams advantages.

"Each team has their own unique way of placing a whammy on opposing teams with [things like] the terrible towel and banging tubes together for loud noises," men's soccer head coach Skip Roderick said. "If their city or team has success, then the entire community feels excitement of victory and that transcends in their way of life for the week or day or month. The agony of defeat isn't what you want to carry with you."

Sometimes these superstitions carry over to the athletes themselves. Sophomore men's lacrosse player Brent Campbell has a certain ritual he does every game to help prepare him mentally for the match.

"No matter what weather conditions are, all of us on the team wear the black stripe under our eyes," Campbell said. "I never change the design either."

Campbell doesn't stop there. His main superstitious habit lies with the socks that he wears during every match. Campbell always wears Under Armor socks pulled up to the bottom of his calf. Every time he puts on a shoe, he twists his socks so that the logos are facing front and back instead of the sides. What's his motivation behind the craziness?

"Nerves," he said. "Even if it's an easy opponent I'm facing, I have to do something to take my mind off my nerves and help me calm down and get ready to play."

Superstitions are a natural function of sports. They are what bring fans close together, but at the same time they challenge mentality. Whether superstitions truly do work or it is a simple coincidence, fans will continue to carry on the traditions those single moments of hope may bring.

etown men's tennis

Men and women anticipate near conference playoffs

Sara F. Neumann
Staff Writer

The past weeks have yielded successes for both the men's and women's tennis teams, as each swept their matches against Stevenson and Misericordia. The men also faced off against Messiah, winning a close victory.

The women won 9-0 against Misericordia April 19, and came out 8-1 against Stevenson on the 13th.

"The matches went great; we came out strong, played hard and came out with two good wins," sophomore Ashton Heydt said.

The match against Stevenson this past Monday was the first in nearly three weeks for the women's team, and their win proved that they needed no extra push in order to conquer. Junior Emily Swarr remarked that it was hard for her to pick out any specific positive points because the entire match went so well.

The win over Misericordia amounted to the sixth straight for the women, giving them an overall record of 9-3.

This week, the women are preparing for the MAC semi-finals against Messiah this weekend.

"I am really excited to get revenge against Messiah, who beat us in the fall, and I know the team feels that way, too," Swarr said. "Hopefully, we'll get the opportunity to take the conference title for the second year in a row."

The men's team also battled Lycoming College the Thursday after the school returned from Easter break, winning 7-2.

The team also had success against the same two schools as the womens, as well as their main rival, Messiah. The recent Misericordia match was also senior day for some players on both the men's and women's teams, and their parents were able to watch the teams sweep the board.

The Blue Jays beat Messiah 5-4 but it was a close victory; four of the six singles contests were forced to go into three sets.

"Our match against Messiah was nothing short of spectacular," first-year Matt Freedman said.

Senior Jeff Kirkhoff stepped up to the plate and didn't let the pressure affect him, winning his match in the last two sets after being beaten in the first. The win against Messiah the 18th enabled the men's team to clinch the number one seed in the upcoming Conference Championships.

"There is still plenty of room of room for us to improve in certain areas, and we will look to address those things in the upcoming week heading into playoffs," junior captain Brok Walker said.

The team still has their eyes fixed on the near future. Their match against Juniata has been postponed, and yesterday's match against Gaucher College was also postponed because of rain. Next they will head to the Conference Championships on the 25th.

The championships will be held at the Hempfield Sports Complex.

etown softball

Lady Jays face final series Saturday

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With an overall record of 11-21, the Elizabethtown College softball team has had both ups and downs this season. So what makes the difference between a win and a loss?

Head coach Kathy Staib thinks it has a lot to do with team spirit and a sense of pride in representing Etown. "When we play Blue Jay softball, great things can happen," Staib said.

The Lady Jays faced DeSales University in a non-conference doubleheader Thursday, April 16. The game started off well for the Jays when first-year Julie Sebastian hit a home run, bringing Etown to a 2-0 lead at the top of the first inning. However, DeSales quickly secured the lead, scoring four runs in the third, one in the fourth, and five in the sixth to end the game. Etown's only two hits were made by juniors Paige Tanner and Sarah Church.

In the second game, DeSales came onto the field with strength, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning due in part to three errors by the Jays. With additional runs scored in the second and fourth innings, DeSales again took the win with a final score of 9-0.

Although the results of Thursday's games were less than pleasing, the Lady Jays were not dismayed. In fact, they shut out Lycoming College from scoring at all in Saturday's doubleheader.

"Saturday's doubleheader was truly a team effort, in that we had great defense coupled with timely hitting and base running," Staib said.

Playing the Blue Jay way, as Staib put it, the Lady Jays were able to score eight runs in the first game and three in the second.

"The grand slam by [sophomore]Kelsea Corrado put the game out of reach for our opponent," Staib said.

In preventing Lycoming from scoring even a single run, Etown's defense truly demonstrated their talant.

"We had some great plays in the outfield," Staib said. "Marsico made some great catches in center, and Gordon threw a runner out at first base from right field."

Another key defensive play was performed by Ryan Allard, who ran from third base to home to secure a needed out.

First-year Julie Sebastian also had some impressive plays. Picking up a Lycoming bunt, she threw it to Lauren Hoover at home plate, who successfully tagged out Lycoming's runner.

"It was an all-around great effort on everyone's part," Staib said. "The team is thrilled to still be in a position to make the playoffs,"

The Jays faced Arcadia in a doubleheader yesterday. They lost game one 5-4 and lost game two 8-7.

etown baseball

Jays nearly defeat Lancaster Barnstormers

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

For many players on the Blue Jays' roster, playing at Elizabethtown will be the final stop in their baseball journey. After graduation, they will most likely move on to careers in their fields of study and carry on in the real world. But when Etown traveled to Clipper Magazine Stadium Thursday, April 16, to play the Lancaster Barnstormers, the Jays got a taste of what it would be like to play minor league baseball.

Senior Tom Semanek has positive feelings toward the opportunity to play in a professional stadium.

"It was a great experience playing against the Barnstormers," Semanek said. "We got a chance to show our talent against guys who've had a chance to play professional baseball."

It seems a little odd for a college team to play a game like this in the middle of the season, especially for a team jockeying for playoff position in the Commonwealth Conference. But, as junior Rodney Francis pointed out, it was the overall experience that the players will take with them.

"Just to be able to associate and play against and with them was awesome," Francis said. "It was fun but yet a great learning experience."

The Blue Jays were able to hold their own against the Barnstormers and keep the game close before falling 5-4.

The Barnstormers matchup was just one game in a busy week for Etown.

Monday, the Jays played Alvernia, a team moving into the Commonwealth Conference next year. Junior Adam Hartzell started for Etown and allowed just one run on four hits over six innings to get the win.

The Jays scored six runs on 6 hits for the 6-2 win. Elizabethtown earned a sweep of the series with a dramatic 6-5 victory with three runs in the final inning to secure the win. Junior Matt Vinagro pitched five strong innings with sophomore Anthony Heaps getting the win in relief. Big brother senior Sam Heaps was 2-2 from the plate and was satisfied with his team's performance.

"It was good to get two wins at their place because we played them in Florida the past couple years and haven't been able to beat them," Sam Heaps said. "Now we know we can, and the younger guys will be able to beat them next year when Alvernia comes to our conference."

Photo: Jim Miller

Playing in the big leagues, senior Adam Sheibley gets a single as Etown played the Lancaster Barnstormers April 16. Sheibley then stole to second base and later scored off a sacrifice fly.

Tuesday's scheduled game against Juniata got rained out, bringing a much-needed day of rest. Then Friday, it was back to the conference schedule for the Jays with a three-game set against Widener, the highest-scoring team in the league.

The first game of the series was a home game for the Jays. In the game, Etown's offense, which has previously worked like a well-oiled machine, came to a screeching halt. The Blue Jays managed just four hits and dropped the game 5-1.

"Widener gave us the wake-up call we needed," Semanek commented. "We knew we had to come better prepared to play on Saturday."

Etown responded with two straight wins in the Saturday doubleheader at Widener. In game one, Hartzell tossed a two-hit shutout in the Jays' 4-0 victory. Game two saw junior Brian Kiernan smack a home run while sophomore Andrew Gordon chipped in with two hits of his own as the Jays won the game 8-5. Leadoff man senior Adam Sheibley had three steals in the game, moving into first place on the school's all time steals list with 78 total for his career.

The positive week puts the Jays in better position for the end-of-the-year run. Etown has already clinched a playoff spot and will most likely hold one of the top two seeds for the conference.

"Some games we'll hit the ball and play D but not pitch well, or pitch but not hit," Francis said. "So to be able to do all three perfectly at the same time would be scary, because we would be untoucheable."

Yesterdays game scheduled against The College of New Jersey was postponed due to poor field conditions.

Remembering Harry Kalas

March 26, 1936 - April 13, 2009

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

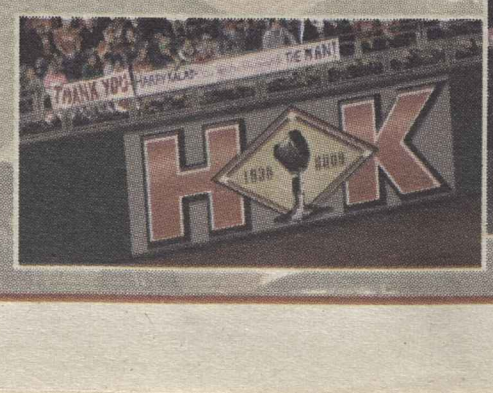
In a city like Philadelphia, it's hard to come across a person who has changed lives' in the entire area. Harry Kalas was one of those few.

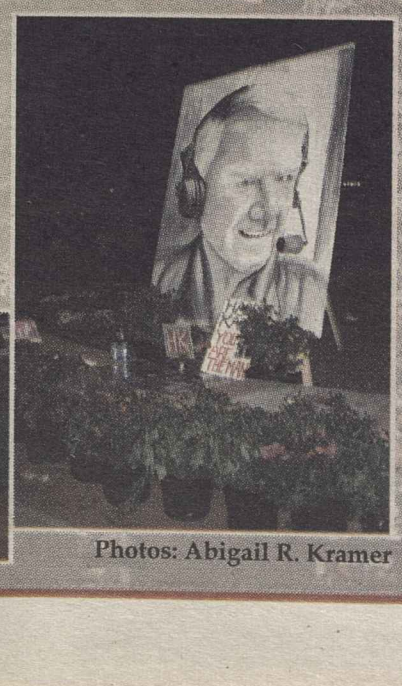
Kalas was the voice of the Philadelphia Phillies for the past 39 years. He was the man behind the microphone of over 6,000 different Phillies games, each one with his distinct voice that made the game special no matter if they were winning the World Series or losing a game.

But Kalas was more than just a broadcaster. He was a friend. Though most fans didn't know him personally, he was the soundtrack of our summers. He brought Phillies baseball to life, for Kalas loved the team, and he loved the fans. He was a man living his dream, and every game he brought his passion to the microphone.

Kalas had a unique way of coining a nickname or a slogan to every player. In a world where the media is usually separated from the team, Kalas was a true member of the Phillies organization. He knew the team inside and out, and he greeted every player with a smile at the start of every game. Kalas was one of the only Phillies to never get "boo-ed" by the fans. He was loved by everybody.

No Phillies game will ever sound the same without his impeccable voice behind every play and call. Harry is a one of a kind person, and he will never be replaced. His life may have been cut short due to heart disease, but his memory will never be "outta here."





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The College's T.G.I.S. 2009 festivities were this year themed "Through the Decades." Activities such as swing dancing, guest lecturers and movies spanned from the 1920s all the way to the 1990s, culminating in "E-Stock," a carnival and music festival held Saturday afternoon on Brinser Field. Pup-E Palooza, a large fundraiser for local shelter and rescue groups, was held the following day. For coverage of this year's T.G.I.S. and Pup-E Palooza see the Features and Campus Life sections.

on campus

Additions completed, new constructions put on hold

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Elizabethtown College is seeing many improvements on the campus both in the buildings and on the grounds.

After about a year of construction, the Jay Walk project has been completed. The add-on to the Brossman Commons holds offices for coaches and also has an indoor walkway for students to pass through to and from classes. The building has been used for a couple of months now, but the official opening ceremony wasn't until this past Friday, April 24.

The Jay Walk dedication ceremony featured tours through the new facility in which students, faculty and the public could participate.

Minor aspects of the Jay Walk are still being tweaked, such as the landscaping outside of the Jay Walk. Director of Facilities Management and Construction Joe Metro attributed the delay in completing the landscaping to inclement weather. Metro commented on the minor list of items left to complete, calling it a "punch list." He mentioned that only minor adjustments need to be made, but the building as a whole has been completed.

Another site looking to be renovated and built upon is the land across from Ober and on the same side of Cedar Street as Founders. There had been a barn on the land until it was torn down by the College.

The College intends to use the land as a new residence hall. Construction for the new housing has not begun. "Right now, it's kind of on hold because of the budget situation," Metro explained.

Before the economic crisis redefined spending habits to a more conservative approach, "the plan was that [the College would] do renovation in the existing residence halls and then move in to construction of the residence complex up there," Metro said. "That's pretty much on hold now, given the current economic climate."

Since beginning construction for a new dormitory is not a reasonable action, concentrating on improving existing dorms will be priority.

Facilities Management is limited on what projects they can start based on how much money they have. Scott Nissley, Buildings Trades and Grounds Manager, said, "When we find problems, things that are only labor and don't cost a lot of money, we fix almost on a daily basis. We make a list of items that are larger to stick on the R & R budget-request list." The current economic conditions force bigger projects like the new housing facility to be postponed.

Facilities Management has and will continue to groom the campus, tweaking imperfections here and there as the budget allows. Places on campus like Steinman's lawn, which frequently experiences miniature ponds when it rains, were corrected by Facilities Management by installing a drain.

Other spots such as those in front of Zug have yet to be addressed. When requesting funds to fix the pathway outside of Zug that is known for flooding, Facilities Management was denied financial support.

The end of the school leads into a huge working period for facilities management even as the low budget tightens the leash for what projects can be worked on.

"We make a list of projects that we can do in-house as time allows," Nissley said. "This summer, we plan on doing a lot of these projects with the construction and renovations on hold. It's going to give us time to do the smaller projects, the campus turf and grounds, that we were unable to get to [earlier] because of time restraints."

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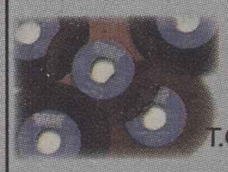

Students debate the attraction of this year's T.G.I.S. themes and events.

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A record number of students, 524, will graduate from Elizabethtown College this year. Saturday, May 16, all of these hard-working men and women will receive their diplomas at the commencement ceremony, which, weather permitting, will be held in the Dell.

Mary Ellen McNish, general secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), will deliver this year's commencement speech. She has held this position since 2000. Since that time she has represented AFSC on peace missions to Iran, North Korea and Israel/Palestine and has traveled to Novel Peace Laureate summits.

Former Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was confirmed as secretary of health and human services Tuesday. Her appointment was the result of a 53-31 vote.

Sebelius took over in the midst of climbing instances of swine flu in the United States. A public health emergency was declared Sunday. A Democratic governor in a predominantly Republican state, Sebelius was often criticized for her policy decisions regarding such sensitive subjects as abortion.

Former Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, however, testified in March that Sebelius' record has proven her qualification.

Senator Tom Daschel of South Dakota was President Obama's first choice for secretary, but withdrew Feb. 3 after his messy tax record stirred up controversy.

Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania announced Tuesday that he will switch from the Republican to the Democratic Party. He said that the Republican Party's movement "farther and farther to the right" has left him increasingly "at odds with the Republican philosophy."

This switch furthers the Democrats' majority in the Senate, leaving them one Democrat shy of the 60-seat, filibuster-proof majority.

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in the nation

Polo horses drop dead; supplements blamed

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Staff Writer

Sunday, April 19, 21 horses fell ill at a polo match in Wellington, Fla. The tragic deaths are blamed on vitamin supplements given to the horses.

The horses were preparing for a match at the International Polo Club when multiple horses suddenly fell to the ground. Shortly after others showed signs of vertigo before collapsing.

Fifteen horses that experienced these symptoms died immediately. The other six horses were treated overnight, but died through Sunday night and into Monday morning.

Spectators preparing to view the match were horrified, seeing the horses' demise in plain sight. Blue tarps were put up around the horses in an attempt to cover the spectacle.

Junior Stephanie Kichline followed the story throughout the week. "After reading about the story on CNN, I was shocked," she said. "I couldn't believe that something that bizarre would occur to that many horses."

Lechuza Polo, a Venezuelan polo team, trained the horses. They travel internationally, and come in contact with hundreds of other horses annually. Juan Martin Nero, the team's captain, told an Argentinian newspaper earlier last week that there was "no doubt" vitamins administered to the animals were the cause.

Of the horses Lechuza Polo brought with them to the match, five were not given the vitamin supplement that the 21 deceased horses received. When the vitamin company caught word of the incident they began an investigation of the vitamin batch.

Franck's Compounding Lab in Ocala, Fla., had produced the vitamins that were administered earlier Sunday. The strength of an undisclosed ingredient in the medication was incorrect. *CNN.com* reveals that the ingredient is a vitamin injection banned in the United States because it is designed to give horses an energy boost.

Thursday, Lechuza Polo released a written statement explaining the compound's ingredients. It contained vitamin B, potassium, magnesium and selenium.

Image: *huffingtonpost.com*
A memorial for horses who died just before a polo match stands outside Lechuza Caracas Inc. in Wellington, Fla.

One suspicion reported by La Nacion, an Argentinian newspaper, is that the 21 horses were injected with 10 times the intended amount of selenium. They were given 5 mg/ml instead of the intended 0.5 mg/ml. This information came from an anonymous source.

In normal doses, selenium increases overall health and is naturally found in soil, meat and seafood.

"This tragedy has brought to light the absence of drug policies and regulation within the sport of polo," Keith Dane, director of equine protection for the Humane Society of the United States, said in an interview with CNN last week.

The U.S. Polo Association Board of Governors had a meeting Saturday, April 25, in Palm Beach County, regarding the tragedy and drug policies. A committee examined safeguards in existence and considered whether changes needed to be made to the standing substance policy.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, April 23, in Wellington. Many grieving polo fans and horse lovers were in attendance. White and red carnations were thrown into a pond on the grounds during a moment of silent during the ceremony.

The horses' bodies went under post-mortem examination performed by the University of Florida laboratory. They did not discover the specific cause but discovered a sizeable amount of hemorrhaging in multiple horses.

in the world

Swine flu claims Mexican lives; branches out

Aidan E. Bauernschmidt
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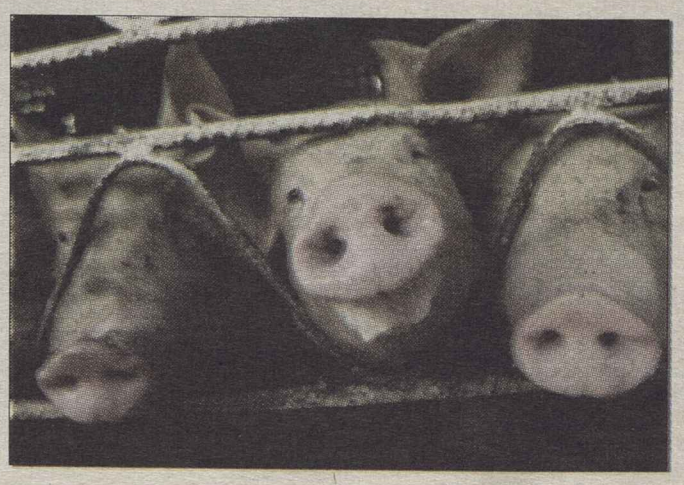
Swine flu may have been relatively unheard of just over a week ago, but it is now on the minds and lips of people around the world.

Since Saturday, April 25, the virus has been confirmed in several countries, but the only casualties have been Mexican citizens. There have been 160 fatalities there, though only seven of these have been confirmed cases of swine flu, known as H1N1. Nineteen others were confirmed to have contracted swine flu but have so far survived.

Currently, Mexico City seems to be the epicenter of the outbreak. Tuesday, officials distributing masks to citizens ran out. The city has also shut down swimming pools, gyms, restaurants and movie theaters.

In the U.S., by contrast, 91 cases of swine flu had been confirmed by Wednesday. Five people have been hospitalized and a first death was confirmed Wednesday morning; the victim was a 23-month-old Mexican child being treated in Houston, Texas.

Swine flu is not very different from regular influenza — a severe upper respiratory infection — and has many of the same symptoms, including fever, cough and vomiting. However, swine flu a strain typically found only in pigs or in people who have had direct contact with pigs. This new strain, however, is easily passed from person to person. Another frightening aspect of this strain is that it seems to be attacking young people with healthy immune systems as fiercely as it is attacking the very young and the elderly.



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Swine flu met the public eye this weekend. This strain of influenza has mutated and now spreads easily from person to person.

What many Americans may be unaware of, however, is that regular influenza has already killed thousands this year and is projected to be responsible for taking hundreds of lives each week for the rest of the year. A weekly report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated that 13,000 people have died from the common flu virus so far this year.

Cnn.com estimates suggest that the common flu may kill as many as 36,000 people each year in the U.S. alone; most of these casualties are found among the elderly and young children. Flu vaccines are available, which prevent the virus from taking even more lives. The biggest fear factor about swine flu right now is that there is not yet a vaccine that can prevent its spread.

"This is obviously a serious situation, serious enough to take the utmost precautions," President Obama said Wednesday. The U.S. government is also releasing nearly 13 million doses of antiviral medication to help stop the illness from spreading.

The World Health Organization's (WHO) latest statistics reveal that at least 104 cases have been confirmed worldwide, including 64 in the U.S. (currently infected states include Texas, California, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nevada and New Jersey); 26 in Mexico; six in Canada; three in New Zealand and two each in Spain, the United Kingdom (specifically, Scotland) and Israel. Germany and Austria reported cases on Wednesday.

WHO has also raised its alert level to five on its six-level scale in the face of suspected infections in 11 other nations. Thus far, however, WHO has argued that travel bans are an ineffective way to impede the spread of swine flu, and will not impose them.

A Campus News memo penned by David Dentler said that students studying abroad in Mexico are currently well but may be asked to return home early. A May term excursion to Mexico has been cancelled.

in the nation

Ten years after Columbine, shooter myths debunked

Abigail R. Kramer
Sports Editor

It has been a little over 10 years since the Columbine High School massacre, but its effects are still being discussed today.

April 20, 1999, two students at Columbine High School killed 12 of their classmates and one teacher and injured 23 more people before killing themselves. At the time, this was the deadliest school massacre to take place in the United States.

School security and the protection of students has dramatically changed, and drastic measures were sought to prevent anything like this from happening again.

"At the time, I was too young to really understand what was going on, and it didn't immediately impact me," first-year Jenna Mattox said. "As I got into high school, I then saw how Columbine affected security. At my high school, we had a lot of red alert drills in case an intruder were to come. We had really heavy security to make sure nothing would happen."

Though this tragedy happened in a high school setting, schools on all levels were affected by it, including colleges like Etown. Over the years, Etown has installed many new security options so that students will feel as safe as possible.

For example, the EC Alert system notifies students and parents through a phone call and e-mail in the event of an emergency, and it also informs students of what to do in that situation. Senior Jessica Hill think these measures are absolutely necessary.

"I know a lot of people were upset when the school decided to check peoples' Facebooks for information," Hill said. "It's security options like this that help the school prevent something from happening. If they find leads or clues on the Internet, it will then help them find a solution instead of something bad happening. It raises awareness of school safety."

According to journalist and author Dave Cullen, one must understand what really happened that day in order to make judgments.

In his recent book "Columbine," Cullen discusses some of the myths behind the horror. One of the biggest stereotypes he talked about was that most people assumed the two killers were "loners and goths" and that they targeted the jocks. However, this was not the case. While the killers were not the most popular students at Columbine, they did not fit this stereotype. The students and teachers were targeted at random and were all of different social groups, races, genders and ages.

In an interview on *cnn.com*, Kirsten Kreiling, the president of the Columbine Memorial Foundation, said, "Understanding what happened can help us try to prevent these things from happening again in the future. If you don't understand history, you are doomed to repeat it."

It's hard to break a stereotype, but one popular TV show tried to demonstrate the message that Kreiling suggested. In one episode of "One Tree Hill" in 2006, the show touched on a school intruder in a situation that was very much like Columbine.

In the episode, a normal boy at the school opened fire on students and put the school into a state of chaos. The shooter was an average student and was not part of the stereotype that was set after Columbine. It was this episode that directly impacted Mattox's thoughts on the subject.

"This episode really made me look at school security in a different way," Mattox said. "It made me realize that you can't develop a judgment about who you think can start something like this. You never know who it will be. It could be a stranger or even the person sitting next to you."

For students like sophomore Jessica Waetke, the Columbine massacre impacted her in a different way. Waetke, an elementary education major, has to be prepared for situations of school violence like this when she enters the workforce as an elementary school teacher in two years.

"As a teacher, you have a responsibility to protect your students," Waetke said. "There are a lot of little things that you have to do make sure they are protected, especially the younger students."

Ten years later, the nation is still analyzing the affects of the Columbine tragedy. While there have been many lessons learned in terms of security and acceptance, there are still more answers to be sought.

in the world

Iranian president's remarks sting

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What spurred dozens of diplomats to walk out of a conference room, 10 countries to participate in an official boycott, and two protesters to dress up like clowns? BBC News called it "a public relations disaster for the UN." The United States condemned it as "vile." France classified it as "hate speech."

The anti-Semitic remarks spoken by Iranian President Ahmadinejad referring to Israel as "totally racist" at a UN peace conference April 20 stirred this controversy.

As Ahmadinejad began his speech, two protestors dressed in clown wigs and round rubber noses appeared but were soon escorted out of the room by security gaurds.

Shortly thereafter, diplomats from at least 30 countries, including France, the United Kingdom and Finland, got up and walked out in a deliberate protest of Ahmadinejad's words.

While most of the delegates who walked out returned after Ahmadinejad's remarks concluded, the Czech Republic decided to join the United States and nine other Western countries who had previously decided to boycott the entire Geneva conference.

BBC News reported that in a press conference following the conference, Ahmadinejad told reporters that the countries who protested his remarks displayed "arrogance and selfishness."

Although most of the Western world condemned his remarks, the majority of diplomats who remained to hear his speech applauded Ahmadinejad.

However, his greatest supporters greeted him upon his return to Iran. According to Ozkanca, the cheering crowds were exactly the reception the Iranian leader was aiming for.

The Iranian presidential elections are just around the corner in June, and Ahmadinejad is campaigning vigourously for re-election.

"If my intuition is right, he is trying to play the public opinion game again," Dr. Oya Ozkanca, assistant professor of political science, said. "I think he wanted to make the headlines again. He likes the spotlight he receives."

Ozkanca explained that Ahmadinejad is working a very common campaign strategy, the Scapegoat Theory.

He is focusing the Iranian people's attention on Israel, an outside problem, therefore diverting attention from Iran's domestic problems.

"[Ahmadinejad] wants to make sure he is acting as the leader of the Islamic world and he is responding to the threats Israel is posing to the Muslim world," Ozkanca said.

This is far from the first time Ahmadinejad has criticized Israel. He has been a long-time critic of Zionism, and in 2005 at the Iranian Ministry of Interior conference hall in Tehran he gave a speech titled "The World Without Zionism."

This conference hall was decorated with posters displaying pictures of the United States and Israel crashing to the bottom of an hourglass.

Iran has high hopes of strengthening its power in the Middle East. "Increasingly the Iranian government is trying to take a step forward and try to present itself as the spokesman of the Muslim world," Ozkanca said.

The countries that boycotted the peace conference completely were Israel, the United States, Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Poland. None of their delegates had any interest in hearing what Ahmandinejad had to say.

The UN's last anti-racism conference was held eight years prior. Ozkanca believes the reason for the large gap in meetings is a result of changing world priorities.

"The September 11 attacks and War on Terror shifted the international community's attention," Ozkanca said.

In the conference preceding the one in Geneva, a constitution was drafted equating Zionism to racism.

on campus

Students grumble, school quickly reacts

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The campus livened up with debate during the weekend, over student dissatisfaction with the air conditioning systems. A somewhat disgruntled correspondence with school officials started very publically on Friday when an e-mail was sent by a senior to the majority of the junior and senior classes. This alerted them that "Around the World," a popular social gathering held at the Shrieber Quadrangle, would be occurring sometime during T.G.I.S. weekend.

Residence Life, which had been alerted in regard to the message, quickly replied with its own e-mail, which stated: "Please know that College policy will be strictly enforced, and social gatherings in this capacity are in violation and will immediately be addressed. All Residence Life staff will be present this weekend as well as additional security. Please act responsibly."

Two days later, a group of students replied to Residence Life in the same e-mail thread with an angry series of messages, detailing their dissatisfaction with the fact that Res. Life seemed to be more concerned with students drinking than with "real" student concerns.

The main concern expressed in these emails was the fact that, despite the heat campus experienced over the weekend, it appeared that Brinser and the Hackman Apartments were receiving no air conditioning.

Shortly after these emails were sent, it was reported by residents that the air conditioning suddenly came on in both Brinser Hall and the Vera Hackman Apartments. There is no reported correlation between the e-mails and the activation of the air conditioning systems.

Facilities has since sent out several Campus News advisories. Since Sunday, air conditioning has stopped working on the top floor of Myer as well. This is a problem stemming from a failure of the Building Automation System that facilities uses to digitally run all of the air conditioning systems for all the dorms.

Facilities is currently working with the developers of the automation system, Siemens, to correct this error. However, as of now, the cooling systems in the dorms may continue to sporadically turn on and off.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Facilities Management through the College Web site.

on campus

Mr. Belding: 'Saved by the Bell' principal, T.G.I.S. highlight

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In every high school, there are the stereotypical cliques who rule the halls. Bayside High School in the hit television show "Saved by the Bell" is no different.

Many of us remember growing up with this hilarious sitcom, but we especially remember the wise words of Mr. Belding, played by Dennis Haskins. Friday, April 24, Haskins spoke to his energetic and enthusiastic fans in Leffler Chapel at 9:00 p.m.

Etown students waited anxiously for his arrival, and when Mr. Belding strutted onto the stage, the audience roared with applause.

"Saved by the Bell' is a comical and entertaining portrayal of a typical American high school, first premiered in 1989, even before some audience members were born.

There were six main characters on the show aside from Mr. Belding, and each of them represented a different stereotype or group on campus.

Zachary Morris, the class clown, was played by Mark-Paul Gosselaar; the jock, Slater, was played by Mario López; Dustin Diamond played the nerd, Samuel "Screech" Powers; Lark Voorhies played Lisa Turtle, the fashionista; Jessie Spano, the brain, was played by Elizabeth Berkley; and Tiffani Thiessen played the beauty, Kelly Kapowski.

After watching just one episode of "Saved by the Bell," you can't help but fall in love with the charm and grace these characters so often brought to the screen.

These students and best friends went through many trials and tribulations throughout the series.

The show is appealing to the younger audience because they can easily relate to what is going on in the show.

The audience may have gotten advice on how to handle a certain situation because of the way Mr. Belding advised Zach on the show.

Since the "Saved by the Bell" remains popular to this day, one can imagine the excitement on everyone's faces here at Etown when told that Mr. Belding would appear for TGIS weekend.

Haskins talked for about an hour and half about where he was from, how his acting career began, and why he decided to take the role of Mr. Belding on "Saved by the Bell".

Born and raised in Chattanooga, Tenn., Haskins attended Notre Dame High School. He then went on to study at the University of Tennesee (UTC), where he quickly became the social chairman of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma.

While speaking about his experiences in college with basketball, Haskins said, "Life is a series of connect-the-dots."

Haskins remarked that though one may think he or she is bound to do something for the rest of his or her life, that goal or dream can quickly change.

Originally, Haskins thought he wanted to play basketball professionally.

However, one of his mentors told him that he should consider taking an acting class for one his electives in school, and, well, the rest is history.

When Haskins auditioned for the role of Mr. Belding on "Saved by the Bell," it was no easy task.

"Originally, they told me they were looking for someone who was black and 50 years old," Haskins said, "but I didn't care; I auditioned anyway. My manager told me not to bother because she said I would never get the job, but I was persistent and would not give up. Where would I be today if I had listened to all of them? It just goes to show you, never give up on your dreams. If you really want something, don't be afraid to just go for it."

Haskins was truly a pleasure to have on campus. He was witty and provided a much-needed laugh to those who were stressed and worried about upcoming finals.

Getting an autograph and picture with everyone's favorite principal is definitely something the audience will remember for years to come.

Photo: Huntley C. McGowan

Mr. Belding, aka Dennis Haskins, spoke April 24 at one of the T.G.I.S. events. He offered memoirs of his time on the show and kept the audience laughing.

club review

Environmental Club emerges as new, outstanding group

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What shade of green are you? Most members of Elizabethtown College's student-led Environmental Club consider themselves rather forest green. They reduce, re-use and recycle as much as they can and encourage others to do the same. However, according to Dr. Suzanne Webster, one of the club's founding members, the club welcomes everyone "from the nearest hint of apple white to the deepest green you can think of." Even those students, staff and faculty who just want to know more about the environment are encouraged to join the club.

In spring 2005, Webster, along with two students and three other staff and faculty members, established the Etown College Environmental Group (ECEG) to raise awareness about the issues that concerned them most.

For a while, the majority of the group consisted only of faculty and staff, but when sophomore Jess Duelfer came to the College, she was determined to get more students involved. She succeeded and now serves as the president of ECEG.

The advantage of this new status is that the club will now receive funding for projects, trips and events. Even though ECEG has only been official for a short time, it has already started to make an impact. For 2008-2009, it was given the Outstanding Group Award, an honor not many campus groups receive.

Changes have been cropping up around campus as well. Copy Services sells "green" notebooks made of all recycled materials, and the Etown Public Library has begun selling these for the College as well. By next semester, all of the white paper used by Copy Services will be FSC certified, meaning it is produced by environmentally-friendly means.

The Jay's Nest also offers free water for anyone who brings his or her own container (the charge is only for the Styrofoam cups). The Etown College Organic Garden Committee, which has many members in common with ECEG, has planted an organic garden on campus, which will fit nicely with ECEG's organic theme for next year.

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The Etown College Environmental Group is working hard to make Etown a more green campus.They have come up with many new approaches to save energy and waste less.

During the club's April 23 meeting, group members came up with suggestions for further changes that could make our campus greener. For instance, members discussed the idea of hanging clotheslines outside the dorms to reduce energy spent by dryers in the laundry rooms.

Also, building-wide water filters could be installed so that tap water would be drinkable without modification, and students would not have to purchase bottled water.

The general consensus among students who would like to help the environment seems to be that they would do it if it was more feasible and affordable. There are actually easiest everyday ways to save energy than a lot of students may realize. Checking tires for proper pressure every week can help noticeably with gas efficiency and thus save money as well.

According to Michael Bierbower, one of the club's founding members and manager of EPA audit, "just in our little campus, the effect would be significant" if we all implement small changes. For example, Carol Ouimet, administrative assistant for the modern languages, religious studies, philosophy, and history departments, has reduced paper usage in Wenger Center by 20 percent since last year, simply by copying everything double-sided. She would like students to realize that "it's not all-or-nothing." No one has to spend a fortune installing solar panels or buying a hybrid car to make a difference. It's little everyday things that happen over and over again which add up to something big.

ECEG is sponsoring a "Free-cycle" event. People bring their gently used, unwanted items and can pick up other items that people have brought for free. This way the unwanted items will stay out of dumpsters and landfills. Look for it next Monday through Thursday on the second floor of the BSC.

Anyone interested in joining the Environmental Club or learning more is welcome to e-mail ENVIROMENT@etown.edu or attend the next meeting, date TBA.

on campus

Best for Last: Vocalign set to perform in spring showcase

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To help ease the pain of tax season, impending finals, and a lack of summer employment, there is Vocalign, Etown's newest a cappella group.

Only two and a half years old, Vocalign is proof the College's best days have not all passed. The group was founded by alumni John Barborek (07) and Emily Wise (08) in the spring of 2007.

The group is comprised of male and female students hoping to merge the distinctive styles of Etown's other a cappella groups, Melica and Phalanx, to create an entirely new sound.

Because Vocalign is a co-ed group, it has the ability to perform songs with complex and diverse harmonies incorporating a range of octaves.

Vocalign currently boasts 17 members, about half of whom are first-years. With only two graduating seniors, Kaylyn Parman and Trent DeArment, the group is still relatively young.

However, this has not prevented it from establishing itself as a staple within the College community.

Recently, Vocalign sang at shows including Relay for Life, Homecoming's A Cappella Extravaganza and a Support Our Troops concert.

In January, the group traveled to the Giant Center to perform the national anthem at a Hershey Bears game that drew over 8,000 spectators, later setting up outside to put on a short concert for fans exiting the stadium after the game.

Vocalign president junior Derek Shanely remarked that he was more than satisfied with Vocalign's performance over the past year.

"There aren't many groups that can say they performed in front of 8,000 people," he said. "This year has been a blast."

Although Vocalign's plans to produce and distribute their first CD have been temporarily shelved due to departmental issues, the group intends to return to the studio and finish the project next fall.

"I'm really excited because I love their sound and it's been great to see my friends and classmates grow so much musically and accomplish everything they did," Vocalign fan junior Liz Albitz said. "I'll definitely be the first person in line to buy their CD next school year."

Until then, Vocalign fans can search for clips on YouTube or visit their Myspace page at *myspace.com/vocalign* and see them perform live Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in Leffler Chapel, where they will be joined by a featured guest group.

The concert promises to be the highlight of the semester and an appropriate close to Vocalign's incredible spring performance series. In addition to serving as a farewell show for the group's two seniors, the concert will also look to Vocalign's future.

The group intends to debut six new songs at the show, of which one is a unique medley and another entirely original.

Vocalign also plans to debut a song co-written by Shanely. The song, "The Wait," is performed by a Berks County band called Shame (that has played on Etown campus) on television networks such as NBC and CN8, while taking airtime on numerous radio stations across the tri-state region.

"Not many people know that I work for a local band called Shame which is from Reading, P.A.," Shanely explained.

"Over the summer I had the opportunity to write a song with them. I had the idea of then arranging it for Vocalign and can't wait to debut it in its a cappella form."

Curious listeners can link to Shame's myspace through their Web site at shamemusic.net to get an idea of what "The Wait" sounds like.

Though "The Wait" has been performed by Shame several times previously in concerts, this will mark the first performance of the version arranged for Vocalign.

The medley song is alleged to be entirely fresh and a complete surprise. When prodded for additional detail on the medley, Shanely would only respond cryptically that "it's not your typical medley."

Pressed further, he merely smiled and replied, "You'll just have to come to the show and find out for yourself."

Tickets for the May 2 "Make a Memory" spring showcase may be purchased outside the Marketplace in the evenings on April 29, 30 and May 1 or inside of Leffler Chapel the night of the show.

The show is sponsored by T.J. Rockwells, and tickets sell at a general admissions price of $5 or $3 for students. Contact Vocalign at VOCALIGN@etown.edu for additional details.

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on campus

LINK raises awareness about Autism throughout April

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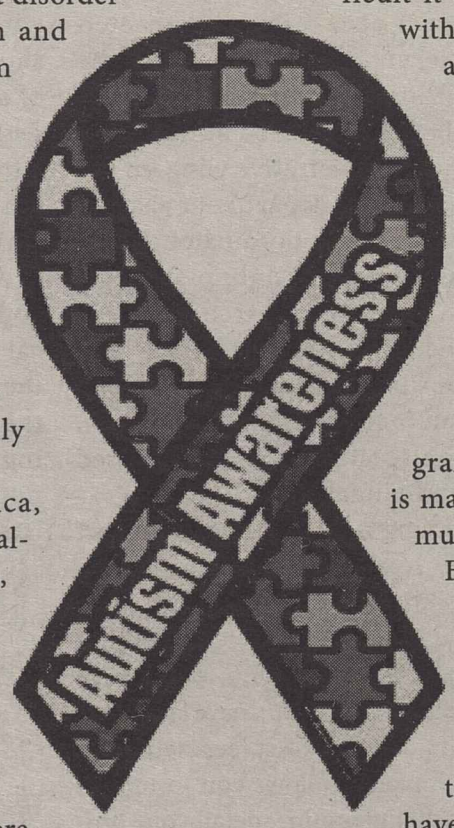
Since the 1970s, April has been recognized as National Autism Awareness Month, a month dedicated to educating the public about autism. Autism is a neurological development disorder that affects most communication and social skills. It is also a "spectrum disorder," which means that it affects individuals differently and in varying degrees.



The symptoms of autism usually begin appearing in children by the time they turn three. However, this also varies. Some children begin to show signs of autism in infancy, while others may grow up normally and then suddenly develop autistic symptoms.

Some stats say that in America, about 1 in every 150 children and almost 1 in 94 boys have the disease, but those are just estimates.

"My brother has autism and when he was in kindergarten, about 80 of the 300 kids in his kindergarten class had it, too," Help Link president junior Leighanne Spitzer said. "Autism is becoming more and more of an epidemic of sorts. There is no known cause, so there is no cure."

Right now researchers think that autism could be caused by a combination of genetic predisposition and other environmental factors. However, it is still a very controversial subject and, as of right now, no one really has any answers.

Fortunately, even though there is no known cure, autism is treatable. With early diagnosis and intervention, the symptoms of autism can be greatly minimalized. Some autistic children can even grow up to lead completely normal lives.

Link, a new club on campus, is striving to give back to the autistic community in Etown.

"I started Link last fall because I know how difficult it can be for families with children with autism, and I also wanted to raise awareness about it on campus," Spitzer said. "Our motto is connecting college students with the autism community." Currently, Link has 16 members, whose majors range from education to occupational therapy, but the club has no specific affiliation with any department on campus or national organization.

In one of the club's biggest programs, each of the 16 club members is matched with a member of the community with autism. "It's almost like a Big Brothers, Big Sisters program," Spitzer said. "The students go into the homes and act as mentors for the autistic kids in the community."

In addition to the mentor program, Link tries to have two to four events per year to bring college students and autistic children together.

Last fall, they held a kickoff event in the Kid Zone, one of the OT department's new labs.

This was a way for the autistic children and their families to get to know their student mentors before in-home visits began.

In every activity, the members of Link try to fit in sensory experiences and socialization between the students and the autistic kids.

"We wanted to do a benefit concert for National Autism Awareness Month," Spitzer said. "But there was something happening on campus every weekend in April, so we couldn't. We are going to try again next year."

Instead, in honor of Autism Awareness Month, Link decided to raise money to help build a fence in 4-year-old Henry's backyard. Henry has autism, and because of this, he has no safety awareness and constantly wanders away from his home. His family has even had to call 911 several times because he has gone missing.

Throughout the month of April, Link sold paper links for a $1 each. The club was able to raise $305, which they rounded up to $325.

"It was nowhere near what the family needed to build the fence," Spitzer said. "But, since we are a new club, we were only expecting to raise about $200, so $305 was very exciting." The club also sponsored a table for three days in the BSC, where they handed out information about autism and puzzle piece ribbons.

"The puzzle piece is a symbol of autism," Spitzer said. "We are still trying to find the missing piece of the [autism] puzzle; we still don't know what the cause is."

CORRECTION

In the April 8 issue of *the Etownian*, the article "April: national organ donor awareness month honored," it was incorrectly stated that fees were being waved for registration in May with the Be the Match Registry. The fee will be waived in June for the first 46,000 new members to the registry at *BeTheMatch.org*.

The Etownian apologizes for the mistake.

The Jayd-ed edge

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Nudity in the Alps no more

Sunday, Voters in the heart of the Swiss Alps passed legislation banning nude hiking after dozens of mostly German nudists started rambling through their picturesque region.

By a show of hands, citizens of the tiny Canton (state) of Appenzell Inner Rhodes voted overwhelmingly at their traditional open-air annual assembly to impose a 200 Swiss franc ($176) fine on violators.

The cantonal government recommended the ban after citizens objected to encountering walkers wearing nothing but hiking boots and socks.

German Web sites promoting the activity describe it as "a special experience of nature, free and healthy" and said nude walking in the Alps has roots in antiquity.

The verdant Appenzell region has been regarded as a favorite for this activity, with trails the nudists regarded as off the beaten path.

Misdemeanor wiener

A Chicago alderman said he doesn't mind that a businessman plans to open a hot dog stand in his ward and hire former convicts to work there, but he does object to the stand's crime-linked theme. Alderman Bob Fioretti said Friday his Second Ward on the city's West Side has major crime problems, so he thinks the stand's name, Felony Franks, is simply not in good taste.

Fioretti also objected to several slogans, including: "Food so good, it's criminal" and "Home of the misdemeanor wiener."

Stand owner Jim Andrews, however, said he thinks the tongue-in-cheek name and a menu that features such items as "burglar beef" and "chain gang chili dog" will help to erase some of the stigma that being a former convict carries.

Blown-away chihuahua

Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight.

Dorothy and Lavern Utley credit a pet psychic for guiding them Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where 8-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen. The brown long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise OK.

Tinker Bell was standing on their platform trailer when she was swept away.

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on campus

Pup-E-Palooza huge success; fun for all

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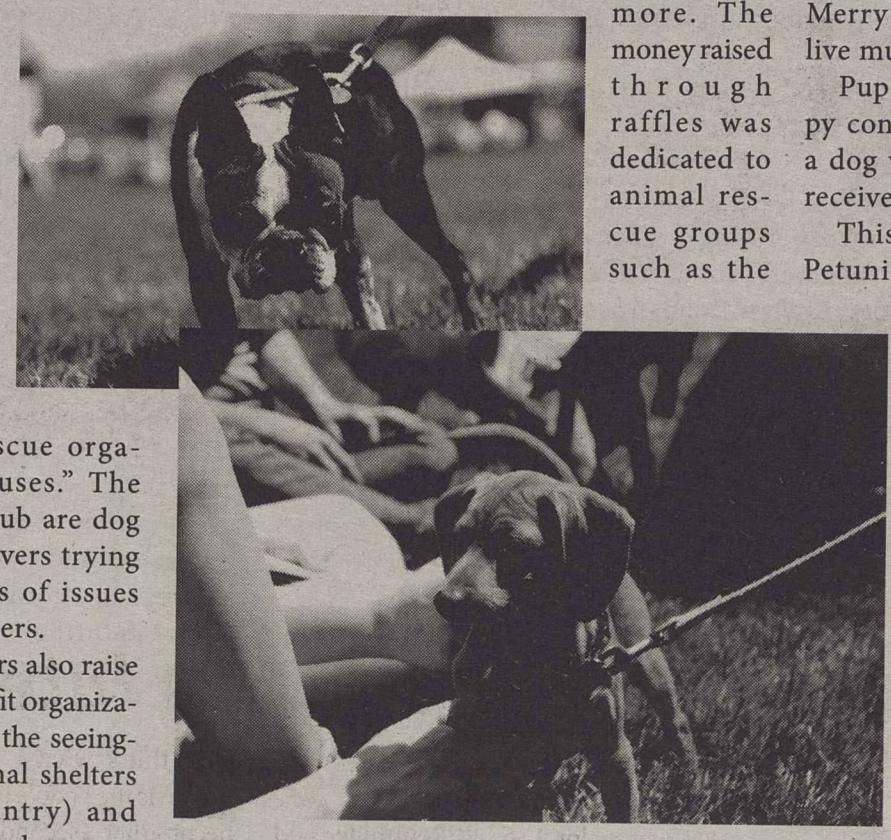
The K9 club is a way animal lovers can get involved on Elizabethtown's campus. The group describes itself as "dedicated to the awareness that canines are loving, loyal and intelligent animals that deserve a good home with a family willing to return the love.

The club shall strive to raise money for non-profit animal rescue organizations and causes." The members of the club are dog owners and dog lovers trying to raise awareness of issues that affect pet owners.

The club members also raise money for non-profit organizations (for example, the seeing-eye dogs and animal shelters of Lancaster Country) and dedicate volunteer hours to helping animals. The club also runs several of their own charity events to raise money for animal rescue organizations.



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The annual Pup-E-Palooza was held on Brinser field this past Sunday afternoon. Among many events, there was a cutest puppy photo contest was held. Petunia took first place.

Pup-E-Palooza was held on Etown's campus last Sunday. It was a four-hour event, similar to a fair, that catered to dogs. At the Palooza were rescue groups, live music, vendors, puppy pools, demonstrations, face painting, raffles and more. The money raised through raffles was dedicated to animal rescue groups such as the Brookline Lab Rescue, Cocker Spaniel Adoption Center and Coast-to-Coast Dachshund Rescue. Brinser field was filled with panting, happy dogs, cheerful owners, fun activities and music.

The Rob & Todd show band, Ric Merry and Patrick McCarthy played live music.

Pup-E-Palooza hosted a cutest puppy contest where contestants entered a dog with a picture, and the winner received a prize.

This year the first place went to Petunia; second place, Herby; third was a tie between Reilly and Calipsal. The owners seemed excited for their dogs to win the photo contest and happy to see the profits of this event going to a good cause.

The Palooza was a great way for the club to end the year and show everything they are about.

Overall, the event was a success — the weather was perfect and a profit was raised for animal rescue groups.

K9 continues to initiate new members. If participating with K9 for Pup-E-Poolza seems like something you would like to do in the future, e-mail K9CLUB@etown.edu.

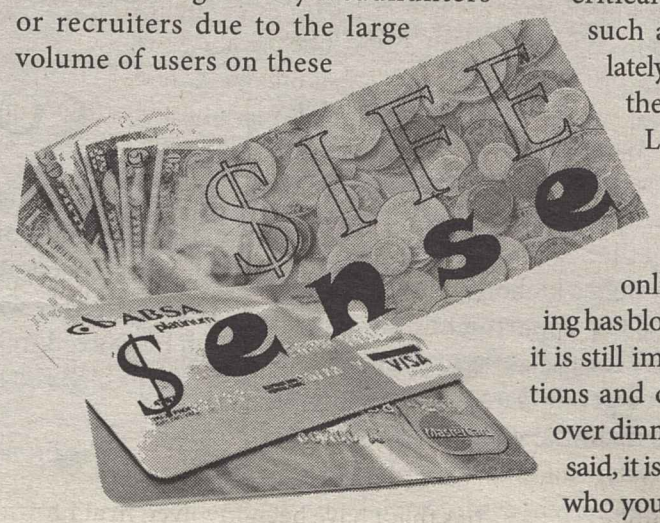
SIFE sense

The employment search in difficult times

Whether graduating and seeking a full-time career or looking for a summer internship or employment, this year will likely be more challenging than most due to the economic recession. Particularly difficult is the task of finding a job in the financial sector due to the recent downsizing in many of these organizations.

Although there are more than two weeks remaining until the end of the academic year, many are still in search of summer employment. While Job Search 2009 may be a daunting proposition, there are several resources available to aid prospective workers in their quest for the right job.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, many job search Web sites have debuted, offering personalized job recommendations and submitting resumes to potential employers. Although popular Web sites such as *Monster.com* and *Careerbuilder.com* purport to be the perfect place to search, they are often targeted by headhunters or recruiters due to the large volume of users on these sites. All Etown students have access to the Jobs for Jays employment search portal, which can be accessed from the Career Services page of the College's Web site. This provides a list of all employers soliciting through the College and is a much more reliable way to find jobs than online search sites. Etown also offers a dedicated Career Services staff which can be found within the Counseling Services suite in BSC 216, located at the north end of the administrative wing on the upper floor. Each department also offers its own career coordinator. If you are focusing on the online strategy, several Web sites can search for openings based upon your credentials and desired position, including *Indeed.com, JobCentral.com*, and *SimplyHired.com*. There are also sites specifically tailored to your individual career.



Networking is an ever-important part of the job search, and the Internet has made it both more convenient and more critical than ever before. Web sites such as Facebook and, even more lately, *LinkedIn.com*, have facilitated the creation of career networks. LinkedIn allows you to upload your resume, detail your professional background and have associates reference you online. Although online networking has blossomed over the past five years, it is still important to attend social functions and develop contacts with people over dinner and drinks. As is frequently said, it is not always what you know, but who you know that matters.

It also helps to apply to companies that are currently seeking applicants, particularly smaller firms in need of employees. When applying for jobs, you can usually submit your résumé and cover letter via the company Web site. Résumés should be distinct and unique but not overly flamboyant with extravagant fonts or colors and should incorporate specific examples of accomplishments rather than a raw description of your talents. The cover letter should also follow this guideline but be tailored to the individual job for which you are applying.

Although the job search may become discouraging during this atypical economic climate, remember that there are many others going through the same experience to, and by following these recommendations, you can put yourself on the right track toward landing that elusive job.

Written by Elizabethtown College Students In Free Enterprise, a non-profit organization that teaches others the principles of free market economics. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to visit the SIFE blog at* http://etownsife.blogspot.com/. *Contact SIFE@etown.edu with any questions.

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final farewells

'It's not goodbye, just *see you later*': seniors reminisce

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As the year draws to a close, first-years are trying to pull through newly discovered college exams. Sophomores are making plans for living up the summer without college, juniors are excited to be seniors and to start working more closely with their careers, and seniors — well, the seniors are both reflecting and hoping. With their prime years of freedom behind them, they look with excitement and anxiety to the next period of their lives. No matter where life takes them, they will know that an integral part of them was constructed piece by piece in this little place of Elizabethtown, a small school with a big impact.

Although the seniors have found individual niches here at Etown which have given them all bright futures, they also found common ground: similar stories which allow them to look back on their college days with fond memories.

One of the most important blessings soon-to-be alumni recognize is their relatable and knowledgeable professors. History major Jasmine Gollup said, "I will miss everything about Etown: the place, the opportunities, but most of all the people, especially the professors who will go out of their way to help you succeed with a course, independent research or extra-curricular activity."

Mark Buchmoyer, a computer science major, feels that the professors here stand out because of their personalities. "There are some really amazing professors on this campus with incredible life stories, and I will miss having my one-on-one conversations with all of them," he said.

Philosophy major Kirk McNeel sums it all up with his honest and endearing perception of the people at Etown who have made a difference. "The professors at Etown carry an enthusiasm for student success that could easily be mistaken for insanity (in a productively insane kind of way); I think that's what I'll miss," he said.

Many college seniors will miss their friends after they have packed up, graduated and moved away. Etown students are no different, but their friendships here are each unique and memorable. Here's what some of them said:

Biology major Thomas Reinmiller said, "I will miss being so close to my friends and having the ability to walk around campus and see different friends each day. I will miss the random hangouts."

"The thing I will miss most about Etown will be all the friends I've acquired over the years and seeing them all the time," communications major Joe Cooper said.

Psychology major Jen Peterson said, "What I am going to miss most about Etown are my amazing friends that I have made over the past four years. I am going to miss seeing all of them daily and being able to hang out with everyone whenever we feel like it."

Most friends have inside jokes, the little secrets that no one else understands. Apparently, "you just had to be there." Psychology major Bridger Whitesell will miss his inside joke: "History and Systems, and also the greatest people I could have ever hoped to meet in four years; I love you all."

One-year international student Jonathan van den Ende says he will miss "friends, playing for the tennis team and the American college way of life."

But political science major Zach Atkinson really sums up what most of the seniors will miss. "I will miss the four great friendships I have found at Etown the most," he said. "I know we will all stay connected, but I've taken for granted the fact I can see them whenever I want."

Some of our seniors have grown so close to their friends that they more closely resemble family. Political science major Sarah Lawlor said, "Over the past four years, Etown has become my home. I am going to be tremendously sad when I have to leave May 16. One of the things I will miss the most about Etown will be the people-watching from the caf and BSC patio. Something that I will truly miss will be the excitement I felt every time I found out it was mac and cheese day in the caf!"

Social work major Kimberly Hailey's feelings were similar. "I will miss the sense of family that the social work class of '09 has experienced during our time at Etown," she said. "I will also miss the professors who helped to foster that sense of family."

"I think what I will miss most about Etown is the people here who have basically become like a second family to me," occupational therapy major Becky Deveney said. "I will miss being able to run next door with exciting news or always having someone right down the hall to hang out with."

Education major Andrea Beard said she, too, felt like she was leaving part of her family behind. "I can say for certain, as cliché as it may sound, that who I once considered friends and mentors have meshed into a true, caring, tightly-knit family over the past four years. As graduation is rapidly approaching, I look at the professors, especially in the education department, that have lent every last minute to preparing me for my professional experience as a teacher … I will miss friends who listen to stories, both good and ugly, after a day in the classroom. It's the family that has prepared us for a professional life and will continue to, even when we aren't living in the Etown bubble."

Regardless of how close the seniors and their friends have become, no one could deny that Elizabethtown definitely fosters a unique sense of community. As an integral part of what makes this school so special, the sense of community is what attracts first-years and leaves the seniors with fond memories of the people with whom they have grown so close.

Physics, mathematics and philosophy major Brandon Bear said, "I think what I'll miss most about Etown is the connection with the people. I've formed such great relationships with so many people on campus, and it will be hard to transfer that to the real world."

Alaina DeToma, a chemistry major, will miss the little pleasures that the Etown community has offered. "I think it's hard to imagine what I'll miss most about Etown until after I'm gone," she said. "It's the ordinary things that happen on a day-to-day basis that have made Etown special to me. But I do know I will miss taking walks around Lake Placida, spending time with my friends, and days that smell like chocolate. I will probably even miss spending so much time in Musser. Maybe."

Fine and performing arts major Lore Herzer said, "I will miss all the opportunities that I have been involved in at Etown and in the FAPA department over the past four years. I will also greatly miss all my friends and all the people I have come to know."

"The thing that I will miss most about Etown is the community feeling and atmosphere," business major Ryan Kasyan said. "I love me some love."

Spanish major Andrea Guzzo reminisced of the special events that made Etown so special. "I will miss my radio DJ days as a member of the Ang and Angel duo, my HRC kids, egg jay bagels, American Idol Tuesdays, Spanish classes, trips to Lancaster, Nintendo brawls, and, most of all, being only two minutes away from the people I want to spend all my time with."

Leslie Furman, a religious studies major, said it simply. She will miss "fun times with the people that I love who have made college amazing!"

Religious studies major Scott Derkacz explicitly felt that it is the relationship between the faculty and the students that makes the Etown community so memorable. "The one aspect of Elizabethtown that I will miss is the interactions and relations that develop between students and faculty," he said. "This college has provided a great atmosphere for higher learning, and these interactions between the students and the faculty have greatly facilitated and contributed towards this learning."

Mathematical science major Amy Huttenstine said, "What I will miss most about Etown is the close knit community that we have. I love being able to walk through a campus where everyone knows one another."

"Graduation is only a concept," the inspirational Arie Pencovici said. "In real life, every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference." Although the seniors will be recognized at Commencement for their success in the Bachelor's program, maybe the larger success to recognize is their everyday graduations — graduations from immaturity to maturity, from failures to successes, from absence to love — all with the support of a certain presence that they will miss the most, Elizabethtown.

Say Goodbye to a Senior!

Katechel,
We've had so many great times together these past three years. You both are two of my closest friends here at college. I wish you the best of luck in the real world. Remember, it's never goodbye, it's always see ya later.
—Laura

Kristi Warner,
We'll miss you, Kristi! You were so much fun to have in Newman Club! May God be with you during your fieldwork and exciting graduate year. You'll make a wonderful OT!
Blessings, Newman Club

Mark Heinbockel,
Mark, you've been a great RA, and I have no doubt you will do great after Etown! Congratulations, good luck, and have a great one!
-Cliff Quattlander

Sarah Lawlor,
Ms. Lawlor — thank you so much for helping me "broaden my horizons" in Costa Rica! As you graduate, I will sing I'll Cover You loud and proud!
Love, Joelle

Kpaps,
Good luck in your future; we know that you will make such an amazing teacher! Thank you for being such a great peer mentor, choreographer and friend.
Love, Amanda Tyson and Suki Brown

Ty Collinge, Steve Kase, Jon Jeffries, Matt Colly, Tom Bowling, Nick Ziobrowski, Jeff Kirkhoff, Jared Rosenau, James Munnelly,
Screw you, f---ing A-holes.
Love: Tim Katzaman

My senior Puerto Rico friends,
Our future service trips will never be the same. You are an awesome group of individuals. Good luck with everything the future brings your way! ¡Coqui!
—Sharon Zerhusen

Kristina Psitos,
From your "brother," congratulations and good luck! You're going to do great in the years to come.
-Cliff Quattlander

Gabby O'Neill and Christine Sowers,
I don't know what I'm going to do without you ladies next year! You're both amazing and you're going to do well in everything you do!
Love you, Aidan

Gabby O'Neill and Christine Sowers,
I'm going to miss you guys. This was a great year and you made it all the better.
-Randy

Class of 2009,
Wishing you all good luck in the future. You will be missed. Congratulations to you all.
Love, Linda; from the Marketplace

Ashley O'Neill,
Congratulations, Ashley! Good luck and enjoy every day!
-Cliff Quattlander

Sarah Deysher,
You are the most amazing person I have ever met! I know you will do great things wherever life takes you. You are truly my lifesaver, and I wish you every success and happiness because you deserve it!
—Dana Richmond

Albert Choute,
Good luck, Albert! You've been a great roommate and a good friend. Congratulations.
-Cliff Quattlander

Etown Field Hockey Seniors,
You girls are amazing! Thank you for making ECFH such a great group. We will miss you next year!
Love, The Freshies

Ian Pape,
Ian, it's been an honor to see you perform in "The Tempest" and to have you as a director for the "One Acts." Congratulations and good luck.
-Cliff Quattlander

Sam Gillam, Kayla Turnock, Karon Ondorf,
Hey, I'll see you in the shop next year ... right?
—Beth

Cliff Quattlander,
Bye Cliff! You were always such a pleasure to have in Newman Club! Good luck this summer! May God bless you and guide you in all of your future endeavors!
Blessings, Newman Club

Matt Currie,
Gambatte, Matt! Good luck with everything.
-Cliff Quattlander

August Niederhaus,
Please don't die of lung cancer, lest your awesome name go to waste. I'll miss you!
—Aidan

Azzy,
Thanks for making my first year at Etown great! You are the best peer mentor ever! Good luck next year.
—Steph Smith

Gabby and Christine,
Thanks for fun times and movie nights and Fun Fort! I'll miss you so much!
—Becca Berner

Princess Jenny, Princess Laura & Princess Gretchen,
I'll miss you! Congrats on escaping from Oyam's clutches.
—Princess Sara

Katie O'Connor,
You will continue to do amazing things after Etown girlie! I love you!
—Betty Aubin

Chrissie Bixler and Brandon Bear,
I will miss you both more than you know! Thanks for all the advice and no worries, the Admissions Office is in good hands. Best of luck to you both!
—Katie "Salad"

Tim Donahue,
You've Death Gripped my heart.
-Robert Brown

Chris Miller,
Congrats on finally getting out of here ... maybe you'll be able to get a new printer.
Love, Sara Crimmel

Krazy Krew,
Love you guys! You will all remain close to my heart and I will never forget what an awesome time we had together.
-Bag of Chips

Courtney Moyer,
I'm so glad I got to know you this year! I'll miss you!
—Khouri McGrann

Mad Cow Seniors,
You're not allowed to graduate and abandon us! End of story. You will be missed on stage and off.
Love, the Techie

Emily Stanzione,
Thank you for being so wonderful this year!! I'll miss you!
—Khouri McGrann

Ryan Kasyan,
You were the best Peer Mentor and I'm definitely going to miss you next year! Best of luck with everything!
—Alexa Porcaro

The Class of 2009,
It was great knowing you guys! Good luck and I hope we are all there for reunions and other random stuff like shopping at the grocery store.
-Brandon "BBear" Bear

Kebs,
Thanks so much for being both a mentor and a friend. I will miss our Conewago visits desperately. I know you will do great things.
—Emily Reigart

Stacey Lehman,
Hiiii sweeetie! It has been an amazing block of years with you at Etown, and it will be even more amazing for the entirety of our lives.
Love you!!
Love, Mike Moss

Frank, Tim, Ezra and Sam,
Don't screw your lives up! We will miss you and by we I mean me. Visit!
—Angela Wright

Megan Memoli, Molly Bell and Valerie Miebach,
I loved living with you! No words can express how much I will miss you all. Let's talk about it...
—Ginga

Megan, (Steve) Beaver, Molly, Val and Kyle,
You guys have no idea how much you guys have meant to me these past two years. Thanks for adopting a lonely freshman. Love you all.
—Melanie

All my lovers!
I love all my neighbors and our late nights! I kind of like all my band members. And I kind of like my friends! Hope you all miss my cheeks, and I'll remember yours!
Love, Thomas Reinmiller

Thomas Reinmiller,
I am going to miss all of our "moments" together. My nights will never be the same. I love you.
Your jaw-dropping neighbor, Ashley

Every senior ... ever,
Sometimes, I feel like I was born two years too late! Love you guys and girls.
-T-Hags

To all the seniors I've grown to know and love,
There are way too many of you to list by name, but know that I will forever cherish the time I've spent and the memories I've made with each of you. Lots of luck in wherever your future takes you!
Love, Brittany Kupe

Senior Soccer girls (Carly, Jenna, Brooke, Ang, Gretchen),
I'm going to miss you girls so much next season. Practice will be a lot quieter and not smelly. Please come and visit next season! You are going down in the alumni game!
—Ellen Parr

Laura Moyer and Julie Baughman,
I'll miss you guys so much and all the fun times with concerts and work!
—Becca Berner

Philip James Schaffer,
Etown is losing an angel. Spread your wings and fly.
Love, Kyle McConnell

Mike Azzalina,
Thanks for being one of the best friends someone could ask for! I wish you all the luck in the world!
Love, Steph K.

Andrea Beard,
Good luck with your future. I hear your boyfriend is a huge tool bag! I love you!
Love your boyfriend, Mike

Andrea Beard,
You are going to be an amazing teacher! Good luck in all you do in the future! I love you!
Love, Steph K.

258 and 260 N. Market St.,
I love you all! It has been one great ride with tons of shit we will remember and just as much shit we will forget (not on purpose, of course).
-Azzy

Ryan Kasyan,
You have been an incredible friend and I'm going to miss you oh so much! Good luck with everything you do!
Love, Steph K.

Brandon Bear,
Thanks for being such an awesome peer mentor. I can't imagine freshman year without you. Good luck with grad school and stuff. Rock on!
Tim

My Etown Trannys,
I love you all so much! Thank you for the last four years! This isn't goodbye — be fierce!
—Ashley Sweeney

Stephanie Usefof,
Good luck with everything coming your way! Don't change and I'm going to miss you!
—Liz

Kristen Ebersole,
Congrats and best of luck in the future!
-Chris Tjaden

Kristen Ebersole,
Congratulations, Kristen! Thank you for making our freshman year so special and good luck with all of your future plans!
Love, HB

Adam Quinn,
Take it easy, bud!
-Chris Tjaden

Sarah Berry and Danielle,
The time has come for your graduation. It's been real hanging out all together, especially living together representing our E6 quad. Good luck in your years after you leave Etown. We'll miss you!
Your roommates, Lindsay and Laura

Tom Gerhart,
Even the rustiest dime is still legal tender.
-M.P.

Andrea Beard,
Congratulations and good luck! We're all going to miss you!
—Peer Group H

Tom Kneafsey,
Goodbye, because, let's face it, we all know you're failing out.
-Ross & Pete

August Neiderhaus,
I love youuuu Gus-Gus! Best of luck in everything, hope you don't get swine flu! Keep in contact (or am I on the list now?)
—Maggie

Kristen Paporello,
Good luck next year! Thanks for being such a great Peer Mentor!
Love, Peer Group I

Mike Moss,
Can you believe we're graduating already? Being with you has made these four years at Etown amazing! Now let's kick some butt in the real world together!
Love, Stacey

Kristin Dougher,
Hey, darlin'. Just wanted to say I'm proud of you and thank you for always being there. I hope you know how much it meant to me to have you as a roommate one last time. Get out of the United States and go back to Europe! (I'll meet you there in August!) ;-)
—Katie B.

Adam Quinn,
To a person whose limits of creativity and imagination have no bounds!
-Matt Butera

Jarret Stehr,
Congratulations on completing four successful years of college! I cannot wait to see what your future holds — I know you'll succeed in anything and everything you do. I love you, congrats again! Xoxo.
—Katie Bonnar

Erin Pflugh,
Er Bear, I am going to miss you so much! After all, I am so gay for you it hurts. Mission accomplished if I embarrassed you! I love you!!
—Flori McClain

Sarah, Justine, and Chrissie,
I can't believe we are graduating in two weeks! It does not seem real that our four years at Etown are already over. Thank you for all the laughs and wonderful memories. I am so thankful I met you in college! Good luck with everything, my friends. Congratulations!!!
Love Always, Megan

Kristin Paporello,
Thank you so much for a great semester in Emotion — you are the sweetest and I will never forget this dance. Good luck with everything!
Love, Joelle

Linds, Cait, Niki, Heath, Crystal, Meg, Reefer, Schubes & Jen,
It has been an amazing four years with you girls! Love you all very much and can't wait for the beach and senior week! <3
Love, Kristen

Jen Tarr,
Thank you for being such a great editor and friend, and I know you will do such amazing things — like live in Aimée's couch!
Love, Joelle

Shaleen Spulio and Jen Tarr,
We made one heck of a team this year! I really love you girls so much, and it is only because of you that I am where I am today. I miss you already!
Love, Jamie

Noelle Withelder,
Once upon a time there was an amazing girl and her name was Noelle! Thank you so much for a great year — I'm going to miss you tons!
Love, Joelle

Diana Reitz,
*You are beautiful! Your students are **so** lucky to have you! Good luck in everything you do! I love you!*
Love, Steph K.

Etownian Seniors,
Thank you so much for an amazing year! I know you will all do such awesome things and live happy lives!
<3 Joelle

Nikkie, Gioia & Annemarie,
You three girls have become some of my closest friends on campus — thank you for being such amazing people and for making my year amazing.
<3 Joelle

Jen, Shaleen, Adam, Anh, Noelle, Beth, Mom, Steve & Jameson,
You kids have become my family in the past 9 months. I'm so, so fortunate to have been able to work with you and learn from you — and not just in terms of InDesign or AP Style, either. Remember, just like Noelle, "if you ever need me, I'm only a pica away."
Love ALWAYS, Aimée

Gabby,
It's been a great four years being here with you at Etown. Best of luck in AmeriCorps and your profession as a social worker! Yay!
—Laura Festa

Moe Rapp,
Best of luck in the future.
-Chris Tjaden

Amanda Marfisi,
A red rose of apology! Sorry for sleeping with your husband in acting class. Good luck with everything next year, I am going to miss you!!
—Flori McClain

PM Seniors,
I can't even begin to think about how different the program will be without you next year. You've all given so much of yourselves to PMing, and I only hope we can continue your legacy next year. Thank you so much for everything!
Love always, Aimée

Christine Sowers,
Christine! It's been great knowing you these last three years. Best of luck in your teaching career, you'll do fantastic! =)
—Laura Festa

My Etownian Seniors,
I love you all (even those of you who aren't seniors!). I wish all of you good luck in your future endeavors, though I know you will all be FANTASTIC!
—Jen

Sarah Lawlor, Lore & Zach Attack,
I will never, ever forget the Yellow Submarine and all the memories we made in eight short days. Can we please reunite in CR in 10 years??? ¡PURA VIDA!
<3 Aimée

Etownian Seniors,
Thank you so much for the guidance you've given me this year. I will NEVER forget the laughs, late nights and, of course, the lessons you taught me. You are my family! Even though you have to go ... STET it be.
Love always, Jamie

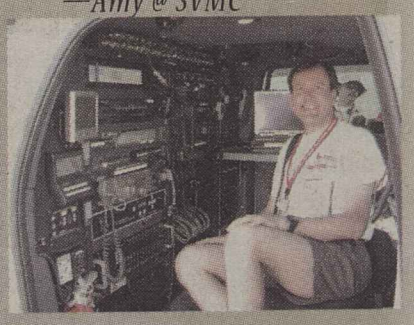
Ladies of Quad C1,
You wish you could C1 of us ... graduate! Congrats ladies, wish we could always live together — love, love, love!
—Sarah Deysher

Jennifer Tarr
I can't even tell you how sure I am that we are meant to be friends. "You complete me" (Michael Scott). But really ... you do. Thank you for being my best friend!
Love you!! Jamie (T.E.D.)

Peter Starr Northrop,
Hey Pete! I think you're really cool.
Love, Pete

Sam Gillam,
Bye bye, Daddy! Good luck in life. You are an awesome, inspirational performer. You kept the water in the ground.
—Pauline Jarvie (Hope)

Kate Welsh,
Special graduation greetings from your favorite Sequoia...
—Amy @ SVMC



Elyse,
Your face and personality will be missed greatly around campus and in Admissions. Good luck in everything you do.
Love, your fraptor!!

Timb-aland,
Thanks for making these past three years EXCELLENT! You are probably the best roommate ever. Okay ... you are.
Love, Tuna-fish

career pointers

Branding provides solution to dismal job prospects

Glenn P. Knight
Staff Writer

In such economically trying times, you cannot turn on the news or flip through a newspaper without being accosted by headlines discussing job scarcity or business cutbacks. Because this incites competitiveness across the board in the job market, going out into the world in search of employment can be a overwhelming task. Fortunately, there is a solution to facilitate this process and make it a more positive experience: creating a "personal brand."

Depending on the market in which one is seeking employment, the idea of a "personal brand" can differ vastly. Jane Nini from Career Services defined branding as "how you market or how you describe the things you have engaged in [professional reputation]." Those things that comprise a reputation include a person's accomplishments and leadership capabilities — basically all the qualities potential employers want to recognize in you.

The idea of "personal branding" involves finding a passion and investing time and effort into that before attempting to enter a job market. That way, employers see more than a résumé and GPA; they see a person who demonstrates leadership and enthusiasm. This is why it is important for a person to focus on his or her interests and strengths; getting involved and focused in one concentration shows a forte and dedication admirable in potential employees.

So what exactly are these activities that boost résumé? Internships, co-curricular activities and leadership positions have all proven to be positive assets in any job search. But the process does not end with getting involved and being a leader. It is up to the job seeker to showcase these talents and skills successfully in an interview. This may involve documenting the activities using business cards, Web sites, blogs and a video résumé, as well as traditional interview documents.

Interviews are more than just what a person literally brings to the table; a résumé and documentation of involvement only go so far. It is important to go into an interview with the right frame of mind. Have confidence in knowing what job you wish to attain, the skills that will make this feasible, the experiences that enhance these skills, and how to clearly articulate these experiences in a way that shows why you are the most qualified for the position.

It is important for college students to start reading about and practicing these strategies early, before graduation, because nobody knows where the economy will go in the future.

"Whether you go to grad school or whether you choose be immediately be employed, you need to be able to describe what qualities you would bring to them, and what you would contribute to that organization or what skills would enable you to help them in a particular program," Nini said.

It is apparent that recognizing and harnessing strengths well before entering the working world is the only way to really get ahead in the competitive job market that exists in society today. It is important to get out in the world and get the experiences that will push one potential employee higher than another in order to land the job you want.

lovin' abroad

Cross-continental love: Brown, Singer fancy foreigners

Laura A. Famish
Staff Writer

Throughout their four years at Elizabethtown College, many students study abroad to gain a new perspective on culture, language and education. This opens doors to meeting new people and making new friendships. But what about finding love?

For junior Sara Brown and alumna Leah Singer, studying abroad helped their cross-continental relationships bloom.

"We actually met online," Singer said of her new husband. "[Adrien] wanted to learn to speak English with someone, but in the end I just happened to learn how to speak French."

"I met Fernando in Florence, Italy, when I was visiting with a mutual friend," Brown said. "He welcomed us into his apartment for a long weekend, and there was an instant connection. I went back after my original stay ended all too quickly, and we've been in a relationship ever since."

Deciding to date someone from a different culture and country may seem difficult, but it was simple for these two girls.

"It was nothing new in my family," Singer said. "I have cousins in Greece and Australia ... so for me it was natural. I didn't think about it, other than the fact that the language barrier was a little bit difficult to overcome at first."

"[Fernando] had so much to share in experiences and an incredibly open mind and heart," Brown said. "When I first discovered these things, my initial response was excitement to get to know him better, then amazement at how close I felt to him and how many connections I share with someone who grew up in a completely different culture. And now I don't think of him as a person from another country; he's a man I'm in love with."

Just as any relationship requires confidence and disclosure, long-distance relationships emphasize these vital characteristics.

"Dating someone long distance requires two words: trust and communication," Brown said.

"It sounds really cheesy, but communication was the big one, and still is," Singer added. "The other thing was making sure that each of us was able to live our own lives and thrive in school without constantly worrying about what the other was doing on the other side of the world."

Aside from a simple telephone call or letter, Brown uses advanced technology to keep in touch with her loved one. She and Fernando talk daily on Skype. This allows them to do everyday things together — laundry, eat together, watch "House," play games, and hang out with friends.

"I feel like we spend as much time together as a couple that can enjoy each other's physical presence," Brown said.

Although each couple works hard to communicate and foster a healthy relationship, there are difficulties that come with such a long distance. Of course, one of the main difficulties is not having your significant other around when you've had a rough day.

"Waiting until we can see each other again and not being able to share important days with one another in person" is another problem Brown encounters.

Additionally, travel can get expensive. Even phone calls can become cost prohibitive, and the time difference creates yet another challenge.

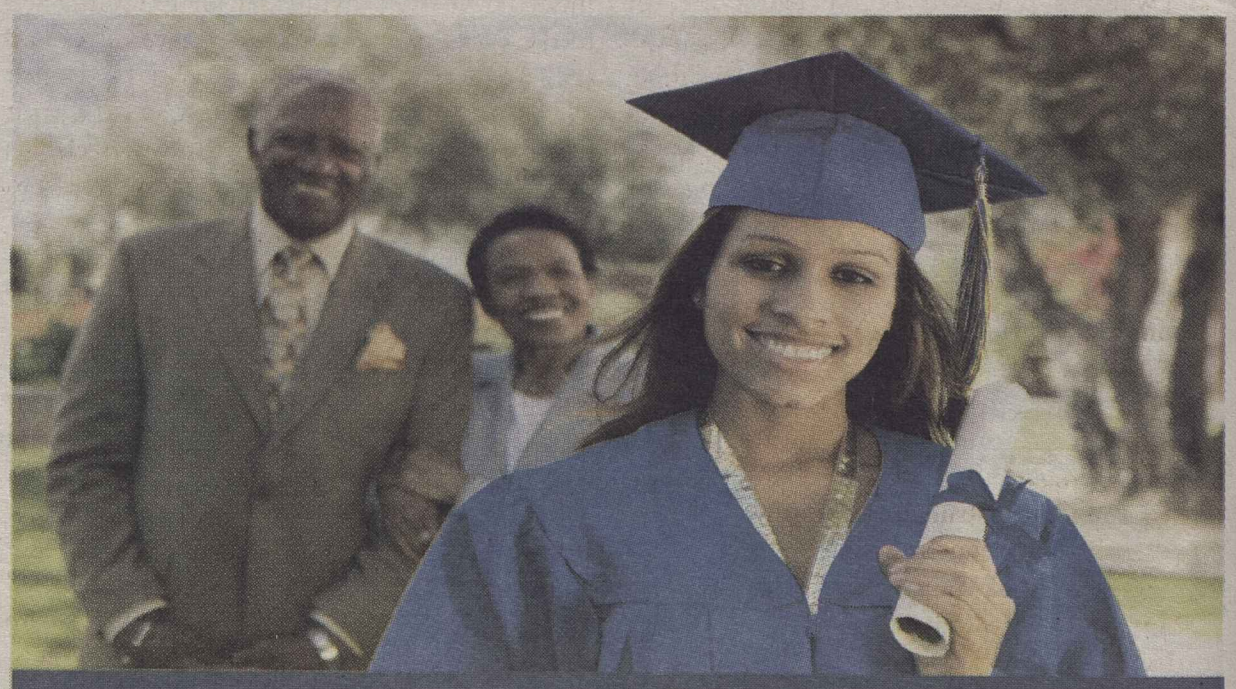
However, there are many advantages to cross-continental relationships. For Singer, there was only a two-hour time period when she was done with class before Adrien went to bed. Therefore, she was able to concentrate on her work and get things done. Additionally, she was able to focus on her friendships here at Etown while working on a intellectual relationship with her boyfriend.

"Valuing each other [and] learning to lean on someone, even if they can't physically give you a hug" are positives to a long-distance relationship, according to Brown.

There is a lot to learn through long-distance relationships, especially cross-continental relationships.

"It's all about patience, trust and communication. I know it sounds corny, but if you don't have absolute trust in the person, stop now," Singer said.

"Keep an open mind," Brown added. "The world is only getting smaller and more connected. Don't take anything for granted, and remember that every relationship is about taking care of one another emotionally and learning together. Those are two things that can be done whether you are sitting in the same room or across the world on [different] computers."



campus events

T.G.I.S. 2009: blasts from the past

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Students thronged Brinser Field Saturday, April 25 to soak up the sun and partake in T.G.I.S. festivities, including E-Stock, tie-dyeing, rock climbing and a carnival-esque meal.

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Staff Writer

Ladies and Gents, strap on those dancing shoes and have a boss time swinging at the speakeasy! It's no sweat if you're a spaz, just get there early and you can learn how to swing like crazy! Listen to the kickin' sounds of the Jumpers Orchestra and eat food as unreal as you and your pals. Dance the first night of T.G.I.S. '09 away!

To ring in the warm weather, Etown students celebrated with the Thank God It's Spring (T.G.I.S.) festival, which included an array of activities put together by the Office of Student Activities (OSA). It began Thursday night with a '50s drive-in diner themed dinner in the Marketplace. And what better way to complement a drive-in meal than with a good ol' classic sing-along flick? After dinner, students "made the scene" in Gibble Auditorium to "cast an eyeball" at the days of jelly roll hairstyles, hot-rodders and Pink Ladies in the movie "Grease."

To conclude the night of the '50s, students were invited to go "Swingin' at the Speakeasy" in the Event Space. The event provided swing dance lessons for students in the first hour. Natalie Cole's jukebox hit "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)" was the song of choice. It played repetitively while the young hipsters got the hang of swing dancing.

"I thought the instructors were really good; the band was very authentic and entertaining…" experienced, first-year swinger Heather Slifko said.

Mocktails and various spreads with breads and crackers were available for students throughout the night. It seemed the setting could not have been any more appropriate with the dance floor surrounded by round, candle-lit tables and a centrally located snack bowl. When lessons finished, students could show off their new skills as they danced to the live band, the Jumpers Orchestra.

"It was freakin' awesome!" first-year Kassandra Snook said.

"It was a great experience!" first-year Erin Healy said. "It brought something fun and different to campus. I've been waiting to get my groove on, swing-style, for decades."

Friday was dedicated to the beloved 1990s. Students of this generation celebrated their familiarity with a day-long tribute to the television show considered to be the essence of high school: "Saved by the Bell." Activities included hangin' at "the Max" for free hot dogs and cola, a "Saved by the Bell" marathon, and the awaited guest speaker, Dennis Haskins (better known as Mr. Belding). On top of the "Saved by the Bell" events, students were given the opportunity to go roller skating during "Friday Fever," held at Doc's Family Fun Center. Skating supervisor and first-year Gregory Shedlock said, "While it was a great idea and the people who went enjoyed it, who wants to be rollerblading inside when you could do it outside?"

But hey, don't sweat it; the fun-filled weekend was just beginning. because students had yet to experience Saturday's E-Stock extravaganza located on Brinser Field. With a pre-purchased ticket that cost a single meal swipe, students had a selection of mouth-watering cuisine to chow down on all afternoon and evening. Of the wide variety provided, Healy grew attached to the enormous pickle bin: "I have never had such a delicious pickle — ever!" With foods such as hamburgers, cotton candy, funnel cake, fruit and caesar salads, empañadas, soft pretzels, ice cream and more, it was an event comparable to a town carnival.

Activities such as tie-dyeing, rock climbing, an obstacle course and a quad pod were provided for the students to unleash their spring fervor.

"I feel a little bad for those who had to be humiliated by my domination and intensity as I crossed the finish line first," first-year obstacle course competitor Bekah Frischkorn said. "I was not in the least bit disappointed by the day, though. Everything turned out great!"

In the midst of the chaos, live bands played on stage. Both student and alumni bands were featured, including Flint, Clean Fall, Midnight Spaghetti and Three-Legged Fox.

As the E-Stock festivities came to a close, students were still left with plenty to celebrate Saturday night. Trade in those swing dance poodle skirts and obstacle course racing shoes for an awesome pair of leg warmers! With a game show offering $400 in cash prizes and a midnight '80s flashdance, the fun seemed to be incessant. Activities for those who were worn out from the day's earlier events included a movie and midnight breakfast.

Between the wonderful weather and the astounding entertainment this T.G.I.S. weekend, Etown students, friends, families and alumni welcomed the spring season. The fever continues to spread contagiously through the classes and dorms of students who are approaching the last two weeks of the '08-'09 school year.

cinema review

'State of Play' full of theatrics, merit

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

State of Play," a reporter-versus-corporation political thriller, pits some of Washington, D.C.'s hairier journalists against a syndicate of paramilitary contractors. The villainous private military company, called Pointcorp, is clearly a Blackwater analogue, and director Kevin MacDonald ("The Last King of Scotland," "Touching the Void") lifts most of the major plot elements from Bush-era headlines.

"State of Play" itself began as a critically acclaimed BBC miniseries, and had MacDonald done nothing more than add tired, post-Iraq animosity, the film might've been mediocre. However, top-notch acting, writing and cinematography save what would have otherwise been an obsolete fantasy.

The conflicts in "State of Play" are immediately highlighted: mysterious shootings connected (by audience knowledge only) to corporate conspiracy; bloggers and new media replacing print journalism; fallible political figureheads versus the industrial-military complex; and man versus self, to name a few.

The movie succeeds by supplementing tired memes with well-developed characters. Russell Crowe ("A Beautiful Mind," "Cinderella Man") stars as Cal McAffrey, a tough but mellow crime reporter. He's likably bearish, clever and mature. Feisty Della Frye (Rachel McAdams from "The Notebook") alternately inhibits and assists him as a Washington Globe blogger. Ben Affleck plays Congressman Stephen Collins, whose crusade against Pointcorp is disrupted by the death of his mistress. Everyone has important secrets, which the writers reveal organically: each scene surprises but doesn't shock.

Moreover, the film's fantasies feel authentic. The newsroom of the Washington Globe is full of people who dress and talk realistically — not quite like actual reporters, but at least in a fashion that appears faithful to the average viewer's imagination. Ditto for the senators, the addicts, the cops and the citizens. The District of Columbia's secondary attractions add depth and context: "State of Play" features not just the Lincoln Memorial but also the Friendship Arch, the Watergate Hotel, Ben's Chili Bowl and the Maine Fish Market.

To be clear, "State of Play" is a tremendous theatrical experience. Crowe told Silver Chips Online that he approached his part to "explore the ambiguity of journalism," and examine the way that ego-driven characters "re-balance themselves." To qualify the production in genre terms alone does it a great disservice. Instead, watch how each man deals with his pride and with his shame and how each justifies his own private war.

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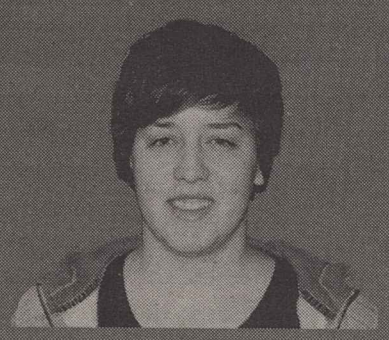
Crowe warns Affleck of political intrigue in director Kevin MacDonald's new flick "State of Play." The suspense-filled political thriller centers on investigative journalism and military conspiracy.

Sound Off

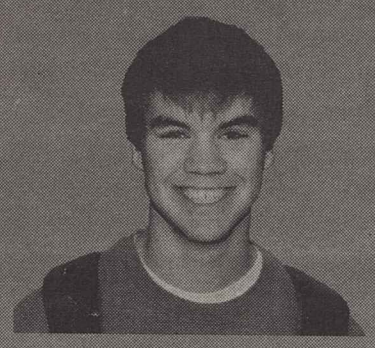
What are your plans for the summer?

by Matthew P. Butera



Stephany Schultz
Class of 2009

"I will be graduating and looking for a job"



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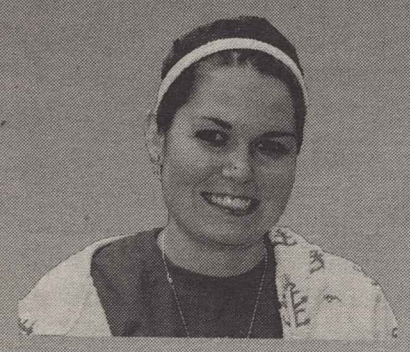
"I am going to study abroad in Vienna."



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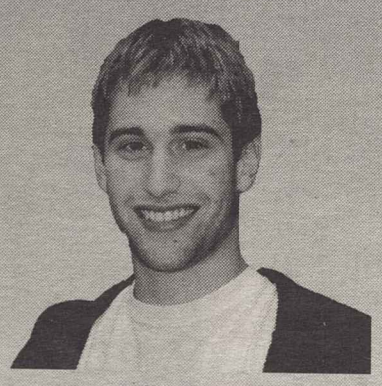
"I'm going to be trying out for 'The Real World' in Cancun."



Bill Newton
Class of 2012

"I want to go deep sea fishing."

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Was TGIS 'through the decades' a success?

Rachel L. Jesten

Thank Goodness It's Spring, indeed. I wasn't on campus for the majority of the weekend, but from what I heard, people had a lot of fun. In most cases, though, the T.G.I.S. events didn't have much to do with it.

Rumbles of complaint began when the theme was announced. While "Through the Decades" has a lot of potential for fun and creative events, packing more than one decade into a single weekend just isn't feasible.

"Everyone does 'Through the Decades' when they can't think of something better," first-year Senate member Amanda Knights said.

Sophomore Samantha Phillips thought it was just a little too big to tackle.

"I thought the theme was too vague for a one-weekend event," Phillips said. "There was no way that every decade could be represented in that short a period of time."

The weekend had plenty of events, no one can deny, but was the theme evident? Did people attend? Do they even remember going?

"I went to the thing on Brinser Field," junior Michael Nelson said, "but it didn't seem like it had anything to do with decades."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera

Junior Mollie Eckert agreed. "Besides the decoration, the Fifties Dinner didn't seem to have anything to do with the '50s. There were burgers and fries, but it was all stuff you can find in the Caf. It would have been better if there were milkshakes or a jukebox or costume contest, something that's distinctly '50s.'"

First-year Emma Rushton, who's never had the opportunity to experience an Etown T.G.I.S. weekend, was a little confused. "What was the theme this year? 'Centuries'? I don't usually stay on campus during the weekend. What was supposed to be so special about it?" I explained the general premise of the weekend: SWEET hosts a number of themed events in order to bring students together and celebrate for one last big weekend before the end of the year. She replied, "Oh, right. I thought about staying because I heard TGIS is a really big party weekend. But I'm not really into parties, so I didn't see the point."

And that brings us to the problem. SWEET's aim (I thought) is to sponsor events that will bring the campus together while giving us safe, fun things to do that don't involve drinking. But I didn't talk to a single person who didn't mention alcohol.

Phillips found the theme a little lacking but tried to make the best of it. "The bands were a great way to bring students together, but it didn't seem like anyone was really interested in the bands. No one seemed to pay attention to events in general, except for the food. It all seemed like just an excuse for people to get drunk," she complained.

Eckert, frustrated with the creative shortcomings of this year's events, said, "The weekend seemed to provoke even more drinking, and a lot of people didn't bother going to the events because they were too wasted to walk there."

Junior Mike Nelson lamented the loss of tradition in this year's T.G.I.S.

"What happened this year is that the senior class didn't pull through," Nelson said, "Things that have happened in previous years, like a pig roast outside the Farm House and Mushroom House, didn't happen."

We've had Third Eye Blind; we've had Relient K. What happened to that? We've had a Medieval Times theme, with chicken legs and jousting events. What happened to that? The weekend's spotlight, Mr. Belding (whose real name no one seems to recall), spoke at 9 on a Friday night. If the events aren't appealing, students will find something else to do. Unfortunately, that tends to be drinking. "They just could have done more," Eckert said.

Double Take

Emily E. Knitter

Thank Goodness It's Spring (T.G.I.S.) is an annual celebration of spring time held at the end of April here at Elizabethtown. T.G.I.S. is organized by the Office of Student Activities (OSA) and offers a plethora of activities in which all may participate.

This year's theme was "Through the Decades" and included events that involved significant movies, styles and pastimes popular in decades past.

Students could participate in many different events. From things as simple as showings of three popular movies, ("Grease," "The Goonies" and "The Breakfast Club") to roller skating and swing dancing, these events offered something for everyone, whether you wanted to be active or relax.

I felt as though the weekend overall was a major success. It got students involved and, better yet, outdoors. The weather was beautiful, and I think that helped the weekend's success as well.

One of my favorite events was probably seeing Dennis Haskins, better known as Mr. Belding from the popular teen show "Saved by The Bell," speak in Leffler Chapel. Students piled in as early as 45 minutes before the event began just to make sure they would get a good seat to see a TV star from their childhood. Members of OSA questioned him about how he got started in the business, where he grew up, and, most importantly, the gossip about the cast and their relationships.

The picnic on Brinser Field, or "E-stock," was a wonderful asset to the weekend as well. This picnic was one meal swipe and provided 10 food options, we could choose six of these. Students had the opportunity to sit outside, listen to music and enjoy the nice weather.

The picnic also included a blow-up obstacle course and rock climbing wall for those who wanted to be active in the nice weather.

"I would say that the picnic, with the food, music and activities, was certainly a success. OSA did a great job of planning for the picnic and the whole weekend," sophomore Cristen Minori said. "It was really nice for food services to provide so much delicious food for everyone and give us so many choices of what to eat. The weather was perfect, and it was great to see so many students there having fun and enjoying all of Estock."

This picnic and all of its components showed the creativity OSA possesses and really brought most of the campus together.

The 80s flash-dance was another event that brought many students together. Students had the option of dressing in their best 80s attire, including side ponytails, baggy shirts and leg warmers.

The dance was during the time of the Midnight Breakfast, which let students enjoy yummy breakfast treats after getting their groove on at the dance.

I was not here for last year's "All American" T.G.I.S. weekend, so I do not have another theme to compare this year's to, but I thought this year's "Through the Decades" theme was great and the activities provided for the students fit the theme perfectly. I look forward to next year's T.G.I.S. weekend.

in the nation
Bedside manner reconsidered

Emily M. Reigart
Assistant Copy Editor

Everyone knows there must be boundaries between one's professional and personal life. Teachers shouldn't date students. Lawyers and their clients ought to avoid romantic entanglement at all costs. Doctors and their patients should not get involved in sexual relationships.

This is all common sense, right? Wrong. Apparently, two doctors in Texas found this limit a tad unreasonable.

According to the medical blog *RangelMD.com*, a physician who specializes in internal medicine had an affair with a married patient while treating her. The other, a psychiatrist, has lived with and treated his patient for depression over the course of four years. Both consensual relationships were reported to the Texas Medical Board anonymously, and they resulted in fines and mandatory ethics education seminars.

The internal medicine doctor was fined $5,000 and required to attend a professional boundaries seminar at the cost of $2,800. The psychiatrist's punishment was more severe to the tune of $10,000 in addition to mandatory attendance at the same ethics seminar.

None of this seems unreasonable thus far, but consider penalties meted out by the same medical review board for non-romantic offenses committed by Texas physicians. The consequences of actual medical mistakes which resulted in harm to the patient were less severe than those imposed on these two doctors.

Even physicians whose actions (or lack thereof) resulted in the death of their patients received punishments that seem like a walk in the park compared to the sentences of the aforementioned morally corrupt doctors. A gastroenterologist was fined $0.00 and 10 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) because a patient died of sepsis due to a misdiagnosis of a perforated bowel. A vasectomy was mistakenly performed on the wrong patient, and the operating urologist was only assigned 10 hours of CME as a penalty for this error. One of the more severe punishments was meted out to a doctor who neglected to review X-rays of a child's stomach before operating to remove a tack (which midway through the endoscopy was discovered to have passed through the gastro-intestinal track of its own accord). This doctor was fined $3,000 and 10 hours of CME.

It seems to me that there is a discrepancy between the severity of the punishment and the gravity of the offense. Maybe I'm the only one who thinks that consensual sex with a patient isn't as big of a deal as death, sterility or unnecessary surgery. It might be rather awkward to have to ask your sweetie for a serious medical exam or to write a script for your happy pills. However, two adults should have the right to make whatever romantic decisions they deem appropriate without a medical review board's interference. Physicians whose actions are ethically questionable but do not harm their patients should be less of a concern to medical boards than doctors who injure those whose care is entrusted to them.

Bottom line: medical boards, please concentrate on the medicine, not the morality.

on campus
Landscaping attracts students

Christopher A. Tjaden
Staff Writer

When it comes to Elizabethtown College's grounds maintenance, many would say the looks of the campus do not justify the cost of the upkeep. Is the presentability of Etown grounds worth the price we pay?

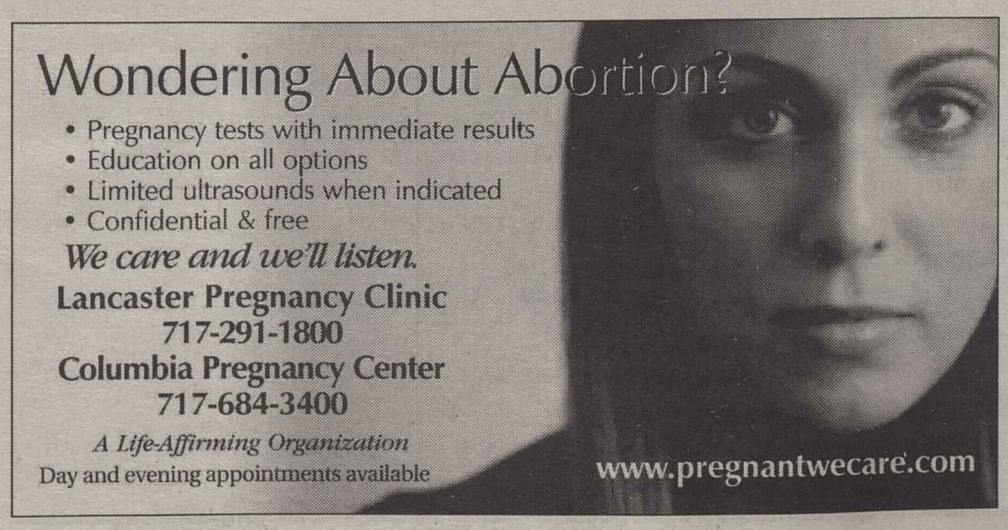
Presentation is everything when it comes to first impressions. Just as people judge each other on appearance, they judge an institution on the condition of its surroundings. I'm not saying that the grounds of our campus have to be perfect and contain roses around every corner; I am simply saying that in order to maintain a positive appearance, the College's grounds must be neatly maintained. When prospective students, visitors or ambassadors come to visit, they sometimes comment on how well-kept everything is. When this happens, the visitor leaves with a positive image of the campus and of the surrounding community.

To increase applications, steps should be taken to ensure the campus is looking its best at all times. Minor efforts, such as ensuring the grass is cut and the bushes are trimmed, make all the difference when it comes to positive presentation. By having a pleasing appearance, more photographic opportunities will be available for admissions brochures, and the College will have more material to convey the beauty of the campus to prospective students. A welcoming appearence will make many consider visiting.

During admissions events, those prospective students will enjoy beautiful scenery while also learning about what makes Etown suitable for them.

Everything comes with a price. A number of options can be set in place to minimize maintenance cost and improve student involvement and employment. To follow the school's motto, "Educate for Service," campus maintenance could be broken down into a series of student community service projects. For example, each of the sports teams and clubs could have a designated time to complete a few hours of maintenance for community service and help prevent the school from the spending X dollars on groundskeepers. If students need jobs, the College should hire students instead of outsiders.

Campus grounds upkeep is an essential investment in order to ensure both happiness amongst those enrolled and future admissions opportunities. Looks aren't everything, but they do serve to attract and keep students, faculty and visitors.



staff column
College?

Jameson C. Rohrer
Copy Editor

Tuition here has been steadily rising; the cost of higher education is rapidly outstripping your parents' respective abilities to pay for it. I've picked up several complaints about private education's restrictive price tag — without (impossibly) significant financial aid, it's just not a viable option, blah blah blah. I've heard rumors of temporarily closed residence halls and of cut student programs. *Collegeboard.com* says that American students will each pay between $200 and $1,300 more than last year for the '09-'10 undergrad education. Is it worth it?

Lots of students (more, anyway) are dropping out of high school. I read once that a liberal arts undergrad degree brings, on average, only $300,000 more cumulatively in an average lifetime than a high school diploma alone (after demographic controls). Given the opportunities available through technical school and entrepreneurship, I don't really think that most citizens need to go to college.

The richest person I personally know dropped out. He's really, really rich, so there's an anecdote for you. In my experience, everything that a disciplined, clever person can do with college they can also do without.

There are three legitimate values of undergrad, however. The first is that it can quite simply make you a better person. (Conversely, it can make you worse.) The hormone-fuelled social dynamics of campus life, bulked by lacrosse-team drama and late-night seminar papers, make a perfect crucible for character development. Go to town.

Second, between poisoning your liver and falsifying citations, you'll learn to categorize things. For example, you can Google the Bristol Stool chart if you need to know whether movement "like a sausage but with cracks on its surface" is natural. And you might pick up researching tricks. If you wanted to properly theme a Cinco de Mayo party, you'd know enough to hit the stacks (or Wikipedia) and learn about General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín's triumph over the French at the Battle of Puebla. ¡Felicidades!

Finally, college opens up grad school. Forbes says that the value of an MBA is collapsing, and law school is a worse decision than ever, but if you want to be a physician or professor or engineer, you might as well go for it. I will, too! Goodbye, everybody!

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etown tennis

Lebanon Valley defeats Blue Jays in conference finals

Kevin J. Yu
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown tennis team has been making strides when it comes to defeating their competitors. During the months of March and April, both men's and women's tennis teams had many consecutive wins.

Throughout March, the women's tennis team won matches over Saint Vincent, DeSales University, Scranton and also over Division I La Salle University. This winning streak continued into April, when the Lady Jays defeated Stevenson, Misericordia, and this past Saturday, April 25, over rival Messiah. This match brings the total to seven straight victories.

The men's tennis team had similar results. The Jays defeated Lebanon Valley College, Arcadia University, Lycoming College, Stevenson, Misericordia University. Last Friday, April 24 at Juniata College they shut down Arcadia Saturday, April 25, with a final score of 5-0. This gave the men eight wins in a row.

However, both teams' winning streaks were broken when they went up against Lebanon Valley College this past Sunday in the Commonwealth Conference finals, which took place at the Hempfield Sports Complex.

The men's team had a close match against the Dutchmen with a score of 4-5. In the match, junior Brok Walker won at flight two 6-3 and 6-2, and senior Jeff Kirkhoff won at flight three 6-1 and 6-1. In the end, LVC's Dutchmen won at flights six and five to go on to win the championship.

On the other hand, the women's team lost 2-5 to LVC. Some highlights of this match include gaining their double points from the number one team of juniors Emily Swarr and team captain Jessica Russell. After a tough match, the Dutchmen won the first, fifth and sixth singles to win the match.

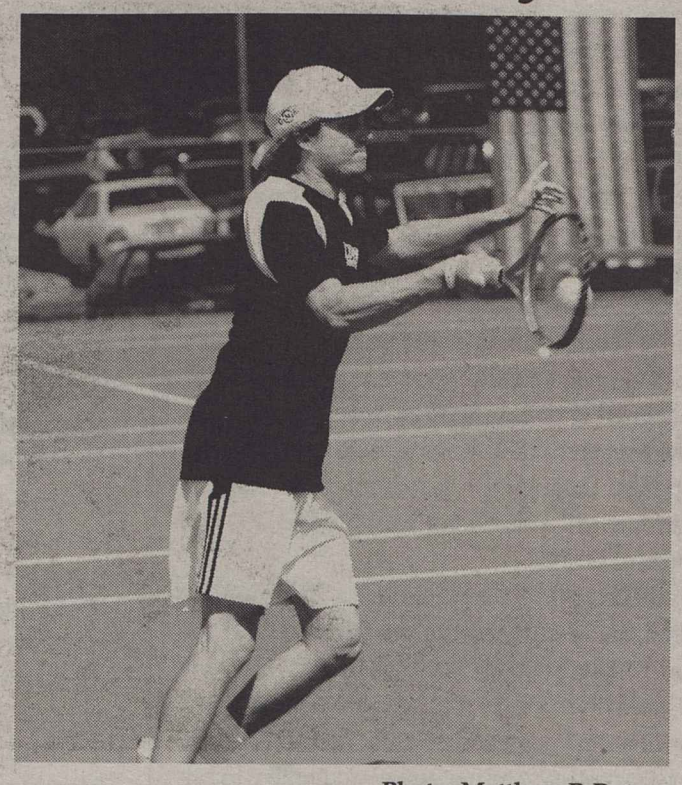

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
First-year Jonathan van den Ende goes for a hit in a match against Juniata April 23.

"Last year we lost to LVC in the fall, and we just expected to go out there and do the best that we could. LVC would continue to defend their title," Russell said. "We had some goals to come together more as a team, although we do wish we won the conference championships."

In spite of their loss, the teams plan to continue to hold their heads up high. The men's tennis team still has high hopes to come out strong and win its last match of the season.

Reflecting on this season, Kirkhoff said, "We played well and won enough matches to qualify for finals. We won the first-round match. What's important is we got ourselves the opportunity we wanted. We didn't give up all season long ans we kept playing. That's what counts."

For the upcoming semesters, the women's tennis team has plans for improvement.

"We need to step up our game, and those of us who will continue playing on the team need to practive hard over the summer, any chance they can," Russell said.

Speaking on behalf of Coach Matthews, Russell said, "He was really proud of our team for hanging on. It was quite a battle. With the 90 degree heat, the girls felt like just cramping up. They fought a good match." The tennis team holds the core values at the center of their play.

"Our team isn't [always] about winning. It's all about cheering each other on and fighting to never give up," Russell said.

Some advice that Russell would impart to the newer members would be to never give up and always encourage your teammates which will in turn help your own game.

Both the men and women had another opportunity to show their game as they faced Muhlenberg.

The men played Tuesday and lost the match 6-3. In singles, first-year Manrique Arrea won 6-4 and 6-4, and Walker won 6-4 and 0-6 at flight two. With Arrea's win, he earned a fifth place finish on Etown's single-season record at 16-3.

The women played yesterday and lost 7-2.

etown baseball

Men face Albright College in conference semifinals

T. Gavin Nevill
Staff Writer

Elizabethtown's showdown with Lebanon Valley College has been looming for a while now. Throughout the season, when the Jays would win games, Lebanon Valley was right there following in Etown's footsteps. So when the two Commonwealth Conference titans clashed for a weekend series, needless to say, there were some fireworks. Etown entered the three-game set with a conference record of 10-2 with the Dutchmen just a game behind at 9-3. As senior Eric Luff pointed out, the Blue Jays have been eyeing this series for some time. "You try not to look," Luff said, "but in our league, everyone knows how everyone else is doing."

The series kicked off with a 9-inning affair at Boyd Stadium. Etown's ace, senior Sam Heaps, got the nod with first place on the line. Heaps was dominant from the get go and finished with a complete game four hitter. Most of the offensive punch came from the top of the Etown lineup. Their one, two and three hitters, senior Adam Sheibley, junior Rodney Francis and Heaps, combined for eight of the team's nine hits. Sheibley also stole two bases in the 4-3 Blue Jay victory.

The series shifted to Lebanon Valley for a Saturday doubleheader. Etown clung to a 5-4 lead in the first game. It was in the sixth inning that the wheels fell off for the Jays. Etown pitchers allowed six runs in the inning as the Dutchmen took the game 10-5.

The test of a good team is how they respond when they are down. Rather than folding in the second game of the doubleheader after a tough loss in game one, the Blue Jays fought back. Lebanon Valley's starting pitcher lasted just one inning as Etown bats came alive. After three innings (and three different Lebanon Valley pitchers), Etown had a 10-0 lead. That was all the support that junior Matt Vinagro would need on the mound. Vinagro earned his sixth victory of the season as the Jays cruised to an easy 16-1 win. Junior Brian Kiernan had a pair of home runs, including a grand slam.

The win not only secured the top seed in the Commonwealth Conference playoffs, but as Luff pointed out, it means more than that. "It was highly important," Luff said. "It was to determine who the regular season champ was, so it meant a lot to the team."

It is very uncommon for a team to play four games in three days, but that is what Etown had to do because of a rescheduled Franklin & Marshall game from April 5. With the top seed in the playoffs wrapped up, the Blue Jays traveled to the Diplomats' home field for a Sunday matchup. The good news was 22 different Etown players saw the field and gained vital experience for this year and for the next. The bad news was on the scoreboard. Despite two hits by first-year Steve Motika, Etown lost the game 17-2 to finish out the regular season.

The first round of playoffs is scheduled for today at 4 p.m. The Jays will take on Albright College, a team they beat all three times they played by a combined score of 24-6. A victory today would land Etown in the Commonwealth Conference Championship Game Friday, May 1.

etown softball

Ladies close season; hopeful for next

Carey E. Betts
Staff Writer

The Elizabethtown softball team had their last series of the season against rival school Messiah College. The Blue Jays faced off against the Falcons in the Commonwealth Conference Saturday. Unfortunately, Messiah beat the Lady Blue Jays in the final conference matchup, scoring 4-1 in the first game and 4-2 in the second, bringing Etown's final record to 11-25 for the year, and 4-8 in the conference.

"I think we did better than our record shows," first-year Autumn Phillips said. "In most games that we lost, we only lost by a couple runs. We really did our best." But even though the ladies lost the game, it didn't go without a number of exciting moments, like when senior Marian Guzik went 3 for 3 with a former Division 1 pitcher in game one.

"Both of our pitchers (first-year students Julie Sebastian and Lanie Parr) did a really good job," first-year Heather Peluso said. Along with junior Paige Tanner and sophomore Kelsea Corrado, Peluso had two hits in the second game. The team had a total of nine hits all together in the conference. With bases loaded at the bottom of the ninth inning, the Blue Jays struck out, allowing them to be defeated by the Falcons.

But with the end of this season, there is always the hope of next year. The Blue Jays have a chance to redeem themselves and retaliate against Messiah.

"Next year we will be losing a lot of really good seniors who have a lot of talent, but we still have a really good team and can look forward to the new freshmen coming in next year," Phillips said.

Amidst the dismay of losing to Messiah, the future may bring more success in the upcoming school year with the promise of new talent.

etown men's lacrosse

Blue Jays face FDU-Florham in conference semifinals

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Men's lacrosse is moving onto the playoffs, thanks to their victory against Misericordia University Saturday, April 25. The final score of the game was 15-3, with Elizabethtown crushing the Misericordia Cougars after four periods of intense play. Etown was clearly in good spirits as the game progressed, and the team worked hard together to pull off their final victory of the regular season.

Expectations were high going into the game, according to sophomore Shawn Corcoran, who said the team's objective was to "come out with a strong win."

When asked about how he felt the season was going so far, Corcoran said that he was "definitely happy with how the team has played and worked together to accomplish the goal of winning the game."

Corcoran belives the keys to winning the game is "playing as a team and staying positive."

After the first period, Etown's teamwork was paying off as they managed to make eight goals, while Misericordia had yet to score one. As the game continued, so did Etown's determination to beat Misericordia. Etown went on to score three goals in both the second and third periods and one in the last.

First-year Drew Stitt scored the final goal of the game and said that "it felt great to beat such an aggressive [Misericordia] defender."

After the fourth period, team members were visibly pleased with how they had played, but it was apparent that some of them were sad to see the seniors leave. Junior Keith Staulters said that he was "sad to see the seniors go" and was glad "the team was able to give them a good end to their college lacrosse careers."

Staulters also said that he is "eager to see which players will step up to replace this year's seniors," and was happy that "a lot of subs got a chance to play in the game, giving them a chance to get some game play time on the field."

Photo: Matthew P. Butera
First-year Dan Patton faces a Misericordian defender in a match Saturday. The Jays won the game 15-3.

It looks as if the team will be strong next year as long as the players continue to work together and communicate as well as they did this season.

Etown's victory over Misericordia wasn't the only big event of the game. Junior Aaron Weber became Etown's career leader in points after scoring two goals and two assists, bringing his total career points to 169. This beat Frankie Puzzangara's record of 167 career points, which he held from 2004-2007.

As the team heads to playoffs, its players are very excited about the prospect of winning but are not letting it get to their heads. Sophomore Brian Schaaf said that he is "excited for Monday's playoff game," which took place Monday.

DeSales was no match for Etown as the Jays defeated the Bulldogs 9-2. Junior Aaron Weber had three assists and scored three goals in the win. With those points he became the third person in Etown lacrosse history to reach 100 career goals.

So far, the lacrosse team has had a pretty remarkable season, with 11 wins and only three losses. Things are looking up for the team as they entered the playoffs Monday.

Their next task was to face FDU-Florham in the second round of playoffs last night.

The last time the Jays played them they lost 15-6.

Last night, the jays lost the match 10-8.

etown women's lacrosse

Lady Jays host MAC semifinals against Eastern

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All season, we have cheered on the Elizabethtown College women's lacrosse team. We have watched them demolish every opponent who stepped in their way. They have fallen lower and lower on the national rankings into the 17th spot. Meanwhile, we have patiently waited for the team's outcome.

This past Saturday, the Lady Jays completed a perfect 11-0 Middle Atlantic Conference after demolishing Misericordia University 21-3.

It was a big day for the Blue Jays (15-2 overall, 11-0 MAC). Eleven different players scored for the Jays, while senior Katie Foley set new single-season program records with 76 goals, 102 points, and increased her career goal total to 255.

Etown came out on fire, leading 11-1 at halftime, and finishing with a 37-11 edge in shots over the Cougars. Senior Kelsea Kozak netted four goals and an assist, while junior teammates Megan Byrnes and Stephanie Kreis each added two goals and an assist for the Lady Jays.

"We stuck to our game and never let them dictate how we played," Kozak said.

Contributing a goal and an assist each were first-year Katie Scheurich, followed by sophomores Meg Cassels and Sarah Cullinan. Scoring single goals were seniors Lyndsey Reeve and Danielle Schaffer along with junior Alisha Sangrey and sophomore Kelly Lurz.

Senior goalie Jenn Hawkins made two saves in the first half, while junior goalie Becca Watkins made three stops in the second half.

Two days prior, the Lady Jays took on Messiah College.

"Messiah is going to have good stick skills and a lot of speed, so we'll have to get good body position on defense," Kozak said before the match. "If we do this and don't foul, we should be in good shape for the game."

In good shape is exactly what they were. Etown clinched the top seed after grabbing a 13-8 victory over the Falcons. Six different Lady Jays scored goals as part of a 6-1 run that turned a 3-3 tie into a 9-4 Blue Jay lead at halftime.

Foley netted four goals and added an assist, while Hawkins finished with a season-high 17 saves. Junior Katie Caprinolo tacked on three goals, while Kozak finished with two goals and an assist. Byrnes, Kreis, Cullinan and Scheurich each netted single goals.

The win gave the Lady Jays home field advantage for the semifinal game Thursday, April 30 at 4 p.m. The team will face Eastern University. Though the last time they played Eastern the ladies defeated the Eagles 19-10, there is always room for improvement.

How are the ladies preparing for the big day?

"Play with patience, confidence and composure," senior Anna Ford said. "I'm going to push myself and my teammates to keep playing Etown style—no regrets. The conference championship is not going to be given to us. We have to keep working for it. We're the only ones that can hold ourselves back."

etown golf

Men earn bid to National Championships

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For decades, golf was considered a sport of the old. Old people played it, old people watched it. It seemed that along with a membership into AARP, age also brought about a wealth of knowledge and sudden interest in the sport. However, one man can be credited with changing this notion, and that man is Tiger Woods. Suddenly, golf took its place among the elite sports around the country and drew interest from people young and old. Now, 12 years after Woods' first Master's win, the young men on Elizabethtown's golf team have kept both the sport and their season alive by winning the Commonwealth Conference championships against a field of seven at the Blue Ridge Country Club this past Monday.

This is the second consecutive year that Etown's golf team has placed first in the conference, which gives them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Golf Championships. Not only did the team place first this year, but Etown golfers also swept the top individual awards. Junior Kurt Amen took the honor of the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Year after becoming the first Etown golfer since Ben Smith's 1995 individual conference championship win. Amen shot 156 over 36 holes and ended up beating out sophomore teammate Nick Iacono by only one stroke for the victory.

Iacono also took home the Commonwealth Conference Rookie of the Year award, as the top first-time performer at this Monday's meet. Keith Marks, the Blue Jay's head coach, was honored with his second consecutive Coach of the Year award after leading the team to back-to-back championships. Other notable performers for the Blue Jays included senior Mike Wagner, who tied for sixth in the final standings after shooting a 162, and sophomore Geoff Quinque, who was tied for tenth after shooting 164. The only first-year student on Etown's varsity team, Dan Bolstein, played solid, finishing tied for 12th at 165.

Although the Commonwealth Conference matches are now over, the team has arguably the most important part of their season still ahead of them, the NCAA Division III Championships. The Championships will be played this year at the PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla. from May 13 through May 16. A strong finish will position Etown, which finished dead last in the conference tournament just two years ago, as not only one of the top 50 golf programs for academics (according to Golf Digest magazine) but also as one of the top programs in the country.

etown track and field

Blue Jays to host MAC track championships

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Elizabethtown track and field teams are nearing the end of the season, but they are excited about the remainder of the year. This is the second year Etown hosts the MAC Track and Field Championships. The team is glad that the meet is at home and expects to stay competitive and finish in the top four.

This past weekend, Etown's track and field went to Princeton, Widener and Shippensburg Universities. Some members of the team ran their best times of the season. Etown's "B" 4x400 team came close to beating Widener's "A" 4x400 team.

At Penn Relays, the 4x400 team won the Pop Haddleton MAC race and earned a Penn Relays plaque.

This week, the team doesn't expect any less. The three-day MAC championships are something that the team has been looking forward to all season, and they plan to remain competitive against Messiah, DeSales and Widener. These schools are currently at the top of the conference, along side Etown.

May 11, the team will wrap up the season at Swarthmore College, who is hosting the Last Chance Track and Field Meet. In the past, many athletes have had their personal best at Swarthmore, so the team anticipates that this meet will prepare them for the NCAA Championships. Those who qualify will travel to Marietta College. Thus far, Etown has three seniors who are on the "national list of qualifiers:" Amanda Daws (10,000m in 37:24.56), Tiffany Kulp (5,000m in 17:19.16) and Dylan Rulander (1:51.33).

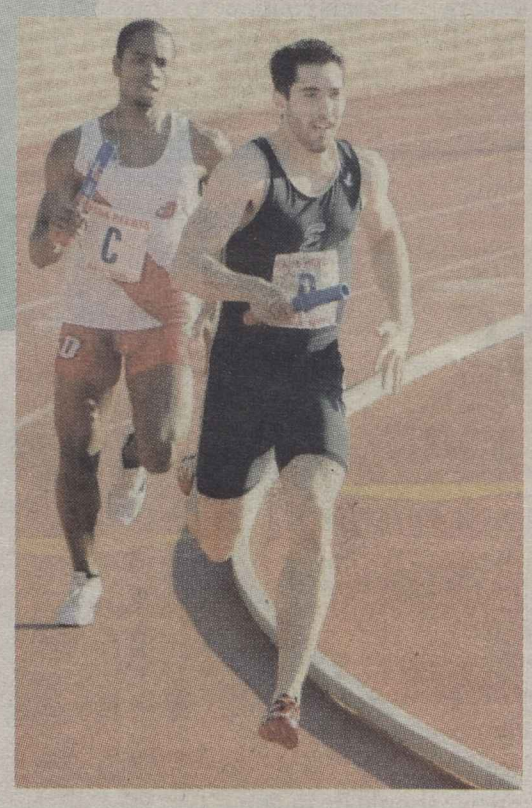

Photo: Drac Williams
(Above) Senior Phil Alder goes for a pole vault at the Paul Kaiser Classic at Shippensburg Saturday. (Right) Junior Kyle Grimm runs at the Penn Relays last Thursday.

The season has been excellent for the team, and although there are only a few meets left, the team is still optimistic about finishing the season on top.

"This season, our team has made great improvements on both the men's and women's sides," sophomore Sarah DeGeorge said. "The freshmen have really stepped up and made a strong impact. It was a building season and each individual has contributed in some way.

"Our seniors have strongly lead us in each meet, and it will be hard to not have them here next year. We are looking to do very well at MACs this year with personal bests and high team expectations. It has been a fast year but a good year for the women's track and field program."

"This season saw a lot of surprises for us," junior Mike Mauger said. "We're expecting not just to be competitive, but to win. Our team fully 100 percent expects to win. Without a doubt it will be a close meet, but as long as all of our men can put up the performances that they've consistently shown that they can this entire season, we will come out on top for the third year in a row."

Even with the number of seniors who graduated last year, the team has progressed rapidly.

Coach Straub said, "The seniors who have qualified for nationals sum up what has been going on with Etown track and field for over a decade now ... good solid, but not necessarily great high school athletes developing into elite collegiate athletes through years of hard work, patience and dedication."

Since the meet is at home and convenient for students, the team invites Etown students to see the track and field meet this weekend.

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Athlete of the Year

Tiffany Kulp

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The Etownian has the privilege to name senior Tiffany Kulp as our Athlete of the Year!

Kulp started her run as athlete of the year during the fall cross country season when she led the ladies to a second straight MAC championship by finishing in second place individually. She then competed, along with the rest of the ladie's team, in the NCAA Mideast Regional where Etown took fourth place overall. Kulp was again the highest finishing Blue Jay, ending in sixth place.

By finishing in sixth place at the Mideast Regional, Kulp qualified for the NCAA D III Championships where she finished off a strong year by finishing 109th overall and ninth out of 279 runners from the Mideast region.

She then broke the indoor one mile record with a time of 5:02.06 and was also a member of the record setting indoor 4x800m relay along with junior Megan VanDenHengel, and first-years Kristen O'Brien and Kathryn Howser.

Congratulations to Tiffany Kulp, the honorable mentions and all of our student athletes for a great year of Blue Jay athletics.

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Honorable Mentions

Senior Tiffany Vogel
Third team All-American in field hockey

Junior Brok Walker
Broke Etown's career singles record in tennis with 45 wins.

Junior Paige Tanner
Fifth place career kills (1,112) and career digs (1,194 in volleyball

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Baseball (23-12, 12-3):
Etown 4, LVC 3
LVC10, Etown 5
Etown 16, LVC 1
F&M 17, Etown 2

Lacrosse (M) (12-3, 7-3):
Etown 15, Misericordia 3
Etown 9, DeSales 2
FDU-Florham 10, Etown 8

Lacrosse (W) (15-2, 11-0):
Etown 21, Misericordia 3

Softball (11-25, 3-8):
Messiah 4, Etown1
Messiah 4, Etown 2

Tennis (M) (12-3, 5-0):
Etown 5, Arcadia 0
LVC 5, Etown 4
Etown 6, Muhlenberg 3

Tennis (W) (10-4, 3-2):
Etown 5, Messiah 1
LVC 5, Etown 2
Etown 7, Muhlenberg 2

Golf (4-0):
Conference Championships, 1st

Track and Field:
Penn Relays
Paul Kaiser Classic

Schedule of Sports

Baseball:
Today: vs. Albright, 4 p.m. (playoff match)

Lacrosse (W):
Today: vs. Eastern 4 p.m.. (playoff game)

Tennis (W):
Today: @ Juniata

Track and field:
4/30-5/2: MAC Championships (host)

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